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# Summary Plan Description and Guide to Your Managed Care Plan

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## **Welcome**

This Summary Plan Description describes your group medical benefits. Santa Fe County strongly believes in providing for employees' protection and welfare and is pleased to offer this Plan.

This booklet is intended to provide you with easy-to-understand general explanations of the more significant provisions of your Plan, effective January 1, 2024. Every effort has been made to make these explanations as accurate as possible. If any conflict should arise between this booklet and the claims administrative procedures of our Third-Party Claim Administrator, Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc., (PHP) or if any provision is not covered or only partially covered, the terms of this benefit booklet will govern in all cases.

This booklet does not imply a contract of employment. Santa Fe County reserves the right to terminate, discontinue, alter, modify or change this Plan or any provision of this Plan at any time.

It is your responsibility to read and understand the terms and conditions in this booklet. You are urged to read this booklet carefully and use it to make well-informed benefits decisions for you and your family.

Very truly yours,

The Santa Fe County

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## **Health Management**

Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. provides members a number of tools to help better manage all health conditions, including:

- Direct access to medical advice any time, day or night through PresRN at **1-866-221-9679**.
- Help with managing chronic conditions through Presbyterian Health Solutions Program at **(505) 923-5487** or **1-800-841-9705**.
- Useful online WebMD Health Manager site featuring up-to-date health information and resources to help create a personalized health improvement at <https://www.phs.org/tools-resources/patient/recommended-health-resources>.
- Useful diabetes education and support through our Certified Diabetes Educators (find these resources at <https://www.phs.org/find-a-doctor>).

Santa Fe County provides group healthcare coverage through the Health Maintenance Organization Plan (Plan) administered by Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. (PHP).

## Section 1 - Introduction

Santa Fe County provides group healthcare coverage through the HMO-type Medical Plan (Plan) administered by Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. (PHP).

You may select an In-network Primary Care Provider (PCP) to direct your healthcare needs. Your selection must be stated on your enrollment Application. While not required, it is highly recommended that you select an In-network PCP. Please refer to the Presbyterian Health Plan Provider Directory or the Presbyterian Health Plan website ([https://www2.phs.org/php\\_directory?insurance\\_plans=AHPH](https://www2.phs.org/php_directory?insurance_plans=AHPH)) when selecting your In-network PCP.

You can also obtain covered services from out-of-state National Network Providers when you are outside of New Mexico. Your deductible, Copayment and/or Coinsurance will be the same as if you received the services from an In-network Provider. However, because National Network Providers are not considered “In-network Providers”, there are some important differences that will be noted in the next section and throughout the document.

If you obtain services from an In-network or an out-of-state National Network Provider/Practitioner, you will not have to file any claims. In-network Providers, as well as out-of-state National Network Providers are responsible for filing all claims to Presbyterian Health Plan.

This booklet is your *Summary Plan Description* (SPD). It describes the benefits and limitations of the Plan. It explains how to file claims (if applicable), how to request reconsideration of a claim, or file for an adjustment of a benefit payment.

You should know several basic facts as you read this booklet:

- Providers are Physicians, Hospitals, and other Healthcare Professionals or facilities that provide Healthcare Services.
- In-network PCP’s and In-network Providers have contractual agreements with Presbyterian Health Plan that allow lower out-of-pocket expenses and additional benefits for covered persons.
- Presbyterian Health Plan has arranged to provide additional coverage with an out-of-state National Network Providers when you obtain services outside of New Mexico.

Please take the time to read this booklet carefully before placing it in a safe place for future reference. If you have any questions regarding this booklet, please call customer service, Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737**. TTY users may call **711**. It is best to call for clarification before services are rendered to ensure that the proper procedures are followed in order to afford you with the maximum level of benefits available under the Plan.

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Your Group healthcare plan is an HMO Plan whereby you obtain all routine covered services from In-network Providers/Practitioners within the Presbyterian Health Plan Provider network or from our National Network Providers outside of New Mexico.

### In-network Providers

You may choose an In-network Primary Care Provider (PCP) to coordinate your care. In network PCPs are Providers who have a contract with Presbyterian Health Plan to provide, coordinate, and manage your healthcare needs. In-network PCPs include family and general practice, internal medicine, and pediatric Providers who are conveniently located throughout the HMO network area. When you see an In-network PCP or any other In-network Provider/Practitioner, you pay a Deductible and/or Copayment for most services. The In-network Provider/Practitioner handles any necessary **Prior Authorizations** for you.

<b>Note:</b>
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Out-of-Network providers, including those who have been referred by a National Network Provider are not covered under this plan.
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In-network OB/GYNs can be seen. This benefit, called Open Access, allows female Members to see their OB/GYN for care related to pregnancy or any gynecological condition.

If you want to know more about your In-network Provider/Practitioner, the Presbyterian Customer Service Center can tell you information such as medical school attended, residency completed, and board certification status.

### Provider Directory

You will find our In-network Providers close to where you live and work across the State. Our Provider Directory lists the In-network Providers, as well as In-network Hospitals, pharmacies, outpatient facilities and other health care Providers. The Provider Directory is available on our website at [https://www2.phs.org/php\\_directory?insurance\\_plans=AHPH](https://www2.phs.org/php_directory?insurance_plans=AHPH). If you need additional information about a Provider, you may call our Presbyterian Customer Service Center Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at (505) 923-7324 or 1-855-593-7737. Hearing impaired users may call TTY 711.

Additionally, you may submit a Provider Directory inaccuracy report online at [https://www2.phs.org/php\\_directory?insurance\\_plans=AHPH](https://www2.phs.org/php_directory?insurance_plans=AHPH) and by navigating to the identified Provider's details page and choosing the *Report Inaccuracies* option.

The Provider Directory is subject to change, and you should always verify the Provider's network status by visiting our website at [https://www2.phs.org/php\\_directory?insurance\\_plans=AHPH](https://www2.phs.org/php_directory?insurance_plans=AHPH). Updates are made to the

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Provider Directory on a daily basis, so the online version is always the most current list. However, if you require a printed copy of the directory, you may request it by calling the Presbyterian Customer Service Center at the number above.

If our Provider Directory lists inaccurate information that you relied on in choosing a Provider, you will only be responsible for paying your In-network Cost-sharing amount for care received from that Provider. Please refer to the **Summary of Health Insurance Grievance Procedures Section** to understand your rights for filing an appeal.

### National Network Providers

You can also obtain covered services outside of New Mexico from National Network Providers. Your deductible, Copayment and/or Coinsurance will be the same as if you received the services from an In-network Provider. You can contact a Presbyterian Customer Service Center representative to help you locate an out-of-state National Network provider. However, National Network Providers are not considered “In-network Providers.” If a covered service requires **Prior Authorization**, you are responsible to obtain that **Prior Authorization** before obtaining that covered service from a National Network Provider. If you fail to obtain **Prior Authorization** when required, you will be responsible for a \$250 penalty for covered services, in addition to Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance as listed in the *Summary of Benefits*.

You will not have any claims to file or papers to fill out in order to be reimbursed for medical services obtained from In-network Providers and an out-of-state National Network Providers. Your In-network Provider or out-of-state National Network Provider will bill us directly. Most doctor visits and Hospital Admissions, however, do require Copayment at the time of service. The amount of your Copayment for each service can be found in the *Summary of Benefits*.

<b>Note:</b>
Out-of-Network providers, including those who have been referred by a National Network Provider are not covered under this plan.

### Out-of-Network Providers/Practitioners

Out-of-network providers are those providers that are not part of the Presbyterian Health Plan provider network and are not an out-of-state National Network Provider. Services provided by Out-of-network Providers other than in Out-of-network Student Health Centers, and except for injury, urgent or emergency care, are excluded under this Plan.

### Out-Of-Network Care and Bills

If you receive care under any of the circumstances below from a provider who is not in your network, these are your rights:

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If you receive emergency care out-of-network, including air ambulance service:

- You are only responsible for paying what you would owe for the same care from an in-network provider or facility.
- You do NOT need to get prior authorization for emergency services.
- Your care can continue until your condition has stabilized. If you require additional care after stabilization, call us at **(505) 923-7324** and we will help you receive that care from an in-network provider.
- You cannot be balance billed.

If you receive care from an out-of-network provider at an in-network facility, such as a hospital that is in your plan, you are only responsible for paying what you would owe for the same care from an in-network provider if:

- You did not consent to services from an out-of-network provider,
- Were not offered the service from an in-network provider, or
- The service was not available from an in-network provider - as determined by your health care provider and your health insurance company.

If you get a bill from an out-of-network provider under any of the above circumstances that you do not believe is owed:

- Call us first at **(505) 923-7324**. We will try to resolve the issue with the provider on your behalf.

To help stop improper out-of-network bills, we will:

- Notify you if your provider leaves our network and allow you transitional care with that provider at the in-network benefit level for up to 90 days depending on your condition and course of treatment.
- Verify the accuracy of our provider directory information at least every 90 days.
- Confirm whether a provider is in-network if you contact us at **(505) 923-7324**. If our representative provides inaccurate information that you rely on in choosing a provider, you will only be responsible for paying your in-network cost sharing amount for care received from that provider.

You have the right to receive notice of the following before you receive out-of-network care at an in-network facility:

- A good faith estimate of the charges for out-of-network care.
- At least five days to change your mind before you receive a scheduled out-of-network service. If you choose to receive Out-of-network care, you will be responsible for Out-of-network charges that we do not cover.

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- A list of in-network providers and the option to be referred to any such provider who can provide necessary care.

If you pay an out-of-network provider more than we determine you owe:

- The provider will owe you a refund within 45 days of receipt of payment by us.
- If you do not receive a refund within that 45-day period, the provider will owe you the refund plus interest.

### How to Access Care

Though not required, it is highly recommended that you select an In-network PCP to coordinate your healthcare needs. Your In-network PCP will be able to meet most of your healthcare needs. A list of In-network PCPs may be found in the Presbyterian Health Plan Provider Directory or from the Presbyterian Health Plan website at [https://www2.phs.org/php\\_directory?insurance\\_plans=AHPH](https://www2.phs.org/php_directory?insurance_plans=AHPH). You may choose any doctor or nurse practitioner on that list as your In-network PCP.

You may choose to obtain PCP services from an out-of-state National Network provider. If you chose this option, no PCP data will appear on your ID Card. If you decide to obtain PCP services from an out-of-state National Network provider, you will have to manage more of your healthcare. National Network providers are not required to utilize In-network Providers/Practitioners, In-network Hospitals or facilities, or other out-of-state National Network providers or facilities for laboratory tests, X-rays or any other covered service. Therefore, if you choose to obtain services from a National Network Provider and they request laboratory tests, X-rays, etc., or refer you to another provider/specialist, it is your responsibility to ensure the provider, practitioner, or facility providing covered services is an In-network or an out-of-state National Network Provider or facility. Otherwise, the services may not be covered, and your claim may be denied.

### Specialist Care

As our Member, you must carefully follow all procedures and conditions for obtaining care from In-network specialists and/or Out-of-network Practitioners/Providers. We no longer require a paper referral from your Primary Care Provider (PCP) for your visits to specialists. However, we recommend that you contact your PCP's office regarding your desire to visit a specialist. It is important that your PCP is included in the decisions about the specialists that you visit. Effective communication about your medical history and treatment between your PCP and the specialists that provide care for you is very important so that the best decisions can be made about your medical care. Your PCP continues to be your partner for good health and is the best person to help you determine your needs for specialty care.

Please note that some specialists may require written referral even though we do not. Certain procedures require **Prior Authorization**. Your In-network Practitioner/Provider must obtain this

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**Prior Authorization** before providing these services to you. Please refer to the **Prior Authorization** Section of this Agreement.

### Obtaining Care after Normal Provider Office Hours

Most Providers offer an after-hours answering service. For non-emergency situations, you should phone your Primary Care Provider. The name and address of your PCP appears on your Identification Card. You will also find the phone number of your PCP in the Provider Directory.

If Emergency Healthcare Services are needed, you should call 911, or seek treatment at an emergency room. If in need of Urgent Care, you may seek treatment at an Urgent Care Center that is available and open for business. Please note that some Urgent Care Centers are not open after 8 p.m. In such circumstances, it may be necessary to use an emergency room for care that is needed on an urgent basis. Please refer to the Benefits Section, Accidental Injury/Urgent Care/Emergency Health Services/Observation/Trauma Services Benefits Section of this Agreement for a detailed description of Coverage for Urgent and Emergency Healthcare Services

### What is Prior Authorization?

**Prior Authorization** can provide you with assurance that, when you are using the Plan, you are being treated in the most efficient and appropriate healthcare setting. It will also help manage the rising costs of healthcare. Your participation is essential. Together, we can make **Prior Authorization** an effective program.

If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, the Presbyterian Health Plan Health Services Department staff will ask your In-network PCP/Specialist for information about your medical condition, the proposed treatment plan and the estimated length of stay, if hospitalization is required. The Health Services Department staff will evaluate the information and notify your PCP or Specialist (usually at the time of the call) if the proposed treatment or hospitalization is approved. **Prior Authorization** has been completed when your In-network PCP/Specialist has been told that the proposed services are approved. Payment is made as explained in the *Summary of Benefits* and in “Covered Services.”

If you obtain services from an out-of-state National Network Provider, you will have to contact Presbyterian Health Plan to obtain **Prior Authorization**, when required. You should discuss the need for **Prior Authorization** with your out-of-state National Network Provider. However, it will remain your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**, when required. Failure to do so may result a \$250 penalty, in addition to the Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance listed on the *Summary of Benefits*.

The **Prior Authorization** requirements affect whether the Plan pays for your Covered Services. However, **Prior Authorization** does not deny your right to be admitted to any Hospital.



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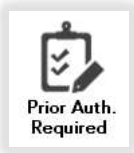
If you have Two-Party or Family Coverage, **Prior Authorization** requirements apply to your family Members who are also covered persons.

### What Procedures require Prior Authorization?

**Prior Authorization** is required for many services. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will obtain **Prior Authorization**. If you obtain services from an out-of-state National Network Provider, you are responsible for obtaining **Prior Authorization** (when required) prior to obtaining services.

Services of an Out-of-network Provider will not be covered without **Prior Authorization**. If you are obtaining services from an Out-of-network Provider, it is your responsibility to verify that **Prior Authorization** has been obtained before any services are obtained. (The only exception is for emergency or urgent care, or care in a Student Health Center.)

### Prior Authorization - Inpatient



If an In-network Provider recommends you be admitted as an Inpatient to a Hospital or treatment facility, that In-network Provider is responsible for any **Prior Authorization** requirement for Inpatient Admissions. If an out-of-state National Network Provider recommends you be admitted as an Inpatient to a Hospital treatment facility, it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization** prior to being admitted.

If there has been no **Prior Authorization**, you are Hospitalized, and Presbyterian Health Plan determines that the Admission was for a covered service, but hospitalization was not Medically Necessary, no benefits are paid for Inpatient room and board charges and these expenses do not apply toward the out-of-pocket maximum provision. Other Covered Services are paid as explained in the *Summary of Benefits* and Section 4. If the Admission is not for a covered service, no payment is made.

**Note:**

All Inpatient behavioral health and Alcohol Use and/or Substance Use services **require Prior Authorization** from the Presbyterian Customer Service Center at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737**. Services without **Prior Authorization** will not be covered. For emergencies, Presbyterian Health Plan Behavioral Health Department must be notified by the end of the next business day or benefits may be denied.

**Prior Authorization** procedures also apply in the event you are transferred from one facility to another, or when a newborn child remains Hospitalized after the mother is discharged.

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**Important:** If you have Two-Party or Family Coverage, **Prior Authorization** requirements apply to your family Members, too.

### **Prior Authorization for Other Medical Services**

**Prior Authorization** determines only the Medical Necessity of a procedure or an Admission and an allowable length of stay. Approvals (for example, to receive non-specified services from a particular Provider) do not guarantee payment, and do not validate eligibility. Benefit payments are based on your eligibility and benefits in effect at the time you receive services. Services not listed as covered and services that are not Medically Necessary are not covered.

To review the **Prior Authorization** Guide, please visit

[https://onbasext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=OB\\_000000002930](https://onbasext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=OB_000000002930).

In addition to **Prior Authorization** for all Inpatient services, **Prior Authorization** is required for the following services:

- Acute Medical Detoxification (listed under Mental Health Services and Alcohol Use and Substance Use Disorder Services in the Covered Benefits Section)
- All Hospital admissions, Inpatient non-emergent (listed under Hospital Services-Inpatient in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Bariatric Surgery and Surgery for the treatment of obesity
- Bone Growth Stimulator
- Cancer Clinical Trials (Investigational/Experimental)
- Clinical Trials (Investigational/Experimental) (listed under Clinical Trials in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Certified Hospice Care
- Computed Axial Tomography (CAT) scans in an outpatient setting (listed under Diagnostic and Imaging Services in the Cover Benefits Section)
- Durable Medical Equipment (listed under Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotic Appliances, Prosthetic Devices, Repair and Replacement of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics and Orthotic Devices, Surgical Dressing Benefit, Eyeglasses/Contact Lenses and Hearing Aids in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)
- Epidural Injections for Back Pain
- Foot Orthotics (listed under Orthotic Appliances in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Genetic Testing
- Home Health Care Services/Home Health Intravenous Drugs (listed under Home Health Care Services/Home Intravenous Services and Supplies in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Hyperbaric Oxygen (listed under Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy in the Covered Benefits Section) Injectable Drugs, (includes Specialty Medications and Medical Drugs) (listed under Preventive Health Services for Women and also Practitioner/Provider Services in the Covered Benefits Section)

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- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) in an outpatient setting (listed under Diagnostic and Imaging Services in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Mental Health services - Inpatient, Partial Hospitalization and select outpatient services (listed under Mental Health Services and Alcohol Use and Substance Use Disorder Services in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Mobile Cardiac Outpatient Telemetry and Real Time Continuous Attended Cardiac Monitoring Systems
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Nutritional Supplements (listed under Nutritional Support and Supplements in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Observation Services greater than **24 hours**
- Organ transplants (listed under Transplants in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Select Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scans in an outpatient setting
- Prescription Drugs/Medications
- Prosthetic Devices (listed under Durable Medical Equipment, Orthotic Appliances, Prosthetic Devices, Repair and Replacement of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics and Orthotic Devices, Surgical Dressing Benefit, Eyeglasses/Contact Lenses and Hearing Aids and also Women's Healthcare in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Proton Beam Irradiation
- Reconstructive and potentially cosmetic procedures (listed under Reconstructive Surgery and also Women's Healthcare Services in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Selected Surgical/Diagnostic procedures:
  - Ankle Subtalar Arthroereisis
  - Blepharoplasty/Brow Ptosis Surgery
  - Breast Reconstruction following Mastectomy
  - Breast reduction for gynecomastia
  - Endoscopy Nasal/Sinus balloon dilation
  - Hysterectomy
  - Lumbar/Cervical Spine Surgery
  - Meniscus Implant and Allograft/Meniscus Transplant
  - Panniculectomy
  - Rhinoplasty
  - Tonsillectomy
  - Total Ankle Replacement
  - Total Hip Replacement
  - Total Knee Replacement
- Services from Out-of-network Providers (excluding out-of-state National Network Providers), except for injuries, emergencies, a need for Urgent Care or the use of a Student Health Center
- Skilled Nursing Facility care
- Special Inpatient services (including but not limited to private room and board and/or special duty nursing)

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- Special Medical Foods (listed under Genetic Inborn Errors of Metabolism Disorders (IEM) and also Prescription Drugs/Medications)
- Substance Use Disorder services, Inpatient (listed under Mental Health Services and Alcohol Use and Substance Use Disorder Services in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Surgical Procedures
- Temporo/Craniomandibular Joint Disorders (TMJ/CMJ) (listed under Dental Services (Limited) in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Transplant Services (listed under Transplants in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Virtual Colonoscopy (listed under Clinical Preventive Health Services in the Covered Benefits Section)
- Wireless Capsule Endoscopy

**Note:**

In-network Providers request **Prior Authorizations**. Discuss the need for **Prior Authorizations** with your In-network Provider before obtaining any of the services listed above. If you obtain any of these services from an out-of-state National Network Provider, you will have to obtain **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan prior to obtaining services. If you fail to obtain **Prior Authorization**, you will be responsible for a \$250 penalty for covered facility services, in addition to Copayments, Deductible, and/or Coinsurance as listed in the *Summary of Benefits*

### Case Management Program

Presbyterian Health Plan's Case Management Program is a program that, as early as possible, identifies patients who have the potential for having high-cost medical expenses, may require extensive hospitalization, or have complicated discharge planning needs so that cost-effective alternative care arrangements can be made. Special care arrangements are coordinated with the Provider and may include benefits for services that are not ordinarily covered. In addition, the case management program acts to assist the patient and Provider in complex situations and coordinates care across the healthcare spectrum.

### Transition of Care

If you are a new Member and are in an ongoing course of treatment with an Out-of-network Provider, you will be allowed to continue receiving care from this Provider for a transitional period of time (usually not to exceed **90 days**). Similarly, if you are in an ongoing course of treatment with an In-network Provider and that Provider becomes an Out-of-network Provider, you will be allowed to continue care from this Provider for a transitional period of time. Application must be made within **30 days** of the event. Please contact Presbyterian Health Plan's Health Services Department at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737** for further information on Transition of Care.

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### Cost Sharing Features

The Plan shares the cost of your healthcare expenses with you. The following describes the different cost-sharing methods available, as detailed in the *Summary of Benefits*.

#### Copay/Copayment

For most Covered Services, you pay a Copay/Copayment, and the Plan pays the remainder. The Copayment is stated either as a set dollar or percentage amount, or a Coinsurance percentage. See the *Summary of Benefits* for all applicable Copayments.

#### Hospital Admission – Medical

The per-Admission Copayment amount is listed in the *Summary of Benefits*. In the event you are hospitalized and subsequently transferred within the facility, no new Copayment will be required.

#### Hospital Admission – Mental Health

The per-Admission Copayment amount is listed in the *Summary of Benefits*. In the event you are hospitalized and subsequently transferred within the facility, no new Copayment will be required.

<b>Note:</b>
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In-network and National Network Providers accept the Presbyterian Health Plan Negotiated Fee-for-Service as their maximum fee. You pay only the Copayment and any non-covered expenses.
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If you are re-admitted (inpatient) to the same hospital or inpatient medical facility within **15 days** of being discharged and the diagnosis is the same or similar, this may be considered one inpatient stay and you may be responsible for only one inpatient Copayment. If this situation occurs, please contact our customer service, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737** after you have been discharged the second time.

#### Coinsurance

This is the amount of the Covered healthcare expense that is partially paid by the Plan and partially paid by you on a percentage basis. This Coinsurance is in addition to the Calendar Year Deductible you are responsible for and continues to be your responsibility after the Calendar Year Deductible is met. See the *Summary of Benefits* for Coinsurance amounts.

#### Calendar Year Deductible

Some services are subject to a Calendar Year Deductible. The amount of your Calendar Year Deductible can be found in the *Summary of Benefits*. The *Summary of Benefits* also illustrates the

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Two-Party and family Deductible. This Deductible must be paid by you each Calendar Year toward Covered Services before health benefits for that Member will be paid by the Plan (except for those services listed as not subject to the Deductible on the *Summary of Benefits*).

For single Coverage, the annual Deductible requirement is fulfilled when the Member meets the individual Deductible, listed in the Schedule of Benefits, during the Calendar Year.

For double or family Coverage, with two enrolled Members, the annual Deductible requirement is fulfilled when both Covered Members have each met their applicable individual Deductible, listed in the Schedule of Benefits, during the Calendar Year.

An entire family meets the applicable Deductible limit when three family Members each satisfy the individual Deductible limit as indicated on the *Summary of Benefits*. The *Summary of Benefits* also illustrates the Two-Party and family deductible limits. If a Member's individual Deductible is met, no more charges incurred by that Member may be used to satisfy the family Deductible.

### **Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

The Plan includes a Calendar Year out-of-pocket maximum amount to protect you from catastrophic healthcare expenses. After your out-of-pocket maximum is reached, the Plan pays 100% for Covered Services for the remainder of that Calendar Year, up to the maximum benefit amounts. See the *Summary of Benefits* for the out-of-pocket maximum amounts.

For single Coverage, the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum requirement is fulfilled when the Member meets the individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum, listed in the Schedule of Benefits, during the Calendar Year.

For double or family Coverage, with two enrolled Members, the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum requirement is fulfilled when both Covered Members have each met their applicable Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum, listed in the Schedule of Benefits, during the Calendar Year.

The out-of-pocket maximum includes all Copayments, prescription Copayments, Coinsurance and Deductibles. The out-of-pocket maximum does not include penalty amounts, non-covered charges, any amounts over Medicare Allowable. If any one family Member's out-of-pocket amount equals the individual out-of-pocket Maximum, the out-of-pocket-maximum for that Member is met.

If the Plan's out-of-pocket maximums change during the year, then the new amounts are in effect during that same Calendar Year. This means that if you had met your lower out-of-pocket maximums and then this Plan changes to higher out-of-pocket maximums, you do not continue to receive the 100% payment until the increase in the out-of-pocket maximum is met during the

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higher out-of-pocket period. If your out-of-pocket maximum amounts decrease, you do not receive a refund for any out-of-pocket amounts applied during the higher out-of-pocket period.

### Maximum Benefits

There is no lifetime maximum payment under the Plan. However, certain benefits specifically limited and described in the *Summary of Benefits* and Section five have maximum limits per Calendar Year

### Medical Necessity

The Plan helps pay healthcare expenses that are Medically Necessary and for those routine services specifically covered in this Summary Plan Description (SPD). No benefit is available for any expense that is not Medically Necessary, unless it is for a routine service specifically covered in this Summary Plan Description.

Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary means Healthcare Services determined by a Provider, in consultation with the healthcare insurer, to be appropriate or necessary, according to any applicable generally accepted principles of good medical practice and practice guidelines developed by the federal government, national or professional medical societies, boards and associations, and any applicable clinical protocols or practice guidelines developed by the healthcare insurer consistent with such federal, national, and professional practice guidelines, for the diagnosis or direct care and treatment of a physical or Mental Health condition, illness, injury, or disease.

Presbyterian Health Plan determines whether a healthcare service or supply is Medically Necessary, and, therefore, whether the expense is covered. (**Note:** If you disagree with PHP's decision regarding the Medical Necessity of any item or service, you may file a Grievance or complaint. You may also request an external review of Presbyterian Health Plan's decision at any time. See "Grievance Procedures" in Section 7.) The fact that a Provider has prescribed, ordered, recommended, or approved a service or supply does not make it Medically Necessary or make the expense a covered service, even though it is not specifically listed as an exclusion.

### Fraud and Abuse

The Presbyterian Health Plan Special Investigative Unit (SIU) is responsible for the detection, investigation and reporting of potential fraud and abuse activity. We are required to cooperate with regulatory and law enforcement agencies in reporting any activity that appears to be suspicious in nature. According to the law, any information that we have concerning such matters must be turned over to the appropriate governmental agencies.

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### How to report Suspicious Activity to Presbyterian Health Plan

You can contact the Special Investigative Unit (SIU) **24 hours** a day by leaving a telephone message on the confidential fraud hotline. We will treat any information that you provide with strict confidentiality. When reporting suspected health insurance fraud, you may remain anonymous:

**Hotline in Albuquerque:** (505) 923-5959

**Toll-free Hotline within the state of New Mexico:** 1-800-239-3147

**Email:** [PHPFraud@phs.org](mailto:PHPFraud@phs.org)

**File Online:** <https://www.phs.org/health-plans/understanding-health-insurance/fraud-and-abuse/form>

**PHP Mailing Address:** PHP Special Investigative Unit (SIU)  
PO Box 27489  
Albuquerque, NM 87125-7489

When reporting suspected fraud, please remember to include the names of all applicable parties involved. Specify which person you believe is committing the fraud, identify the dates of service or issues in question and describe in detail why you believe a fraudulent act may have occurred. If possible, please include your name and telephone number so we may contact you if we have any questions during our investigation.

### What is the Definition of Fraud and Abuse?

**Fraud** is defined as an intentional deception or misrepresentation with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to a person or an entity.

**Abuse** is defined as incidents or practices that are inconsistent with accepted, sound business, fiscal or medical administrative practices.

While true fraud involves only a small percentage of individuals, the costs associated with it are high. Suspicious activity exists when there is a reasonable belief that fraud or abuse may have occurred.

### Examples of Provider Fraud:

- Billing for services not rendered
- Altering medical records
- Use of unlicensed staff
- Drug diversion
- Kickbacks and bribery



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### Examples of Member Fraud:

- Falsification of information
- Forging or selling Prescription Drugs
- Using transportation benefit for non-medical related business
- Adding an ineligible Dependent to the plan
- “Loaning” or using another’s insurance card

### Examples of Employer Group Fraud:

- Providing false employer or group membership information to secure healthcare coverage
- Falsification of information
- Misrepresenting who is actually eligible for coverage by representing them as an employee of the group

### Do I Run a Risk Reporting Fraud?

No. Any person reporting insurance fraud in good faith is immune from civil liability. That means that no one can take any adverse action against you for reporting what you reasonably believe to be insurance fraud. A court must award attorney's fees and costs to any person winning a lawsuit arising out of such a report.

### Anti-Fraud Contacts:

#### Public Regulation Commission Consumer Relations Division:

**Address:** P. O. Box 1689  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1689  
**Toll-free Number:** 1-877-807-4010  
**Fax:** (505) 476-0479  
**Email (Bureau):** [stopfraud@state.nm.us](mailto:stopfraud@state.nm.us)

#### New Mexico Medical Assistance Division for Medicaid Fraud:

**Toll-free Number:** 1-888-997-2583  
**Website:** <https://www.nmag.gov/medicaid-fraud-control.aspx>

#### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS):

**Office of the Inspector  
General (OIG) National  
Fraud Hotline Number:** 1-800-447-8477  
**Website:** <https://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/report-fraud/>

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### The United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

**Address:** 1900 E Street NW, Room #6400  
Washington, DC 20415-0001

### Office of the Inspector

**General Fraud Hotline:** 1-877-499-7295

**Website:** <https://oig.opm.gov/>

<b>Note:</b>
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Presbyterian Health Plan are providing the above information because they may be of interest or useful to you. Presbyterian Health Plan do not own, control, or influence these sites, and are not responsible for their content.
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## Section 3 - Eligibility, Enrollment and Effective Dates

### Employee Eligibility

- An eligible employee includes anyone hired as classified, at-will, probationary, temporary, term or hourly, if the employee works an average of at least **20 hours** per week over the course of a pay period and whose length of employment, when hired, is for at least three months. Elected officials are considered eligible and do not need to meet the work schedule of at least **20 hours** per week. Independent contractors are not eligible under the Santa Fe County benefit plan.
  - **Note:** Annualized salary is based upon a **40-hour** work week and should be calculated on base pay (do not include multiple components of pay). This must be used to determine insurance premiums for those hired as temporary, term, or hourly even if they are scheduled to work less than **40 hours** per week.
  - Temporary employees whose original term of employment was to be less than three months, but it is later determined will be longer than three months, may be eligible for coverage if they are scheduled to work at least **20 hours** per week. Employees will be eligible for benefits, as long as the employee has met the required eligibility waiting period.
- Dual coverage is not allowed. If both an employee and their spouse/domestic partner are eligible employees, they cannot enroll each other as a spouse/domestic partner, nor can they both cover their children. The only exception is dependent life for employee/spouse/domestic partner. If both eligible employees seek to enroll their spouse/domestic partner and/or dependents, the enrollment will be rejected, and forms returned for proper election.

### Dependent Eligibility

Dual coverage is not allowed. An eligible dependent cannot be covered by more than one employee participating in the Plan. An eligible employee's dependents are eligible to be covered under the Santa Fe County Group Benefits Plan as follows:

- An eligible employee's lawful spouse may be enrolled as a dependent after presenting a marriage certificate or other documentation which establishes that the couple entered into a valid common-law marriage in another jurisdiction. Same sex marriage certificates from states that legally recognize same sex spouses (currently including NM) shall be treated as an employee & spouse, with the option of pre-tax premiums.
- An eligible employee's domestic partner may be enrolled as a dependent upon submission of executed Affidavits of Domestic Partnership. Please see Domestic Partner section for further information.

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- **Note:** According to Federal IRS Guidelines, premiums for non-tax dependent domestic partners/child(ren) cannot be taken on a pre-tax basis.
- An eligible employee's children and legal dependents under the age of twenty-six (26) may be enrolled as dependents upon submission of a birth certificate, legal adoption papers, and/or guardianship order.
- Disabled legal dependents that are incapable of self-support are eligible for medical, dental and vision coverage beyond age twenty-six (26). Evidence of legal guardianship and disability is required upon enrollment.
- A court order directing that an employee and/or employee's dependent provide insurance for someone else does not require Santa Fe County to grant eligibility. Individual coverage may need to be purchased separately. **Note:** A "Power of Attorney" is not considered a court order to establish Santa Fe County Plan eligibility or otherwise extend coverage under Santa Fe County.
- If an employee's spouse has stepchildren from a previous marriage, and neither the employee nor spouse has adopted them or obtained legal guardianship, the stepchildren are not eligible for coverage.

To receive benefits under this Plan, you and your eligible Dependents must reside within the Plan's authorized service area. However, please review the following as it relates to Dependents who live both in and/or out of the authorized service area, who are also eligible for benefits.

- If the Dependent attends school in any Presbyterian Health Plan service area, services may either be received through the PCP or at the Student Health Center.
- If the Dependent attends school outside the service area, services may be received at the Student Health Center. Services are limited to Medically Necessary services received either from the Student Health Center or the nearest appropriate facility where emergency medical treatment can be secured. While the Dependent is within the service area, services must be received through the PCP.
- If the Dependent is eligible for coverage under this Plan as the result of a court order and the Dependent does not live within the service area:
  - You or the covered Dependent is responsible for obtaining any required **Prior Authorizations** from the Plan. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-network National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied.
  - Medically necessary Covered Services provided by Out-of-network Providers will be reimbursed less the appropriate Copayment up to the Medicare Allowable. You and/or your Dependent will be responsible for paying any amounts over Medicare Allowable or for services not covered under this Plan.

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During initial enrollment, you must provide proof of incapacity and dependency to Santa Fe County HR Department. Thereafter, proof incapacity and dependency may be requested periodically by the Claim Administrator.

Benefits are not provided for Hospital room and board or Inpatient Provider care for any Hospital Admission or portion of an Admission that is for a Member who is not covered or who, at the beginning of Admission was not a Member, an eligible Dependent, or the natural-born child of an employee.

<b>Note:</b>
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It is your responsibility to notify your Santa Fe County HR Department, who will then notify the Claim Administrator, of any change in your coverage status, including a name or address change.
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The Claim Administrator reserves the right to verify your eligibility for coverage by requesting proof from you or your Santa Fe County HR Department that a valid employer-employee relationship exists and that you otherwise meet all applicable eligibility requirements.

### Enrolling for Coverage

You must complete and return an enrollment form within **31 days** of your eligibility date. If you don't elect coverage within **31 days** of your eligibility date and later want coverage, you must wait until the next open enrollment period to receive coverage – unless you have a qualified change in status or you are eligible as a result of a special enrollment event. If you have a qualified change in status or special enrollment event, you will be able to elect coverage within **31 days** of the change.

Once you complete an enrollment form, your elections remain in effect through the Calendar Year – from January 1 to December 31. Each year you will have an opportunity to change your group health plan elections. The change is effective the following January 1. You and your Dependents will be automatically re-enrolled in the Plan each year unless you complete a new enrollment form changing your election during the enrollment period.

### How to Enroll Dependents

You may apply for coverage of your eligible dependents, which may mean changing from Employee only coverage to Two-Party or Family Coverage. Each additional dependent added to your coverage must be enrolled within **31 days** of becoming eligible for the Plan. However, if you do not apply for coverage for your dependents within **31 days**, you will not be able to enroll them until the next open enrollment period.

Newly adopted children are effective on the date of placement and must be enrolled within **31 days** of that date.

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### When Coverage Starts

If you enroll on or before the day you become eligible your coverage becomes effective the day you are eligible.

Contact your Santa Fe County HR Department for further details.

The Plan pays for Covered Services that a Member receives on or after the effective date of coverage.

### Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your Dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself or your Dependents in this Plan. You must request enrollment within **31 days** after your other coverage ends. In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your Dependents, provided that you request enrollment within **31 days** after marriage, birth adoption, or placement for adoption. If you have any questions about this law, contact your Santa Fe County HR Department.

### Changing Your Coverage

Once you elect coverage, you generally cannot change your elections until the following open enrollment period. However, there are certain circumstances when you may be eligible to change coverage earlier. You must request the change in coverage within **31 days** of the event causing the change. Any change must be consistent with the reason the change was permitted. Situations governed by HIPAA special enrollment rules:

- You, your spouse, or your Dependent children become eligible for Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act (COBRA) continuation coverage.
- Judgment, decree, or order that requires accident or group health coverage for your child.
- You, your spouse, or Dependent children become entitled to Medicare or Medicaid. (You may cancel coverage for the individual who becomes eligible for Medicare or Medicaid coverage.) Change in status event, but only when the change causes you or your Dependent to gain or lose eligibility for coverage. The change must correspond with the gain or loss of coverage.

<b>Note:</b>
It is your responsibility to notify your Santa Fe County HR Department, who will then notify the Claim Administrator, of any change in your coverage status, including a name or address change.

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### Family Status or Employment Status Changes (Qualifying Events)

You may make certain changes to your benefit elections within **31 days** of a change in family/employment status. Evidence of a change in family/employment status must be provided to your Santa Fe County HR Department in order to change your benefit elections. Any change in coverage must correspond with the gain or loss of coverage and will become effective on the first day of the month following the date the new benefit elections are made. The only exceptions would be birth and adoption, where the additional coverage would take place immediately upon enrollment. The following family/employment status changes are recognized by Santa Fe County:

- Marriage or divorce
- Legal separation
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Death of a spouse or Dependent child
- A change in your spouse's employment (loss of job, or a new job that provides healthcare coverage, however, annual enrollment for a spouse's plan is not a family status change)
- A change in legal responsibility for a child
- The end of the month in which the Dependent child turns 26
- Marriage of a Dependent child
- Qualification or disqualification of a domestic partner
- Change in employment status (regular part-time to regular full-time or vice versa), and
- Return from unpaid, non-FMLA medical leave of absence

### Special Enrollment/Notice of Employee Rights

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, if you are declining enrollment for yourself or your Dependents (including your spouse and eligible children) because of other group health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself or your Dependents in the Plan. You must request enrollment within **31 days** after you or an eligible Dependent lose coverage under another group health plan either because:

- Eligibility ends;
- COBRA benefits are exhausted;
- You return to work after serving active military/reserve duty; or
- Employer contributions end.

In addition, if you have a new Dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your Dependents, provided that you request enrollment within **31 days** after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

An otherwise eligible employee and Dependent(s) who did not apply for coverage when initially eligible because of other group coverage at another place of employment, but who later lost their

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coverage due to a change in employment status, may apply within **31 days** if the loss of coverage is due to loss of employment/change in job status, or death of a spouse, or divorce from a spouse. This provision also applies to employees who return to work after serving active military/reserve duty.

#### **ID Card**

Your Plan ID card identifies the cardholder and your HMO coverage. Carry it with you. When you present your card to In-network Providers, they know that you receive special benefits they will file claims for you and will obtain any needed pre-Admission review or other **Prior Authorizations**. You are responsible for any Copayments, Coinsurance, or expenses for non-Covered Services.

Your Member identification number and your group number are on your ID Card. Each of your Dependents will also receive an ID card. The reverse side of your ID card provides the address for PHP and some important telephone numbers for your use while using the Plan. It is important that you always show each individual's own ID card when obtaining care.

If you want additional cards or need to replace a lost card, contact a Presbyterian Customer Service Center representative.

This card is part of your coverage. Do not let anyone who is not named in your coverage use your card to receive benefits.



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Benefits are subject to the Copayments and Coinsurance listed in the *Summary of Benefits*. Please refer to Section 5 for details regarding the Limitations and Exclusions applicable to this Plan. Any services received must be Medically Necessary to be covered.

<b>Note:</b>
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If you disagree with Presbyterian Health Plan's decision regarding the Medical Necessity of any item or service, you may file a complaint. You may also request an external review of the PHP decision at any time. See "Grievance Procedure" in Section 7.
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## Accidental Injury/Medical Emergency Care/ Urgent Care

### Medical Emergency Care

Treatment for a Medical Emergency or Accidental Injury in the emergency room of a Hospital or an Urgent Care facility is a benefit and does not require notification to Presbyterian Health Plan after the event. Please refer to the *Summary of Benefits* for emergency room or Urgent Care facility copayments. Treatment in a Provider's office or Ambulatory Surgical Facility is also a benefit and is paid as any other illness.

Emergency Care means healthcare procedures, treatments, or services delivered to a covered person after the sudden onset of what reasonably appears to be a medical condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected by a reasonable layperson, to result in (a) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or (b) disfigurement to the person.

When your In-network PCP is not available to personally handle your care, he/she will arrange for another In-network Provider to be available. In-network PCPs have a **24-hour** telephone number for this purpose.

The Plan will provide reimbursement when a Member, acting in good faith, obtains emergency Medical Care for what reasonably appears to the Member, acting as a reasonable layperson, to be an acute condition that requires immediate medical attention, even if the patient's condition is subsequently determined to be non-emergent.

If your emergency treatment requires direct Admission to the Hospital, you are responsible for the Hospital copayment, but you do not have to pay a separate Copayment for the emergency room visit. No notification or **Prior Authorization** is required for Out-of-network (including out of state) Hospitals or treatment facilities for Medical Emergency services.

Coverage for trauma services and all other emergency services will continue at least until the Member is medically stable, does not require critical care, and can be safely transferred to

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another facility based on the judgement of the Attending Provider in consultation with Presbyterian Health Plan. Presbyterian Health Plan may require that the Member be transferred to an In-network Hospital or a National Network Hospital if the patient is stabilized and the transfer completed in accordance with federal law.

Services received from an Out-of-network Provider other than in a Student Health Center, and/or not specifically for the diagnosis and treatment of a Medical Emergency or Urgent Medical needs are not covered under this Plan.

### **Urgent Care**

Urgent Care means Medically Necessary Healthcare Services provided in non-life-threatening situations, or after a Primary Care Provider's (PCP's) normal business hours for unforeseen conditions due to illness or injury that are not life threatening but require prompt medical attention.

These are situations that are not life threatening but require prompt medical attention or Urgent Care. Examples of Urgent Care situations include but are not limited to sprains, high fever, minor cuts, minor burns, requiring stitches, significant vomiting or diarrhea, severe stomach pain, swollen glands, rashes, poisoning, strains, cramps, bumps, bruises and back pain.

You will be reimbursed for all services rendered that satisfy this definition, unless otherwise limited or excluded, if provided by a licensed Provider and/or an appropriate facility for treating urgent medical conditions. Members are encouraged to contact their In-network PCPs for an appointment, if available, before seeking care from another In-network Provider. Members may contact our customer service for information regarding the closest In-network facility that can provide Urgent Care.

The amount of the Copayment for Emergency and Urgent Care is determined by the location where care is received (i.e., Hospital, Emergency Room, Urgent Care facility, Provider's office).

For Urgent Care received from an Out-of-network Provider, no notification is required. You will be responsible for charges not covered by the Plan.

### **Acupuncture Services**

Acupuncture treatment is a benefit only if performed by a licensed Provider, Osteopath, or Doctor of Oriental Medicine acting within the scope of his/her license.

Benefits for Acupuncture, including office calls, treatment, and Acupuncture are limited as specified in the *Summary of Benefits*, in combination with chiropractic services. In addition, for ancillary treatment modalities associated with Acupuncture services, other Plan limitations may apply.

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### Ambulance Services

Benefits are available for professional Ambulance Services if they are Medically Necessary and transportation is to the closest Hospital that can provide Covered Services appropriate to the patient's condition.

Ambulance Service means local transportation in a specially designed and equipped vehicle used only for transporting the sick and injured. Air ambulance is a benefit when Medically Necessary, such as for a high-risk Maternity or a newborn transport to tertiary care facilities.

A tertiary care facility is a Hospital unit that provides:

- Complete perinatal care occurring in the period shortly before and after birth;
- Intensive care of intrapartum occurring during childbirth or delivery;
- Care for prenatal high-risk patients; and
- Coordination of transportation, communication, and data analysis systems for the geographic area served.

The ambulance Copayment is waived if transportation is Medically Necessary and between medical facilities or results in a Hospital Admission.

There are no benefits when the ambulance transportation is primarily for the convenience of the patient, the patient's family, or the healthcare Provider.

### Biofeedback

Biofeedback is a benefit when prescribed for the following physical conditions only: chronic pain treatment, Raynaud's disease/phenomenon, tension headaches, migraines, urinary incontinence and craniomandibular joint (CMJ) or temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders. Biofeedback is a benefit only when provided by a Medical Doctor, a Doctor of Osteopathy, or a professional Psychologist.

Benefits for covered biofeedback services, including office calls, are limited to the conditions listed above.

### Chiropractic Services

Services administered by a Chiropractor on an Outpatient basis are a benefit if necessary for treatment of an illness or Accidental Injury. No chiropractic benefits are paid for Maintenance Therapy as determined by Presbyterian Health Plan. Benefits are subject to a Calendar Year limit as shown in the *Summary of Benefits*, in combination with benefits for Acupuncture services. In addition, for ancillary treatment modalities associated with chiropractic services, other Plan limitations may apply.

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### Clinical Trials

If you are a qualified individual participating in an approved Clinical Trial, you may receive coverage for certain routine patient care costs incurred in the trial.

A qualified individual is someone who is eligible to participate in an approved Clinical Trial according to the trial protocol with respect to the treatment of cancer or another life-threatening disease or condition; and either:

1. The referring healthcare professional is a participating provider and has concluded that participation in the clinical trial would be appropriate; or
2. The participant or beneficiary provides medical and scientific information establishing that the individual's participation would be appropriate.

An approved Clinical Trial is a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or another life-threatening disease or condition and is:

- Conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration;
- A drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application; or
- Is approved or funded (which may include funding through in-kind contributions) by one or more of the following:
  - The National Institutes of Health;
  - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
  - The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality;
  - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services;
  - A cooperative group or center of any of the entities described in clauses (a) through (d) or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs;
  - A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants; or
  - The Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, or the Department of Energy, if the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines that the study has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that:
    - Is comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health; and
    - Assures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.

Routine patient care costs that are covered are items or services that would be covered for a member or beneficiary who is not enrolled in a clinical trial. All applicable plan limitations for coverage of out-of-network care will still apply to routine patient costs in clinical trials.

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Routine patient care costs do not include:

- The actual clinical trial or the investigational service itself;
- Cost of data collection and record keeping that would not be required but for the clinical trial; Items and services provided by the clinical trial sponsor without charge;
- Travel, lodging, and per diem expenses;
- A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards for a particular diagnosis; and
- Any other services provided to clinical trial participants that are necessary only to satisfy the data collections needs of the clinical trial.

### Dental Care and Medical Conditions of the Mouth and Jaw

#### Dental Accidents

Treatment for conditions that are the direct result of Accidental Injury to the jaw, sound natural teeth, mouth or face is a benefit. Injury as a result of chewing, biting, or malocclusion is not considered an Accidental Injury.

Sound natural teeth are teeth that are whole or properly restored by amalgams, without impairment, periodontal or other conditions, and not in need of treatment for any reason other than the Accidental Injury. Teeth with crowns or restorations (including dental implants) are not considered sound natural teeth.

All covered treatments for dental trauma must be completed within **two years** of the specific traumatic injury.

If craniomandibular joint (CMJ) or temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders are a result of trauma such as a bodily injury or blow caused solely through external, violent, and unforeseen means, benefits are available for diagnostic examination, X-rays, medications, physical therapy, dental splints, Acupuncture, orthodontic appliances and treatment, crowns, bridges, and dentures. Trauma does not include injury as a result of biting, chewing, or malocclusion.

When alternative dental or surgical procedures or prosthetic devices are available, the dental accident benefit allowance is based upon the least costly procedure or prosthetic device.

#### Hospitalization for Dental Care

Hospitalization, day surgery, outpatient services and/or anesthesia for Non-Covered dental services, are Covered if, provided in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center for dental surgery when approved by Presbyterian Health Plan. Plan benefits for these services include coverage:

- For Members who exhibit physical, intellectual or medically compromising conditions for which dental treatment under local anesthesia, with or without additional adjunctive

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techniques and modalities cannot be expected to provide a successful result and for which dental treatment under general anesthesia can be expected to produce superior results;

- For Members for whom local anesthesia is ineffective because of acute infection, anatomic variation or allergy;
- For Covered children or adolescents who are extremely uncooperative, fearful, anxious, or uncommunicative with dental needs of such magnitude that treatment should not be postponed or deferred and for whom lack of treatment can be expected to result in dental or oral pain or infection, loss of teeth or other increased oral or dental morbidity;
- For Members with extensive oral-facial or dental trauma for which treatment under local anesthesia would be ineffective or compromised; and
- For other procedures for which hospitalization or general anesthesia in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center is medically necessary.

### Oral Surgery and TMJ Treatment

Oral dental Surgery benefits are available for cutting procedures for diseases, such as:

- Removal or biopsy of tumors and cysts of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, roof, and floor of mouth when pathological examination is required;
- External or intraoral cutting and draining of cellulitis (inflammation) that extends beyond the dental space;
- Surgical correction of prognathism with handicapping malocclusion, a marked projection of the lower jaw that interferes with chewing;
- Removal of bony growths on the jaws and hard palate, unless done in preparation of the mouth for dentures;
- Incision of accessory sinuses, salivary glands, or ducts;
- Reduction of dislocations such as TMJ Surgery; and
- Frenectomy.

Oral Surgery procedures that are covered by your dental carrier's coverage are provided only if a covered benefit under this Plan. Benefits are payable based upon the Coordination of Benefits (COB) requirements set forth in Section 7 of this booklet.

Benefits are also available for the treatment of craniomandibular joint (CMJ) or temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders to include surgical and non-surgical treatment including diagnostic examination, X-rays, medications, physical therapy, dental splints, and Acupuncture. Benefits do not include orthodontic appliances and treatment, crowns, bridges, or dentures unless the disorder is trauma related. (For treatment due to an Accidental Injury, see "Dental Accidents" in this Section.)

Nonstandard diagnostic, therapeutic, and surgical treatments of Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ) are not benefits under any circumstances. Periodontal Surgery and removal of impacted wisdom teeth are also not covered benefits. Dental Implants are not Covered.

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### Diabetes Education

Diabetes education is a covered benefit that includes coverage for any Provider rendering education or instructional services for diabetes. The Copayment applies to the professional Provider's services only.

- Type I Diabetes - For all Members, up to six visits to normalize glucose within two months of diagnosis; thereafter, up to one visit per month as needed to maintain control of diabetes, and if over 18 years of age, there is a four visit per year limit for maintaining control.
- Type II Diabetes - Up to four visits for initial education, plus if insulin is initiated, up to three visits for insulin start up and management; thereafter, up to four follow up visits per Calendar Year.
- Diabetes Occurring Only During Pregnancy (“Gestational Diabetes”) - One initial visit; thereafter, two follow up visits per month. In addition, one visit within six months following delivery for conception counseling for patients planning additional children.
- Hypoglycemia and glucose intolerance - Up to three visits to provide necessary nutritional counseling to delay or prevent onset of diabetes.
- Insulin Pump Training - One initial session and one follow up session.
- Additional visits - Include following a Provider diagnosis that represents a significant change in the patient's symptoms or condition that warrants changes in the patient's self-management; or visits when re-education or refresher training is prescribed by a healthcare Provider with prescribing authority.

### Diabetic Supplies and Services

When prescribed by an In-network or an out-of-state National Network Provider the following equipment, supplies, appliances, and services are available from a Durable Medical Equipment supplier or pharmacy and are covered for Members with diabetes:

- Standard blood glucose monitors and, specialized blood glucose monitors, when Medically Necessary
- Test strips for blood glucose monitors
- Visual reading urine and ketone strips
- Lancets and lancet devices
- Injection aids, including those adaptable to meet the needs of the legally blind
- Syringes
- Medically Necessary podiatric appliances for prevention of foot complications associated with diabetes, including therapeutic molded or depth-inlay shoes, functional orthotics, custom molded inserts, replacement inserts, preventive devices and shoe modifications for prevention and treatment when **Prior Authorization** is obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan
- Glucagon emergency kits

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- Insulin pumps when Medically Necessary and prescribed by an In-network endocrinologist

If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorizations** from Presbyterian Health Plan, when required. If you obtain services from a National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**, when required. If you fail to obtain **Prior Authorization** when required, you will be responsible for a \$250 penalty for covered facility services (in addition to Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance as listed in the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits may be denied. Discuss the need for **Prior Authorizations** with your Provider before obtaining services.

### Diabetic Supplies and Equipment - Pregnancy Related

The following supplies are covered for diabetic Members and individuals with elevated blood glucose levels due to pregnancy, not to exceed a one-month supply purchased during any 34-day period:

- Autolet, lancets, and lancet devices
- Insulin pump supplies
- Blood glucose and visual reading urine and ketone test strips
- Injection aids, including those adaptable to meet the needs of the legally blind
- Syringes and needles

The following equipment is also covered for diabetic Members and individuals with elevated blood glucose levels due to pregnancy:

- Insulin pumps
- Glucagon emergency kits
- Blood glucose monitors, including those for the legally blind
- Medically Necessary podiatric appliances for prevention and treatment of foot complications associated with diabetes, including therapeutic molded or depth-inlay shoes, functional orthotics, custom molded inserts, replacement inserts, preventive devices, and shoe modifications when **Prior Authorization** is obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan

### Diagnostic and Imaging Services

Diagnostic Services including laboratory tests and X-rays to detect a known or suspected illness or Accidental Injury are covered if ordered by a Provider, including:

- Radiology, ultrasound, and nuclear medicine
- Laboratory and pathology
- Genetic testing unless it is determined to be Investigational
- Chromosome analysis, including karyotyping and molecular cytogenetic testing



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- EKG, EEG, and other electronic diagnostic medical procedures
- Hearing tests only for the treatment of an illness or Accidental Injury
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) - (require **Prior Authorization**)
- Positron Emissions Tomography (PET) scans - (require **Prior Authorization**)
- Sleep disorders - sleep lab studies can be performed in a certified sleep lab (require **Prior Authorization**) or as part of a home sleep study approved by the Presbyterian Health Plan
- Allergy testing

Unless otherwise noted, **Prior Authorization** is not required for the Diagnostic Services listed above.

### **Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances, Hearing Aids, Medical Supplies, Orthotics, and Prosthetics**

Benefits are available for the following items and supplies, when determined to be Medically Necessary:

- The rental or, at the option of Presbyterian Health Plan, the purchase of Durable Medical Equipment when prescribed by a Provider or other professional Provider and required for therapeutic use, including Wheelchairs, Hospital beds, crutches, and other necessary Durable Medical Equipment.
- Purchase, fitting and necessary adjustments of prosthetic devices and supplies that replace all or part of the function of a permanently inoperative or malfunctioning body extremity.
- Prosthetic eyes and prosthodontic appliances.
- Breast prosthetics when required as the result of a mastectomy.
- Orthotic (a rigid or semi-rigid supportive device) or Orthopedic Appliance (Prefabricated) that supports or eliminates motion of a weak or diseased body part. This does not include foot orthotics, functional or otherwise.
- Custom-Fabricated knee-ankle-foot Orthoses (AFO and/or KAFO) in accordance with existing Medicare guidelines.
- Contact lenses for aphakia (those with no lens in the eye) or keratoconus.
- Sclera shells (white supporting tissue of eyeball).
- Initially, either one set of prescription eyeglasses or one set of contact lenses (whichever is appropriate for your medical needs) when necessary to replace lenses absent at birth or lost through cataract or other intra-ocular Surgery, ocular injury or prescribed by a Provider as the only treatment available for keratoconus. The following guidelines apply to eyeglasses provided under this benefit:
  - Only standard frames are covered. Deluxe frames are not covered.
  - Ultraviolet (UV) protection is covered.

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- Anti-reflective coating, tints, or oversize lenses are covered only when they are Medically Necessary for the individual patient and Medical Necessity is documented by your treating Provider.
- Bifocal lenses in frames or lenses in frames for far vision and lenses in frames for near vision are covered only when determined to be Reasonable and Customary.
- Tinted lenses, including photochromatic lenses, used as sunglasses, which are prescribed in addition to regular prosthetic lenses, are not covered.
- Scratch resistant coating, mirror coating, polarization and progressive lenses are not covered. Lenses made of polycarbonate or other impact-resistant materials are covered for a patient with functional vision in only one eye.
- Use of polycarbonate or similar material or high index glass or plastic for indications such as light weight or thinness is considered deluxe, and therefore, is not covered.
- Eye glass cases are not covered.
- Duplicates are not covered, and replacement is covered only if a Provider or optometrist recommends a change in prescription due to the medical condition.
- Hearing aids, to include repair and replacement, and associated testing. Associated office visits for hearing evaluations are subject to the appropriate Copayment or Coinsurance.
- Stethoscopes and manual blood pressure cuffs that are prescribed by a Provider. Automatic blood pressure cuffs or monitors are not covered unless the Member is physically unable to use a manual cuff.
- Repairs or replacement of Durable Medical Equipment, prostheses, and orthotics when Medically Necessary due to wear, change in the Member's condition, or after the product's normal life expectancy has been reached and when **Prior Authorization** is obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan.

Surgically implantable devices and prostheses are covered as follows:

- Surgically implanted prosthetics or devices, including penile implants required as a result of illness or injury
- Implantable mechanical devices such as cardiac pacemakers or defibrillators, insulin pumps, epidural pain pumps, and neurostimulators
- Intra-ocular lenses
- Cochlear implants (see "Surgery" for additional information about benefits available for cochlear implantation)
- Teflon®/Dacron® surgical grafts and meshes
- And artificial or porcine heart valves

When alternative prosthetic/orthotic devices are available, the allowance for a prosthesis/orthosis will be based upon the least costly item.

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### Medical Supplies

The following medical supplies are covered; not to exceed a one-month supply purchased during any 30-day period:

- Colostomy bags, catheters
- Gastrostomy tubes
- Hollister supplies
- Tracheostomy kits, masks
- Lamb's wool or sheepskin pads
- Ace bandages, elastic supports
- Mastectomy brassieres when required due to a mastectomy (Benefits are limited to four bras per Calendar Year)
- Support hose when prescribed by a Provider for the Medically Necessary treatment of varicose veins (Benefits are limited to six pair of hose per Calendar Year)
- Other supplies determined by Presbyterian Health Plan to be Medically Necessary and covered under the Plan

**Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan is required for the following:

- Durable Medical Equipment, medical supplies (including enteral feeding tubes), orthopedics appliances, orthotics, and surgically implanted prosthetics

For Durable Medical Equipment and supplies under the amount shown in the *Summary of Benefits*, **Prior Authorization** is not required. However, Medical Necessity must exist.

Benefits are not available for the following items:

- Deluxe equipment such as motor-driven wheelchairs, chair lifts, or beds, when standard equipment is available and adequate
- Rental of Durable Medical Equipment if the patient is in a facility that provides such equipment; cost of repairs that exceeds the rental price of another unit for the estimated period of need or that exceeds the purchase price of a new unit
- Dental appliances including dentures
- Equipment that is primarily non-medical such as heating pads, hot water bottles, water beds, Jacuzzi units, specialized clothing, hot tubs, or exercise equipment
- Environmental control equipment such as air conditioners, dehumidifiers, or electronic air filters, regardless of the therapeutic value they may provide
- Accommodative foot orthotics, which are used to accommodate the structural abnormalities of the foot by providing comfort, but not altering function
- Functional foot orthotics including those for plantar fasciitis, pes planus (flat feet), heel spurs, and other conditions (as determined by Presbyterian Health Plan), except for

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Members with diabetes or other significant neuropathies when Prior Authorized by Presbyterian Health Plan

- Orthopedic or corrective shoes, arch supports, shoe appliances, foot orthotics, and custom fitted braces or splints, except for Members with diabetes or other significant neuropathies when **Prior Authorization** is obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan
- Duplicate equipment is not covered under this Plan

### Employee Assistance Program

As a Presbyterian Health Plan Member, you and your enrolled dependents have access to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). EAP services include up to six employee assistance visits per issue. They are provided by local licensed professionals at The Solutions Group, a division of Presbyterian Healthcare Services. These services are short-term, confidential counseling sessions and can include mediation services, substance use assessments/referrals and other services. Please contact The Solutions Group at **(505) 254-3555** or **1-866-254-3555** if you have any questions regarding EAP covered services and benefits.

### Family, Infant and Toddler (FIT) Program

Coverage for children, from birth to age three, for or under the Family, Infant and Toddler Program (FIT) administered by the Department of Health, provided eligibility criteria are met, is provided for medically necessary early intervention services provided as part of an individualized family service plan and delivered by certified and licensed personnel as defined in NMAC Title 7, Chapter 30, Part 8 Health Family & children Healthcare Services. Benefits used under this section will not be applied to any maximum lifetime or annual plan limits applicable to this plan. This benefit is subject to an annual maximum.

### Family Planning and Related Services

Family planning services, when provided by an In-network or National Network Provider are covered for the following procedures:

- Injection of Depo-Provera for birth control purposes
- Diaphragm, including fitting
- Implantable contraceptive devices, including surgical implantation and removal
- Intrauterine Devices (IUDs) or cervical caps, including fitting, insertion, and removal
- Genetic counseling
- Surgical sterilization procedures such as vasectomies and tubal ligations (if the tubal ligation is done during a delivery, only the Maternity Copayment applies. there will not be an additional Surgery Copayment)
- Elective and therapeutic abortions
- RU486 (Mifeprex®) administered by a Provider

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Only the following infertility related treatment and testing services are covered (note that the following procedures only secondarily also treat infertility):

- Surgical treatments such as opening an obstructed fallopian tube, epididymis, or vas deferens when the obstruction is not the result of a surgical sterilization
- Replacement of deficient, naturally occurring hormones if there is documented evidence of a deficiency of the hormone being replaced

The above services are the only infertility-related treatments that will be considered for benefit payment. Infertility testing is covered only to diagnose the cause of infertility. Once the cause has been established and the treatment determined to be non-covered, no further testing is covered. This Plan will also cover testing related to one of the covered treatments, listed above (such as lab tests to monitor hormone levels). However, daily ultrasounds to monitor ova maturation are not covered since the testing is being used to monitor a non-covered infertility treatment.

This Plan does not cover any services or charges for artificial conception including fertilization and/or growth of a fetus outside the mother's body in an artificial environment, such as artificial insemination, in-vitro ("test tube") or in-vivo fertilization, gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT), zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT), all drugs, hormonal manipulation, or embryo transfer is not a covered benefit. Any artificial conception method not specifically listed is also excluded.

### **Genetic Inborn Errors of Metabolism Disorders (IEM)**

Coverage is provided for diagnosing, monitoring, and controlling of disorders of Genetic Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEM) where there are standard methods of treatment, when Medically Necessary and subject to the Limitations and Exclusions, (Section 5) and **Prior Authorization** (Section 2) requirements listed in the Summary Plan Description. Medical services provided by licensed Healthcare Professionals, including Providers, dieticians and nutritionists, with specific training in managing Members diagnosed with Genetic Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEM) are Covered. Covered Services include:

- Nutritional and medical assessment.
- Clinical services.
- Biochemical analysis.
- Medical supplies.
- Prescription Drugs.
- Corrective lenses for conditions related to Genetic IEM.
- Nutritional management.
- Elective and therapeutic abortions.

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- Special Medical Foods used in treatment to compensate for the metabolic abnormality and to maintain adequate nutritional status when **Prior Authorization** is obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan's pharmacy department. Please refer to your *Summary of Benefits* for applicable office visits, Inpatient Hospital, Outpatient facility, prescription drug and other related Copayments.



### Genetic Testing

Genetic test means an analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins, or metabolites, if the analysis detects genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes. However, a genetic test does not include an analysis of proteins or metabolites that is directly related to a manifested disease, disorder, or pathological condition. Accordingly, a test to determine whether an individual has a BRCA1 or BRCA2 variant is a genetic test. Similarly, a test to determine whether an individual has a genetic variant associated with hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer is a genetic test. However, an HIV test, complete blood count, cholesterol test, liver function test, or test for the presence of alcohol or drugs is not a genetic test. Genetic testing requires **Prior Authorization**.

### Habilitative

#### Autism Spectrum Disorder

The diagnosis and treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorder is covered for children, from birth to age 19 or up to age 22 if enrolled in high school, in accordance with state mandated benefits as follows:

- Diagnosis for the presence of Autism Spectrum Disorder when performed during a Well-Child or well-baby screening; and/or
- Treatment through speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) to develop, maintain, restore and maximize the functioning of the individual, which may include services that are habilitative or rehabilitative in nature.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Services must be provided by Practitioners/Providers who are certified, registered or licensed to provide these services.

Limitation – Services received under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and related state laws that place responsibility on state and local school boards for providing specialized education and related services to children three to 22 years of age who have Autism Spectrum Disorder are not Covered under this Plan.

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### Home Health Care

If a Member needs healthcare at home, benefits are available for services provided by a Home Health Agency. This benefit provides skilled nursing services when ordered by a Provider and administered in the home on an intermittent basis. A visit is one period of home health service of up to **four hours**.

Before the Member receives Home Health Care, the treating Provider, Home Health Agency, or Member must request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorizations** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-state National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to obtain **Prior Authorization** before obtaining services may result in a \$250 penalty for covered services (in addition to Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance as listed in the *Summary of Benefits*), or your benefits may be denied. Discuss the need for **Prior Authorizations** with your Provider before obtaining services.

The following Home Health Care services are covered:

- Skilled Nursing Care by a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).
- Physical, occupational, or respiratory/inhalation therapy, by licensed or certified therapists, and speech therapy provided by an American Speech and Hearing Association certified therapist; Skilled services by a qualified aide to do such things as change dressings, check blood pressure, pulse, and temperature.
- Medical Drugs: (Medications obtained through the medical benefit): Medical Drugs are defined as medications administered in the office or facility (including Home Health Care) that require a Healthcare Professional to administer. These medications include, but are not limited to, injectable, infused, oral or inhaled drugs. They may involve unique distribution and may be required to be obtained from our In-network Specialty Pharmacy vendor. Some Medical Drugs will require **Prior Authorization** before they can be obtained. Office-administered applies to all Outpatient settings including, but not limited to, Provider's offices, emergency rooms, Urgent Care Centers and outpatient surgery facilities.
- For a complete list of Medical Drugs to determine which require **Prior Authorization** and what drugs are mandated to our In-network Specialty Pharmacy, please see the Presbyterian Health Plan Pharmacy website at [www.phs.org](http://www.phs.org) You may call our customer service for more information at (505) 923-7324 or 1-855-593-7737. TTY users may call 711.
- Medical supplies, drugs, and laboratory services that would have been provided by a Hospital had the Member been Hospitalized.
- Provider home visits.
- Home Intravenous services.
- Enteral feeding equipment and food.

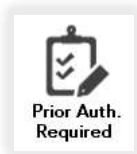
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There are no Home Health Care benefits provided for care that:

- Is provided primarily for the convenience of the Member or the Member's family
- Consists mostly of bathing, feeding, exercising, preparing meals, homemaking, moving the patient, giving medications, or acting as a sitter
- Is provided by a nurse who ordinarily resides in the Member's home or is a member of the patient's immediate family

### Hospice Care

Hospice benefits are available for Covered Services provided by an approved Hospice agency, or Hospital or other facility by or on behalf of a Hospice agency and received during a Hospice benefit period.



Before the Member receives Hospice care, the treating Provider or Hospice agency must request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-state National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. If you fail to obtain **Prior Authorization**, you will be responsible for a \$250 penalty for covered facility services (in addition to Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance as listed in the *Summary of Benefits*), or your benefits may be denied. Discuss the need for **Prior Authorizations** with your Provider before obtaining services.

The Hospice benefit period must begin while the patient is covered for these benefits, and coverage must be continued throughout the benefit period. The benefit period is defined as beginning on the date the treating Provider certified that the patient is terminally ill with a life expectancy of six months or less, ending six months after it began or upon the death of the patient, if sooner.

If the patient requires an extension of the benefit period, the Hospice agency must provide a new treatment plan and the treating Provider must re-certify the patient's condition to Presbyterian Health Plan. No more than one additional Hospice benefit will be approved.

Benefits are available only for or on behalf of an approved Hospice agency. An approved Hospice agency must meet one of the following:

- Licensed when required
- Medicare-certified as a Hospice agency
- Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCHAO) as a Hospice agency



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The following services are covered under this Hospice benefit:

- Inpatient Hospice care
- Hospice care Provider benefit
- Skilled Nursing Care by a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Home Health Care by a home health aide
- Physical therapy, speech therapy, or occupational therapy
- Medical supplies
- Drugs and medications for the terminally ill patient

In addition to the Hospice services listed above, and limits as specified on the *Summary of Benefits*, you have coverage for the follow:

- Services of a medical social worker (MA or MSW) for patient or family counseling, to include bereavement counseling limited to three visits.
- Respite care for a period not to exceed **ten continuous days**. No more than two respite care stays are available during a six-month Hospice benefit period. Respite care provides a brief break from total care given by the family.

Hospice benefits are not available for the following services:

- Food, housing, or delivered meals
- Medical transportation
- Comfort items
- Homemaker and housekeeping services
- Private duty nursing
- Pastoral and spiritual counseling

The following services are not benefits under Hospice but may be covered elsewhere under this booklet, subject to applicable Copayment and Coinsurance provisions:

- Acute Inpatient Hospital care for curative services
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Non-Hospice care Provider visits
- Ambulance Services

### Hospital Inpatient Services

When a Member receives acute Inpatient medical/surgical or pregnancy related Hospital care, benefits are available for covered room and board and other covered Hospital services. Benefits are available for a non-private room with two or more beds. Private room charges are a covered benefit only when Medically Necessary and when the private room is ordered by an In-network Provider or the admitting Provider and **Prior Authorization** is obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan. If the Member requests a private room or the private room is not Medically

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Necessary, Presbyterian Health Plan bases payment on the Hospital's average non-private room rate and the Member is responsible for the balance. The balance you pay does not apply to the Out-of-pocket Maximum.

Benefits are available for other room accommodations or special care units such as:

- Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Cardiac Care Unit (CCU)
- Sub-Intensive Care Unit
- Isolation Room

### **Blood**

Benefits are available for blood transfusions, blood plasma, and blood plasma expanders, and the charges for directed donor or autologous blood storage fees if the blood is to be used during a procedure that has been scheduled for that Member.

### **Physical Rehabilitation - Inpatient**

Benefits are available for Inpatient rehabilitation services that are Medically Necessary to restore and improve lost functions following illness or Accidental Injury and are provided in Presbyterian Health Plan authorized facilities.

Hospitalization for rehabilitation must begin within **one year** after the onset of the condition and while the Member is covered under this Plan. Inpatient rehabilitation treatment must be Medically Necessary and not for personal convenience.

Benefits are not available for care that is not provided by a Presbyterian Health Plan authorized facility. These Inpatient services are not eligible for any additional benefits on an Outpatient basis.

There are no benefits for Maintenance Therapy or care provided after the patient has reached his/her rehabilitative potential. In the case of a dispute about whether the patient's rehabilitative potential has been reached, the patient is responsible for furnishing documentation from the treating Provider supporting that the patient's rehabilitative potential has not been reached. If you are re-admitted (inpatient) to the same hospital or inpatient medical facility within **15 days** of being discharged and the diagnosis is the same or similar, this may be considered one inpatient stay and you may be responsible for only one inpatient Copayment. If this situation occurs, please contact Presbyterian Customer Service Center (PCSC), Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at **(505) 923-7324**, or **1-855-593-7737** after you have been discharged the second time.

Benefits are subject to a Calendar Year limit as shown in the *Summary of Benefits* in combination with benefits for Acupuncture and chiropractic services.

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### Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is a covered benefit only if the therapy is proposed for a condition recognized as one of the accepted indications as defined by the Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Committee of The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS). Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy is Excluded for any other condition. Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy requires **Prior Authorization** and services must be provided by your In-network Practitioner/Provider in order to be Covered.

### Maternity and Newborn Care

Benefits include complete prenatal care, pregnancy related diagnostic tests, Prescription Drugs, visits to an obstetrician, Nurse-Midwife, or licensed midwife, and childbirth in a Hospital or in a licensed Birthing Center staffed by a Certified Nurse Midwife or Provider. Lay midwife deliveries are not a covered benefit. Deliveries by cesarean section, ectopic pregnancies, other pregnancy complications, such as miscarriage, and therapeutic or elective abortions are also covered.

If Maternity benefits change during a pregnancy, the Member receives the benefits in effect on the day the service is received.

Under Two-Party or Family Coverage, a Dependent daughter is eligible for Maternity benefits. Coverage for the baby is available only if covered as an eligible Dependent.

<b>Note:</b>
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To add coverage for your newborn child, you must submit an Application for your child as a Dependent before or within <b>31 days</b> of birth. If enrolled within <b>31 days</b> of birth, the baby is then covered from the moment of birth. If you have Employee coverage, you must change to Two-Party coverage; if you have Two-Party coverage, you must change to Family Coverage; if you already have Family Coverage; you must submit an Application to add your newborn as a Dependent and select a PCP to coordinate your newborn's care.
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However, if you do not enroll your newborn child within <b>31 days</b> of birth, you will not be able to enroll your newborn until the next open enrollment period. Refer to Section 3.
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If the baby is enrolled within **31 days**, newborn visits in the Hospital by the baby's Provider, circumcision, incubator, and routine Hospital nursery charges are covered. If your baby needs special care including diagnostic tests and Surgery, the Plan pays benefits for that care too.

A separate Deductible and Inpatient Copayment for your newborn applies only when the infant's inpatient stay exceeds the mother's date of discharge. Additional services above and beyond routine newborn care are not subject to an additional Copayment if the infant is discharged on the same day or before the mother is discharged from the Hospital. If your newborn stays in the Hospital longer than the mother does, you must notify Presbyterian Health Plan Health Services

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by calling **1-855-593-7737**, before the mother's discharge from the Hospital, to coordinate the baby's care.

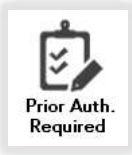
If a newborn is re-admitted (inpatient) to the same hospital or inpatient medical facility within **15 days** of being discharged and the diagnosis is the same or similar, this may be considered one inpatient stay and you may be responsible for only one inpatient Copayment. If this situation occurs, please contact the Presbyterian Customer Service Center, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737** after you have been discharged the second time.

### **Newborn and Mothers Health Protection Act**

Federal law prohibits us from restricting benefits for any Hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than **48 hours** following a normal vaginal delivery, or less than **96 hours** following a cesarean section. You need not obtain **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan for a length of stay not in excess of the above periods.

### **Mental Health and Alcohol Use and/or Substance Use**

To obtain benefits for services related to Mental Health and Alcohol Use and/or Substance Use Members need only call our Presbyterian Customer Service Center directly at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737**.



All Admissions or partial hospitalization for Mental Health or Alcohol Use and/or Substance Use require **Prior Authorization** by the Presbyterian Health Plan Behavioral Health Department, with the exception of life-threatening emergencies. Services may not be covered, or you may incur a \$250 penalty (in addition to Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*) if **Prior Authorization** is not obtained prior to services being rendered.

The following benefits are applicable for Mental Health and Alcohol Use and/or Substance Use Services. In all cases, Mental Health treatment and Alcohol Use and/or Substance Use treatment must be Medically Necessary in order to be covered.

Copayments for Facility-Based Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) are listed below. Non-facility-based programs will apply regular Copayments on a per-visit basis.  
Partial hospitalization with step down from Inpatient – No Copayment  
Intensive Outpatient with step down from Inpatient or Partial hospitalization – No Copayment

Outpatient services are available from the following credentialed Providers:

- Medical Doctors, Board Eligible or Board Certified in Psychiatry (M.D.)
- Licensed Psychologists (L.P.)
- Licensed Independent Social Workers (L.I.S.W.)

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- Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors (L.P.C.C.)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (L.M.F.T.)
- Clinical Nurse Specialists (C.N.S.)
- Licensed Alcohol & Drug Use Counselors (L.A.D.A.C.) with master's degree in counseling or social work

### Mental Health Services

Inpatient Mental Health services will be covered in an In-network or National Network facility when performed by a licensed In-network or National Network Provider. Inpatient care requires **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan's Behavioral Health Department. Please call our Presbyterian Customer Service Center at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737**.

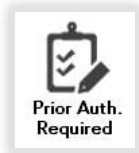


Partial hospitalization can be substituted for the Inpatient Mental Health services. Partial hospitalization is a non-residential Hospital-based day program attended by the Member at least **three hours** a day but not more than **12 hours** in any **24-hour** period that includes various daily and weekly therapies. Two partial hospitalization days are equivalent to **one day** of Inpatient care. Services require **Prior Authorization** by Presbyterian Health Plan's Behavioral Health Department. If you fail to obtain **Prior Authorization** when required, you will be responsible for a \$250 penalty for covered facility services (in addition to Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance as listed in the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits may be denied. Outpatient, non-Hospital based, short-term evaluative and therapeutic Mental Health services will be provided based on Medical Necessity.

Coverage includes services for diagnostic tests, anesthetics, X-ray and laboratory examinations, and other care provided by a professional Provider, Hospital or Admission treatment center. Outpatient services also include treatment, to include individual, group or family counseling, medication management and neuropsychological testing for Mental Health and/or Substance Use for most Mental Health diagnoses. In addition, therapies for marriage, family and relationship problems, physical and/or sexual abuse, and problems related to a Mental Disorder or medical condition are also covered.

### Alcohol Use and Substance Use Dependence Services

Coverage is provided for a combination of Acute Inpatient Hospital services and partial hospitalization services for Alcohol Use and Substance Use Dependence. Acute Inpatient Hospital services, partial hospitalization and services at a Residential Treatment Center require **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan's Behavioral Health Department. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-network National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any



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Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied.

The following limitations apply to a course of treatment:

Acute Inpatient Hospital services in a Hospital or Substance Use Dependence treatment center requires **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan's Behavioral Health Department prior to Admission. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-network National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied.

- Partial hospitalization is a non-residential day program, attended by the Member at least **eight hours** a day, based in a Hospital or treatment center that includes various daily and weekly therapies. Two partial hospitalization days are equivalent to **one day** of Acute Inpatient Hospital services care. Partial hospitalization services require **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan's Behavioral Health Department. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied. Outpatient, non-Hospital based, evaluative and therapeutic Alcohol Use and Substance Use Dependence services are covered as individual, family, or group counseling. Outpatient visits are defined as visits lasting up to 50 minutes. Intensive Outpatient Alcohol Use and Substance Use Dependence services are covered as individual, family, or group counseling.
- Intensive Outpatient Alcohol Use and Substance Use Dependence services are defined as a structured program of visits lasting **three hours** per visit and attended by the Member three times per week.

### Naprapathic Services

Any covered service of a Licensed Naprapathic, including hand manipulation of connective tissue, intended to release tension and restore structural balance. Benefits are subject to a Calendar Year limit as shown in the *Summary of Benefits*.

### Provider Services

Please refer to the *Summary of Benefits* for applicable Copayments for the services below.

### Allergy Services

Benefits are available for direct skin (percutaneous and intradermal) and patch allergy tests and radioallergosorbent testing (RAST).

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### Contraceptive Devices

Benefits are available for contraceptive devices that require a prescription by a Provider including:

- Intrauterine devices (IUDs)
- Diaphragms
- Other implantable contraceptive devices

Contraception: Methods of preferred Generic oral contraceptives, injectable contraceptives or contraceptive devices. FDA approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and patient education and counseling. For a complete list of these preferred products, please see the Presbyterian Health Plan Pharmacy website at [www.phs.org](http://www.phs.org) “zero copayment covered under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.”

### Injectable Drugs

FDA-approved therapeutic injections administered in a Provider’s office are covered. However, certain injectable drugs (such as growth hormone and interferon alfa-2) are covered only when **Prior Authorization** is received from Presbyterian Health Plan. Your Presbyterian Health Plan In-network Provider has a list of those injectable drugs that require **Prior Authorization**. If you need a copy of the list, contact a Presbyterian Customer Service Center representative. For allergy injections, please refer to the *Summary of Benefits*.

Presbyterian Health Plan reserves the right to exclude any injectable drug currently being used by a Member that is not specifically listed as covered. Proposed new uses for injectable drugs previously approved by the FDA will be evaluated on a medication-by-medication basis. Call a Presbyterian Customer Service Center representative if you have any questions about this policy.

### Inpatient Provider Visits and Consultations

Attending Provider visits and consultations in the Hospital are benefits during a covered Admission.

### Medical Drugs: (Medications obtained through the medical benefit)

Medical Drugs are defined as medications administered in the office or facility (including Home Health Care) that require a Healthcare Professional to administer. These medications include, but are not limited to, injectable, infused, oral or inhaled drugs. They may involve unique distribution and may be required to be obtained from our In-network Specialty Pharmacy vendor. Some Medical Drugs will require **Prior Authorization** before they can be obtained. Office-administered applies to all Outpatient settings including, but not limited to, Provider’s offices, emergency rooms, Urgent Care Centers and outpatient surgery facilities.

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### Obstetrics/Gynecological Visits

Women can obtain gynecological care for routine exams and other obstetrical and/or gynecological care from In-network OB/GYN providers. Office Visits Benefits are available as outlined in the *Summary of Benefits*.

### Office Visits

Benefits are available as outlined in the *Summary of Benefits*.

- Office visits provided by a qualified Practitioner/Provider
- Presbyterian Health Plan Video Visits provided online between a designated Practitioner/Provider and patient about non-urgent healthcare matters
- Presbyterian Health Plan Video Visits utilize a nationwide network of providers
- Telehealth appointments through video or telephone are with a network provider, including Presbyterian Medical Group providers

### Weight Management and Nutritional Counseling

Weight loss management, obesity treatment, and nutritional counseling are not a benefit unless dietary advice and exercise are provided by a Provider, licensed nutritionist, or registered dietician. Weight loss management, obesity treatment, and nutritional counseling must be prescribed by a PCP or In-network Provider and are a benefit only when Medically Necessary and for a body mass index (BMI - weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) of 35 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater who are at high risk for increased morbidity due to specific obesity related co-morbid medical conditions. Member must have demonstrated adherence with all prescribed medications and treatment instructions. Appropriate documentation is required. Specific obesity-related co-morbidities include, but are not limited to:

- Cardiomyopathy
- Congestive heart failure with an ejection fraction of 50% or less than predicted
- Documentation of previous myocardial infarction requiring hospitalization
- Documented Type II diabetes mellitus
- Uncontrolled/massive leg lymphedema
- Obstructive sleep apnea with baseline AHI or RDI of 15 or greater, or currently under treatment with a positive pressure device (CPAP, BiPAP, C-Flex, etc.)
- Obesity related osteoarthritis of the lower extremities for which joint replacement surgery of the knee or ankle has been recommended
- Pickwickian syndrome or cor pulmonale

Weight loss medications require Pre-Approval. Also see Morbid Obesity under *Surgery* section.



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**Note:**

If you disagree with Presbyterian Health Plan's decision regarding the Medical Necessity of any item or service, you may file a complaint. You may also request an external review of the Presbyterian Health Plan decision at any time. See "Grievance Procedure" in Section 7.

### Prescription Drugs/Medications



This benefit has one or more exclusions as specified in the Exclusions Section

### Covered Prescription Drugs/Medications

#### Prescription Drug/Medications Benefit (Outpatient)

Outpatient Prescription Drugs are a Covered Benefit when prescribed by your Provider. Refer to your Formulary for information on approved Prescription Drugs. For a complete list of these drugs, please see the Presbyterian Health Plan Commercial Large Group formulary list at [https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pel\\_00199170](https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pel_00199170).

We will provide Coverage for preventive medications and products as defined by the Affordable Care Act (ACA), if you receive these services from our In-network Practitioners/Providers, without Cost Sharing regardless of sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or gender of the individual.

Preventive medications are used for the management and prevention of complications from conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, asthma, osteoporosis, heart attack and stroke.

For preventive medications (including over-the-counter medications) or products to be Covered, a pharmacy claim will need to be submitted Present your ID card to the dispensing pharmacy for processing and billing information. Visit the Formulary listing at [https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pel\\_00199170](https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pel_00199170). Preventive medications will be listed as \$0 Copay per PPACA.

For a complete list of these preferred products, please see the Presbyterian Health Plan Pharmacy website at [https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pel\\_00199170](https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pel_00199170).



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The following drugs are covered when prescribed by your provider and when purchased at an In-network Pharmacy. Refer to your Formulary for information on the approved Prescription Drugs/Medications.

- Medically Necessary prescription nutritional supplements for prenatal care for up to a 90-day supply up to the maximum dosing recommended by the manufacturer.
- Preferred insulin and diabetic oral agents for controlling blood sugar levels for up to a 90-day supply up to the maximum dosing recommended by the manufacturer.
- Immunosuppressant drugs following transplant surgery for up to a 90-day supply up to the maximum dosing recommended by the manufacturer.
- Special Medical Foods used in treatment to compensate and maintain adequate nutritional status for genetic Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEM). These Special Medical Foods require **Prior Authorization**.
- Smoking Cessation Pharmacotherapy Formulary drugs for up to a 90-day supply up to the maximum dosing recommended by the manufacturer. Smoking cessation is limited to **two 90-day courses of treatment per calendar year**.

### What is a Formulary?

A drug Formulary, or preferred drug list, is a continually updated list of medications and related products supported by current evidence-based medicine, judgment of Providers, pharmacists and other experts in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and preservation of health.

The primary purpose of the Formulary is to encourage the use of safe, effective and most affordable medications. Presbyterian Health Plan administers a closed Formulary, which means that non-formulary drugs are not routinely reimbursed by the plan. Medical exceptions policies provide access to non-formulary medication when Medical necessity is established.

The medications listed on the Formulary are subject to change pursuant to the management activities of Presbyterian Health Plan. For the most up-to-date formulary drug information visit [https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pel\\_00199170](https://onbaseext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pel_00199170).

Presbyterian Health Plan will provide material that contains in a clear, conspicuous and readily understandable form, a full and fair disclosure of the plan's benefits, **limitations, exclusions, conditions of eligibility and prior authorization** requirements, within a reasonable time after enrollment and at subsequent periodic times as appropriate.

### Can the Formulary change during the year?

The Formulary can change throughout the year. Some reasons why it can change include:

- New drugs are approved
- Existing drugs are removed from the market
- Prescription drugs are removed from the market
- Prescription drugs may become available over the counter (without a prescription)

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- Brand-name drugs lose patent protection and generic versions become available
- Changes based on new clinical guidelines

If we remove drugs from our Formulary, add quantity limits, **prior authorization**, and/or step therapy restrictions on a drug; or move a drug to a higher cost-sharing tier, we must notify affected members of the change at least 60 days before the change becomes effective.

### How is the Formulary drug List Developed?

The medications and related products listed on the Formulary are determined by a Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P & T) Committee or an equivalent entity. The Presbyterian Health Plan P & T Committee is made up of primary care and specialty Providers, clinical pharmacists and other professionals in the healthcare field.

The P & T Committee reviews and updates the Formulary list each quarter (four times per year). Medications chosen for the Formulary are selected based on their safety, effectiveness and overall value. A medication may not be added to the Formulary if current drugs on the Formulary are equally safe and effective and are less costly. Utilization management strategies such as quantity limits, step therapy and **prior authorization** criteria are reviewed and approved by the P & T Committee.

Medication coverage criteria is updated and reviewed to reflect current standards of practice. The overall goal of the P & T Committee is to provide a Formulary that gives members access to safe, appropriate and cost-effective medications that will produce the desired goals of therapy at the most reasonable cost to the member and healthcare system.

### What is Prior Authorization?

**Prior Authorization** is a clinical evaluation process to determine if the requested Healthcare Service is Medically Necessary, a Covered Benefit, and if it is being delivered in the most appropriate healthcare setting. Our Medical Director or other clinical professional will review the requested Healthcare Service and, if it meets our requirements for Coverage and Medical Necessity, it is Authorized (approved) before those services are provided.

The **Prior Authorization** process and requirements are regularly reviewed and updated based on various factors including evidence-based practice guidelines, medical trends, Practitioner/Provider participation, state and federal regulations, and our policies and procedures.

- Prescription Drugs/Medications prescribed for off-label or unproven indications are not Covered when Medical Necessity has not been established
- Continuation of therapy using any drug is dependent upon its demonstrable efficacy
- **Note** that the prior use of free prescription medication (i.e., samples, free goods, etc.) will not be considered in the evaluation of a member's eligibility for medication coverage

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### What is Step Therapy?

Step Therapy promotes the appropriate use of equally effective but lower-cost Formulary drugs first. With this program, prior use of one or more “prerequisite” drugs are required before a step-therapy medication will be covered. Prerequisite drugs are FDA-approved and treat the same condition as the corresponding step-therapy drugs.

### What are Quantity Limits?

Formulary drugs may also limit coverage of quantities for certain drugs. These limits help your doctor and pharmacist check that the medications are used appropriately and promote patient safety. Presbyterian Health Plan uses medical guidelines and FDA-approved recommendations from drug makers to set these coverage limits. Quantity limits include the following:

- **Maximum Daily Dose limits** quantities to a maximum number of dosage units (i.e., tablets, capsules, milliliters, milligrams, doses, etc.) in a single day. Limits are based on daily dosages shown to be safe and effective, and that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- **Quantity Limits over time** limits quantities to number of units (i.e., tablets, capsules, milliliters, milligrams, doses, etc.) in a defined period of time.

### Non-Extended Day Supply

Presbyterian Health Plan has established protocols under the guidance of National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) in an effort to ensure patients' safety for identified high-risk medications. Pursuant to this guidance, Presbyterian Health Plan has limited the maximum allowed day supply down to 30 days at a time for medications that fall into this high-risk category. These drugs are found in the Commercial 4 Tier formulary as Non-Extended Day Supplies.

### Medication Synchronization

Medication Synchronization allows Members to refill all of their Prescriptions on the same day, eliminating the need for multiple trips to the Pharmacy each month. Prescriptions are filled for less than the normal prescribed day supply in order to align the refill date across multiple prescriptions, allowing all refills on the same day and time period. Daily cost share reduces the patient pay for the prescription that is less than the standard defined day supply. Exclusions may include drug products for acute therapy, unbreakable packages and controlled substances.

### Drug Utilization Review and Drug use evaluation programs

DUR is a review of patient data which is done to evaluate the effectiveness, safety and appropriateness of medication use. These Drug Utilization Reviews occur during claim adjudication and determines whether it is likely to cause harm based on interaction with other drugs or based on the member's age, gender, allergies or other drugs on the member's pharmacy

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profile. The DUR reviews often alert clinicians about prescribing and drug regimen problems and about patients who may be inappropriately taking medications that can produce an undesirable reaction or create other medical complications.

### Generic Drugs

The Health Insurance Exchange Metal Level Formulary covers both brand-name drugs and generic drugs. A generic drug is approved by the FDA as having the same active ingredient and may be substituted for the brand-name drug. Generally, generic drugs cost less than brand-name drugs.

### Brand Name drugs when a generic Equivalent is Available

A generic equivalent will be dispensed if available. If your prescriber requests to dispense a brand-name drug when a generic equivalent is available, the request will require a Medical Exception.

If Medical necessity is established the non-preferred drug copay plus the difference between the brand-name and the generic drug will apply. Otherwise, brand-name drugs dispensed when a generic equivalent is available are not covered and will not count towards the deductible or annual out-of-pocket maximums.

### Benefit Limitations



This benefit has one or more exclusions as specified in the Exclusions Section.

You have the option to purchase up to a 90-day supply of Prescription Drugs/Medications. Under the up to a 90-day at Retail Pharmacy benefit, Preferred Generic, Non-Preferred Generic, Preferred Brand and Non-Preferred Drugs can be obtained from an In-network Pharmacy. If you choose the 90-days at retail option, you will be charged one Copayment per 30-day supply up to a maximum of a 90-day supply.

You will be charged three applicable Copayments for up to a 90-day supply up to the maximum dosing recommended by the manufacturer/FDA.



Some medications may qualify for third-party copayment assistance programs which could lower your out-of-pocket costs for those products. For any such medication where third-party copayment assistance is used (Discount Cards or Prescription Drug Savings Cards), the Member shall not receive credit towards their maximum out-of-pocket or deductible for any copayment or coinsurance amounts that are applied to a manufacturer coupon or rebate.

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### Self-Administered Specialty Pharmaceuticals



Self-Administered Specialty Pharmaceuticals are self-administered, meaning they are administered by the patient, a family member or caregiver. Specialty Pharmaceuticals are often used to treat complex chronic, rare diseases and/or life-threatening conditions. Most Specialty Pharmaceuticals require **Prior Authorization** and must be obtained through the specialty pharmacy network.

Specialty Pharmaceuticals are often high costs, typically greater than \$600 for up to a 30-day supply.

Specialty Pharmaceuticals are not available through the retail or mail order option and are limited to a 30-day supply. Certain Specialty Pharmaceuticals are limited to an initial fill up to a 15-day supply to ensure patients can tolerate the new medication.

For a complete list of these drugs, please see the Specialty Pharmaceutical listing at Presbyterian Health Plan Commercial Large Group formulary list at

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### Office Administered Specialty Pharmaceuticals (Medical Drug)

A **Medical Drug** is any drug administered by a Healthcare Professional and is typically given in the member's home, Provider office, freestanding (ambulatory) infusion suite, or outpatient facility. Medical Drugs may require a **Prior Authorization**, and some must be obtained through the specialty network.

These drugs may be subject to a separate Copayment/Coinsurance to a maximum as outlined in your *Summary of Benefits and Coverage*. For a complete list of Medical Drugs to determine which require **Prior Authorization** please see the Presbyterian Health Plan Pharmacy website at [https://onbasext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pe1\\_00052739](https://onbasext.phs.org/PEL/DisplayDocument?ContentID=pe1_00052739).

### Mail Order Pharmacy

You have a choice of obtaining certain Prescription Drugs/Medications directly from a Pharmacy or by ordering them through the mail. Under the mail order pharmacy benefit, Preferred and non-Preferred medications can be obtained through the Mail Order Service Pharmacy.



You may purchase up to a 90-day supply up to the maximum dosing recommended by the manufacturer. You may obtain more information on the Mail Service Pharmacy by calling our Presbyterian Customer Service Center at **(505) 923-7324** or

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### Member Reimbursement

If a medical Emergency occurs outside of our Service Area and you use an In-network Pharmacy, you will be responsible for payment of the appropriate Copayment. We have a large, comprehensive pharmacy network; however, if you go to an Out-of-network Pharmacy, and they are unable to process the claim at point of service you may pay for the prescription and may request Presbyterian Health Plan to reimburse you. A Pharmacy Specialist will review and process your request for reimbursement based on the negotiated rate between Presbyterian Health Plan and the dispensing pharmacy minus any copay or coinsurance that may apply. Members will not be liable to a provider for any sums owed to the provider by Presbyterian Health Plan.

The Pharmacy Specialist needs the following information to determine reimbursement amounts. Please submit a *Member Reimbursement Form* and attach the itemized cash register receipt and the prescription drug detail (pharmacy pamphlet) along with the following information:

- Patient Name
- Patient's Date of Birth
- Name of the drug
- Quantity dispensed
- NDC (National Drug Code)
- Fill Date
- Name of Prescriber
- Name and phone number of the dispensing pharmacy
- Reason for the purchase (nature of emergency)
- Proof of Payment



Member Reimbursement forms are available by calling our Presbyterian Customer Service Center at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737**, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. TTY users may call **711**. Please follow the mailing instructions on the *Member Reimbursement Form*.

A Pharmacy Services Call Center is available **24 hours** a day to providers, pharmacies and members to address pharmacy benefit questions. Please contact PCSC at **1-855-593-7737**.

### Preventive Services

Preventive care services are those Professional services rendered for the early detection of asymptomatic illnesses or abnormalities and to prevent illness or other conditions.

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Benefit payments for services listed in this section are not subject to Copayments.

The services listed below, including the diagnosis of osteoporosis, are covered.

### **Cytologic Screening (Pap smear screening)**

Benefits are available to determine the presence of pre-cancerous or cancerous conditions and other health problems in accordance with the national medical standards for women and for women who are at risk of cancer or at risk of other health conditions that can be identified through a cytology screening

### **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Screening**

Routine HPV vaccination for the Human Papillomavirus, is recommended by the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for ages 11 or 12 years. ACIP also recommends vaccination for everyone through age 26 years if not adequately vaccinated previously. HPV vaccination is given as a series of either two or three doses, depending on age at initial vaccination.

### **Health Education and Counseling**

Health education and counseling services will be provided if recommended by your treating Provider and if consistent with Presbyterian Health Plan policy, including:

- If you are 20 years of age or older, you may receive an annual consultation to discuss lifestyle behaviors that promote health and well-being. Included in the consultation may be, but not limited to:
  - Smoking control.
  - Nutrition and diet recommendations.
  - Exercise plans.
  - Lower back protection.
  - Immunization practices.
  - Breast self-examination.
  - Testicular self-examination.
  - Use of seat belts in motor vehicles.
  - Other preventive healthcare practices.
- If you are under age 20, educational materials or consultation to discuss lifestyle behaviors that promote health and well-being including, but not limited to:
  - The consequences of tobacco use.
  - Nutrition and diet recommendations.
  - Exercise plans.
  - Educational information on Alcohol Use and Substance Use, sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and contraception as deemed appropriate by the treating Provider or as requested by the parents or legal guardian for children under 18.



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Diabetes self-management education programs are also covered when Medically Necessary.

### **Mammography Coverage**

This agreement provides coverage for low-dose screening mammograms for determining the presence of breast cancer. This coverage makes available one baseline mammogram to persons **age 35-39**, one mammogram biennially to persons age 40-49, and one mammogram annually to persons **age 50 and over**. After July 1, 1992, coverage shall be available only for screening mammograms obtained on equipment designed specifically to perform low-dose mammography in imaging facilities that have met American College of Radiology accreditation standards for mammography. These scans are covered.

Additionally, medically necessary and clinically appropriate diagnostic breast examinations using diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound that evaluates an abnormality seen or suspected from a screening examination for breast cancer; or detected by another means of examination and medically necessary and clinically appropriate supplemental breast examinations using breast magnetic resonance imaging or breast ultrasound that is used to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality seen or suspected; and based on personal or family medical history or additional factors that may increase the individual's risk of breast cancer are covered.

### **Prostate Exams**

Benefits are available for certain prostate tests. Guidelines for prostate exams are:

- One screening every year for men 40 to 50 years of age who are at increased risk of developing prostate cancer
- One screening every year for men 50 years of age or older

### **Routine Eye Screening**

Routine eye screenings performed only by your PCP to determine the need for vision correction are a benefit and are limited to screening only for Members up to age 17. This does not include routine eye exams or refractions performed by eye care Specialists.

### **Routine Hearing Screening**

Routine hearing screenings performed only by your PCP to determine the need for hearing correction are a benefit and are limited to screening only for Members up to age 26.

### **Routine Immunizations**

Presbyterian Health Plan follows recommendations from the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines for immunizations for all ages. Routine immunizations such as flu shots and other covered adult immunizations including pneumococcal

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vaccine, diphtheria/tetanus, meningitis, and hepatitis when clinically appropriate as determined by Presbyterian Health Plan are covered. Immunizations for employment and travel are not a covered benefit.

### **Routine Physical Examinations**

This benefit provides routine physical, breast, gynecological and pelvic examinations and is not subject to an office visit Copayment. In addition, periodic tests to determine blood hemoglobin, blood pressure and blood glucose level are also covered.

The following is a suggested schedule for routine physical examinations, after an initial examination:

- Ages 8 to 19 years, see Well-Child Care (next page)
- Ages 19 to 49 years, an exam every one to two years
- Ages 50 years and over, an exam every year

Additional services as recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force:

- Periodic blood cholesterol, or periodic fractionated cholesterol level including a low-density lipoprotein (LDL) and a high-density lipoprotein (HDL) level
- Colorectal cancer screening for Members age 45-75

Employment physicals, insurance examinations, examinations at the request of a third party for premarital, camp, international travel and/or other non-preventive services are not covered.

The Provider's itemized billing must clearly indicate that the office visit and tests were for preventive care, well-childcare, or an annual physical to prevent claim payment made less a Copayment.

### **Well-Child Care**

Coverage is provided in accordance with the schedule of well-child exams suggested by the American Academy of Pediatrics as follows:

- During first year of age at 3 to 5 days, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, and 12 months
- During second year of age at 15, 18, 24, and 30 months
- Yearly check-ups for ages 3 and 4 years
- Every year for ages 3 through 21 years

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### Preventive Services for Women

Well-woman visits to include adult and female-specific screenings and preventive benefits:

- Breastfeeding comprehensive support, supplies and counseling from trained providers, as well as access to breastfeeding supplies, for pregnant and nursing women are covered for one year after delivery
- Counseling for HIV, sexually transmitted infections and domestic violence and abuse
- Intimate partner violence screening for all women
- Contraception (Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling, not including abortifacient drugs):
  - Generic birth control (See Pharmacy benefits)
  - Intrauterine devices (IUD)
  - Hormone contraceptive injections
  - Inserted contraceptive devices
  - Implanted contraceptive devices
- Gestational diabetes screening for pregnant women who are 24 weeks gestation or greater and those at high risk of developing gestational diabetes
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) screening in adolescents and adults aged 15 to 65 years, younger adolescents and older adults who are at increased risk of infection, and all pregnant persons
- Behavioral counseling for all sexually active adolescents and for adults who are at increased risk for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Screenings and counseling for pregnant women including screenings for tobacco cessation, sexually transmitted infections, unhealthy drug use, Hepatitis C Virus, bacteriuria, Hepatitis B, perinatal depression, unhealthy alcohol use, cervical cancer, preeclampsia, folic acid, breastfeeding care, Rh(D) incompatibility
- Folic Acid for the prevention of neural tube defects: preventive medication
- Breast Cancer: Medication use to reduce risk
- Sterilization services for women only:
  - Other services during procedure are subject to deductible and coinsurance as outlined in your *Summary of Benefits*
- Well-woman visits to obtain recommended preventive services

You can obtain additional information about Women's Preventive Services recommendations and guidelines on our website at <https://www.phs.org/tools-resources/member/health-wellness-> and at the HealthCare.gov website at <https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-women/>.

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### Skilled Nursing Facility

A skilled nursing facility provides room and board and skilled nursing services for Medical Care and has one or more licensed nurses on duty at all times supervised on a **24-hour** basis by a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Provider, and the services of the Provider are available at all times by an established agreement. The facility must also comply with the legal requirements that apply to its operation and keep daily medical records on all patients. A skilled nursing facility is not an institution, or part of one, used mainly for rest care, care of the aged, care of Substance Use treatment, Custodial Care, or educational care.

**Note:**

**Prior Authorization** is required for Skilled Nursing Facility benefits. The Inpatient Copayment is waived if confinement in the Skilled Nursing Facility is within **15 days** after release from the Hospital and the stay is subject to continued stay review for Medical Necessity. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorizations** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-state National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied. Discuss the need for **Prior Authorizations** with your Provider before obtaining services.

### Smoking Cessation

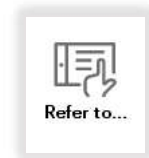
Benefits are available for smoking cessation expenses up to a maximum benefit per Member per lifetime as shown in the *Summary of Benefits*. This benefit includes Acupuncture, hypnotherapy and other recognized smoking cessation programs that are covered through the medical portion of the Plan.

In order to use this benefit, Members must secure medical services and/or purchase the smoking deterrent and pay for the services and drugs in full.

### Pharmacotherapy benefit Limitations

- Prescription Drugs/Medications purchased at an In-network Pharmacy
- Two 90-day courses of treatment per Calendar Year

Refer to your *Summary of Benefits* and your Formulary for your Cost-Sharing amount.



### Surgery

Benefits are available for the following surgical services:

- Necessary anesthesia services by a qualified Provider.

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- Sterilization, but not procedures to reverse voluntary sterilization.
- Services of a Provider who actively assists the operating surgeon in the performance of a covered Surgery when the procedure requires an assistant, but not services of a Provider who is on standby, or available should services be needed.
- Second or third opinion consultations:
  - The second opinion must be received within six months of when the procedure was recommended. The third opinion must be received within six months of the date the second opinion was given. Provider giving the second or third opinion must not be the Provider who recommends or performs the Surgery and must practice in a different office than the Provider who recommends or performs the Surgery.
- Cosmetic or plastic Surgery or reconstruction procedures, such as breast augmentations, rhinoplasties, surgical alteration of the eye, and surgical correction of prognathism, that Presbyterian Health Plan determines are not required to materially improve the physiological function of an organ or body part are not Covered Services. Services for the reconstruction of surgically induced scars are not benefits under any circumstances. Also, additional Surgery or treatment required to care for or to correct a complication due to a previous Surgery is not a benefit.

### **Cardiac Surgery**

Benefits are available for cardiac Surgery such as those for valve replacements or pacemakers.

### **Cataract Surgery**

Benefits are available for cataract Surgery. The initial placement of either one set of prescription eyeglasses or one set of contact lenses (whichever is appropriate for your medical needs) will be a covered service.

Contact lenses are also available when necessary to replace lenses absent at birth or lost through cataract or other intraocular Surgery or ocular injury or prescribed by a Provider as the only treatment available for keratoconus. Services must be Medically Necessary and further replacement is covered only if a Provider or optometrist recommends a change in prescription.

### **Cochlear Implants**

Cochlear implantation of a hearing device (such as an electromagnetic bone conductor) to facilitate communication for the profoundly hearing impaired, including training to use the device, is covered.

### **Congenital Anomalies**

Benefits are available for the surgical correction of functional anomalies present from birth. There are no benefits for Cosmetic procedures or procedures that are not Medically Necessary.

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### Morbid Obesity

Surgical treatment of morbid obesity (bariatric surgery) is Covered only if it is Medically Necessary as defined in this Agreement.

- Bariatric surgery is Covered for patients with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 35 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater who are at high risk for increased morbidity due to specific obesity related co-morbid medical conditions provided by an In-network Provider
- Is a Covered Benefit only if a Member meets this criteria and all other requirements of this Agreement

Member must have demonstrated adherence with all prescribed medications and treatment instructions. Appropriate documentation is required. Specific obesity-related co-morbidities include, but are not limited to:

- Cardiomyopathy
- Congestive heart failure with an ejection fraction of 50% or less than predicted
- Documentation of previous myocardial infarction requiring hospitalization
- Documented Type II diabetes mellitus
- Uncontrolled/massive leg lymphedema
- Obstructive sleep apnea with baseline AHI or RDI of 15 or greater, or currently under treatment with a positive pressure device (CPAP, BiPAP, C-Flex, etc.)
- Obesity related osteoarthritis of the lower extremities for which joint replacement surgery of the knee or ankle has been recommended
- Pickwickian syndrome or cor pulmonale

**Prior Authorization** may be required. Also see Weight Management.

### Oral Surgery

See “Dental Care and Medical Condition of the Mouth and Jaw” in this Section.

### Outpatient Surgery

Benefits are available for Medically Necessary surgical procedures performed in an Outpatient setting (there is no Hospital Admission). Some services require **Prior Authorization** before the outpatient surgery is covered. The Member or Provider must obtain **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan before the service is provided.

### Reconstructive Surgery

Benefits are available for certain types of reconstructive Surgery needed to restore or correct the function of a body part damaged by illness or Accidental Injury.

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Reconstructive Surgery that is required as a consequence of an Accidental Injury or breast reconstruction subsequent to a mastectomy (breast removal) required as a consequence of disease, is a benefit. The Member or Provider must obtain **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan before the service is provided. Reconstructive surgeries provided without prior written **Prior Authorization** are not eligible for benefits under this Plan. Mastectomy Services – Medically Necessary hospitalization related to a covered mastectomy including at least **48 hours** of Inpatient care following a mastectomy and **24 hours** following a lymph node dissection is covered.

When breast reconstruction is chosen, Covered Services include:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance
- Prostheses and physical complications in all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas as determined by the Attending Provider and the patient

Breast reconstruction Surgery is limited to a surgical procedure or procedures performed following a mastectomy on one or both breasts to re-establish symmetry between the two breasts. Benefits are also available for procedures related to nipple reconstruction following a mastectomy.

Removal of a breast Prosthesis is a covered benefit when deemed Medically Necessary. Replacement of the Prosthesis is not a covered benefit if original placement was due to a cosmetic procedure. Reduction mammoplasty Surgery is covered if the patient meets all the criteria to establish Medical Necessity.

<b>Note:</b>
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If you disagree with Presbyterian Health Plan's decision regarding the Medical Necessity of any item or service, you may file a complaint. You may also request an external review of the Presbyterian Health Plan decision at any time. See "Grievance Procedure" in Section 7.
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## Therapy

### Cardiac and/or Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Benefits are available for Outpatient cardiac and/or pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

### Chemotherapy/Dialysis/Radiation Therapy

Benefits are available for the following Inpatient or Outpatient therapeutic services:

- Treatment of malignant disease by standard chemotherapy
- Treatment for removal of waste materials from the body; including renal dialysis, hemodialysis, or peritoneal dialysis, and the cost of equipment rentals and supplies

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- Treatment of disease by X-ray, radium, or radioactive isotopes

### **Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy**

Benefits are available for Outpatient rehabilitation services including physical therapy from a Licensed Physical Therapist, and occupational or speech therapy from a licensed or certified therapist. Benefits are not available for speech therapy in connection with learning disabilities.

These services may also include treatment using cold, heat, or similar modalities to relieve pain, restore maximum function, and prevent disability following illness, Accidental Injury, or loss of a body part.

Benefits are not available for Maintenance Therapy or any diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or health maintenance service provided at or by a health spa or fitness center, even if the service is provided by a licensed or registered Provider.

### **Transplant Services**

Transplant services include a surgical process that involves the removal of an organ from one person and placement of the organ into another. Transplant can also mean removal of organs or tissue from a person for the purpose of treatment and re-implanting the removed organ or tissue into the same person.

Human transplant benefits are available for cornea, hear, heart/lung, lung, intestinal, kidney, liver, pancreas, and pancreas islet cell infusion. Bone marrow transplants are covered ONLY for leukemia, aplastic anemia, lymphoma, severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, amyloidosis, and multiple myeloma. "Bone Marrow Transplant" includes peripheral bone marrow stem cell harvesting and transplantation following high dose chemotherapy.

Prescreening costs at the time of the transplant evaluation and services necessary to complete the evaluation are included in the benefit.

Organ transplant services include the recipient's medical, surgical and Hospital services; Inpatient immunosuppressive medications; and costs for organ procurement. Transplant services are covered only if they are required to perform any of the services outlined previously (in paragraph two above.

Covered cardiac surgeries, such as valve replacements and pacemaker insertions, are covered under "Surgery."



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**Prior Authorization** must be obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan before a pre-transplant evaluation is scheduled. A pre-transplant evaluation is not covered if **Prior Authorization** is not obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan. A Presbyterian Health Plan case manager will be assigned to you (the transplant recipient candidate) and must later be contacted with the results of the evaluation. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from a National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied. Discuss the need for **Prior Authorizations** with your Provider before obtaining services.

If you are approved as a transplant recipient candidate, you must ensure that **Prior Authorization** for the actual transplant is also received. None of the benefits described here are available unless you have this **Prior Authorization**.

In addition, benefits are available only when the transplant is performed at a facility with a transplant program approved by Presbyterian Health Plan. Call PCSC at **1-855-593-7737**, for a current list of Presbyterian Health Plan approved programs.

**Effect of Medicare Eligibility on Coverage:** If you are now eligible for or are anticipating receiving eligibility for Medicare benefits, you are solely responsible for contacting Medicare to ensure that the transplant will be eligible for Medicare benefits.

**Organ Procurement or Donor Expenses:** If a transplant is covered, the surgical removal, storage, and transportation of an organ acquired from a cadaver are also covered. If there is a living donor that requires Surgery to make an organ available for a covered transplant (e.g., kidney or liver), coverage is available for expenses incurred by the donor for travel (if required, covered under the "Transplant" provision, and approved by the Presbyterian Health Plan case manager), Surgery, organ storage expenses, and Inpatient follow-up care only.

This Plan does not cover donor expenses after the donor has been discharged from the transplant facility.

Coverage for compatibility testing prior to organ procurement is limited to the testing of cadavers and, in the case of a live donor, to testing of the donor selected.

Covered Services related to the transplants are subject to usual Cost-Sharing features and benefit limitations of this Plan (e.g., Copayments and out-of-pocket limits; annual Home Health Care maximums).

<b>Reminder:</b>
Benefits are available only when the transplant is performed at a facility with a transplant program approved by Presbyterian Health Plan.

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Travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a pre-approved organ/tissue transplant are covered subject to the following conditions and limitations. Benefits for transportation, lodging and food are available to you only if you are the recipient of a pre-approved organ/tissue transplant from a Presbyterian Health Plan-approved Organ Transplant facility. The term recipient is defined to include a Member receiving authorized transplant related services during any of the following:

- Evaluation
- Candidacy
- Transplant event
- Post-transplant care

Travel expenses for the Member receiving the transplant will include charges for the following:

- Transportation to and from the transplant site, including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the transplant facility
- Lodging while at or traveling to and from transplant site
- Food while at or traveling to and from the transplant site

In addition to you being covered for the charges associated with the item above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany you. The term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver.

By way of example, but not of limitation, the following are specifically excluded travel expenses:

- Travel costs incurred due to travel within 60 miles of your home
- Laundry bills
- Telephone bills
- Alcohol or tobacco products
- Charges for transportation that exceed coach class rates

These benefits are only available when the Member is the recipient of an organ transplant. No benefits are available where the Member is a donor.

Travel benefits are available for an adult transplant recipient and one other person or for a transplant recipient who is a minor; benefits are available for two adults. Transportation costs will be covered only if travel beyond 60 miles of your home is required. Reasonable expenses for lodging and meals will be covered, up to a maximum of \$125 per day for each person, the transplant recipient and companion(s). All benefits for transportation, lodging, and meals are limited to a maximum payment of \$10,000.

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Benefits are not available for implantation of artificial organs, mechanical devices or for non-human organ transplants and those services otherwise listed as covered elsewhere in this booklet. Follow-up care and complications of non-covered transplants are not a covered benefit.

Benefits are subject to the same Copayment, Coinsurance and Out-of-Pocket Maximum provisions as other benefits. The cost-sharing provisions of the coverage in effect on the date services are rendered apply to the transplant benefits.

<b>Note:</b>
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If you disagree with Presbyterian Health Plan's decision regarding the Medical Necessity of any item or service, you may file a complaint. You may also request an external review of the Presbyterian Health Plan decision at any time. See "Grievance Procedure" in Section 7.
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## Section 5 - Limitations and Exclusions

Please read this section carefully. It identifies the limitations that apply to certain Covered Services and specifies the Healthcare Services and supplies that are not covered under this Plan.

<b>Note:</b>
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If you disagree with Presbyterian Health Plan's decision regarding the Medical Necessity of any item or service, you may file a complaint. You may also request an external review of the Presbyterian Health Plan decision at any time. See "Grievance Procedure" in Section 7.
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### Limitations

The following benefits in this section have limits applied.

**Acupuncture treatment** benefits are limited to 25 annual visits per Calendar Year, in combination with services provided for chiropractic.

**Air ambulance** charges for non-emergencies will be covered only if Medically Necessary.

**Bereavement counseling** is limited to three visits in conjunction with services provided through Hospice for a terminally ill Member.

**Biofeedback** treatment is limited to services for Raynaud's disease/phenomenon, chronic pain treatment, tension headaches, migraines and craniomandibular or temporomandibular joint (CMJ/TMJ) disorders. Biofeedback is a benefit only when provided by a Medical Doctor, a Doctor of Osteopathy, or a professional Psychologist.

**Chiropractic (manipulation)** services are limited to a 25 annual visits per Calendar Year, in combination with services provided for Acupuncture.

**Cochlear implants** and related care are limited to implantation of a hearing device to facilitate communication for the profoundly hearing impaired, including any necessary training required to use the device.

**Consumable medical supplies** are covered during hospitalization. They are also covered during an office visit or authorized home health visit Presbyterian Health Plan does not cover supplies used at other times by the Member or Member's family. Consumable medical supplies are:

- Usually disposable
- Cannot be used repeatedly by more than one individual
- Primarily used for a medical purpose
- Generally are useful only to a person who is ill or injured, and
- Ordered or prescribed by a licensed Provider

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**Contact lenses or eyeglasses** (initially, one set) are limited to services necessary to replace lenses absent at birth or lost through cataract or other intraocular Surgery or prescribed by a Provider as the only treatment available for keratoconus. Duplicate lenses are not covered; replacement is covered only if a Provider or optometrist recommends a change in prescription due to the medical condition.

This Plan covers only those procedures listed as covered benefits. This Plan does not cover any other oral or dental procedures such as, but not limited to:

- Inpatient Services that are provided when **Prior Authorization** is not obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan (except initial treatment of accidental injuries)
- Nonstandard services (diagnostic, therapeutic, or surgical)
- Dental treatment or Surgery, such as extraction of teeth or application or cost of devices or splints, unless required due to an Accidental Injury
- Removal of impacted teeth; dental services needed due to a medical condition or a medical or surgical procedure (e.g., chemotherapy or radiation therapy); removal of tori or exostosis procedures involving orthodontic care, the teeth, dental implants, periodontal disease, or preparing the mouth for dentures
- Duplicate or “spare” appliances
- Artificial devices and/or bone grafts for denture wear
- Personalized restorations, cosmetic replacement of serviceable restorations, or materials (such as precious metals) that are more expensive than necessary to restore damaged teeth

**Diagnostic testing** for infertility is limited to testing needed to diagnose the cause of infertility. Once the cause has been established and the recommended treatment is not covered by this Plan, no further testing will be covered under this Plan.

**Durable Medical Equipment, orthotic and prosthetic devices and external prostheses** require **Prior Authorization**. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from a National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied.

**Family planning** coverage is limited to Depo-Provera injections, diaphragms, implantable contraception devices (insertion and removal), intrauterine devices (IUDs), genetic testing, and sterilization procedures. Therapeutic or elective abortions are also covered.

**Genetic testing** means an analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins, or metabolites, if the analysis detects genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes. However, a genetic test does not include an analysis of proteins or metabolites that is directly related to a manifested disease, disorder, or pathological condition. Accordingly, a test to determine whether an individual has BRCA1 or BRCA2 variant is a genetic test. Similarly, a test to determine whether an individual has a genetic variant associated with hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal

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cancer is a genetic test. However, an HIV test, complete blood count, cholesterol test, liver function test, or test for the presence of alcohol or drugs is not a genetic test. The results of a genetic test can confirm or rule out a suspected genetic condition or help determine a person's chance of developing or passing on a genetic disorder if that person has a known family history or classic symptoms of a disorder. Genetic testing is not covered when the test is performed primarily for the medical management of other family members. Additional expenses for banking of genetic material are not covered. Genetic testing requires **Prior Authorization**.

**Home Health Care** services require **Prior Authorization**. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from a National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied.

**Hospice care** benefits are limited to patients terminally ill as described in Section 4. **Prior Authorization** is required from the Plan. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-state National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied.

**Infertility testing** is limited to testing needed to diagnose the cause of infertility. Once the cause has been established and the treatment is determined not covered by this Plan, no further testing will be covered under this Plan.

**Infertility treatment** is limited to Surgery to open obstructed tubes, epididymis or vasectomy when not the result of sterilization and replacement of deficient hormones if there is documented evidence of a deficiency.

**Preventive services** are limited to services directed by your primary care provider and suggested frequency schedules in Section 4.

**Reconstructive Surgery** requires **Prior Authorization**. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-network National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied.

**Repair or replacement of non-rental Durable Medical Equipment, orthotic appliances and prosthetic devices** due to normal wear and damage requires **Prior Authorization**. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-network National Network Provider, then it is

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your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied.

**Respite care** for a Hospice caretaker will be limited to two respite stays of **10 days** per benefit period.

**Routine eye screenings** are limited to Dependents through age 17.

**Routine hearing screenings** are limited to Dependents through age 26.

**Routine physical exams** and other preventive care services are limited to schedules as detailed in Section 4.

**Skilled Nursing Care** is subject to **Prior Authorization** by Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorization** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from an out-of-network National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of \$250 (in addition to any Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance amounts listed on the *Summary of Benefits*), or benefits being denied.

**Alcohol Use and/or Substance Use Dependence Use** benefits are limited as follows: All Inpatient Alcohol Use and Substance Use Dependence services may require **Prior Authorization** to be considered an eligible expense under this Plan.

**Transplants** - Benefits for travel, lodging, and meals are limited to the adult transplant recipient and one other person. For minor children, benefits are payable for two other persons. Lodging and meals are limited to \$125 per day per person including the transplant patient, to a maximum lifetime benefit payment of \$10,000, to include transportation. Donor organ procurement costs for the surgical removal, storage, and transportation of the donated organ are covered for Medicare allowable charge.

**Weight loss treatment for obesity** is subject to Medical Necessity.

### Exclusions

Any service, supply, item or treatment not listed as a covered service in Sections 4. "Covered Services" is not covered under this Plan. Benefits are not available for any of the following services, supplies, items, situations, or related expenses in this section.

**Activities of daily living** are not a covered benefit, to include assistance in bathing, dressing, feeding, exercising, preparing meals, homemaking, moving the patient, giving medications, or acting as a sitter.

**Adoption/Surrogate expenses** are not a covered benefit.

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**Ambulance** (including air ambulance) charges which are not medically necessary.

**Amniocentesis and/or ultrasound** to determine the gender of a fetus are not covered benefits under this Plan.

**Artificial conception** including fertilization and/or growth of a fetus outside the mother's body in an artificial environment, such as artificial insemination, in-vitro ("test tube") or in-vivo fertilization, GIFT, ZIFT, all drugs, hormonal manipulation, donor sperm or embryo transfer are not covered services. Any artificial conception method not specifically listed is also excluded.

**Autopsies** are not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Before effective date** benefits are not available for any Inpatient treatment that began before the Member's effective date or for any service or supply received before the Member's effective date under this Plan.

**Blood** charges if the blood has been replaced and blood donor storage fees if there is not a scheduled procedure.

### Charges

- In excess of Plan limits
- In excess of Medicare allowable amounts when services are secured from an Out-of-network Provider in an emergency or urgent need or for transplant services
- Made by a family Member (spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling or child) or someone who lives with you

**Clinic or other facility services** that the Member is eligible to have provided without charge.

**Complications of non-benefit services**, supplies and treatment received including, but not limited to, complications for non-covered transplants, cosmetic, Experimental, or Investigational procedures, sterilization reversal, or infertility treatment are not Covered Services.

**Contact lenses or eyeglasses** unless specifically listed as a covered benefit under this Plan

**Convalescent care** or rest cures.

**Cosmetic and/or plastic Surgery or services**, unless specifically covered in this booklet. Cosmetic Surgery is beautification or aesthetic Surgery to improve an individual's appearance by surgical alteration of a physical characteristic. The Plan does not cover Cosmetic Surgery, services or procedures for psychiatric or psychological reasons, or to change family characteristics or conditions caused by aging. This Plan does not cover services related to a cosmetic service, procedure, or Surgery, or required as a result of a non-covered cosmetic service, procedure, or Surgery.



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**Counseling** services are not a covered benefit under this Plan unless listed as a covered service.

**Court ordered services** are not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Custodial Care** such as sitters, homemaker's services, or care in a place that serves the patient primarily as a residence when the Member does not require Skilled Nursing Care.

**Dental services except as provided in Section 4 Covered Services**, "Dental Care and medical Conditions of the Mouth and Jaw." Hospitalization, day surgery outpatient services and/or anesthesia for Non-Covered dental services are covered if provided in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center for dental surgery when approved by Presbyterian Health Plan.

**Dependent of a Dependent** (grandchild) expenses are not a covered benefit unless the Dependent is otherwise eligible for coverage under this Plan.

**Diagnostic testing** for infertility is limited to testing needed to diagnose the cause of infertility. Once the cause has been established and the treatment is determined to be not covered by this Plan, no further testing will be covered under this Plan.

**Diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, or health maintenance services** provided at or by a health spa or fitness center, even if the service is provided by a licensed or registered Provider.

**Domiciliary care** or care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or school because a Member's own home arrangements are not available or are unsuitable, and consisting chiefly of room and board, even if therapy is included.

**Donor expenses incurred by a Member** are not a covered benefit under this Plan, except as specified in this SPD.

Duplicate coverage including, but not limited to:

- Services already covered by other valid coverage
- Services already paid under Medicare or that would have been paid if the Member was entitled to Medicare, had applied for Medicare, and had claimed Medicare benefits
- If your prior coverage has an extension of benefits provision, this Plan will not cover charges incurred after your effective date under this Plan that are covered under the prior plan's extension of benefits provision

**Duplicate diagnostic testing or over reads** of laboratory, pathology, or radiology tests are not covered.

**Duplicate equipment** is not covered under this Plan.

**Durable Medical Equipment, orthotic and Prosthetic Devices and external prostheses** repairs for items not owned by the Member, or which exceed the purchase price.

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**Educational or institutional services** except for diabetes education and preventive care provided under routine services as described in Section 4.

**Environmental control** expenses are not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Exercise equipment** is not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Experimental or Investigational services/treatments** are **not covered** benefits. Experimental/ Investigational means any treatment, procedure, facility, equipment, drug, device, or supply not accepted as standard medical practice in the state services are provided. In addition, if a federal or other governmental agency approval is required for use of any items and such approval was not granted at the time services were administered, the service is Experimental. To be considered standard medical practice and not Experimental or Investigational, treatment must meet all five of the following criteria:

- A technology must have final approval from the appropriate regulatory government bodies
- The scientific evidence as published in peer-reviewed literature must permit conclusions concerning the effect of the technology on health outcomes
- The technology must improve the net health outcome
- The technology must be as beneficial as any established alternatives
- The improvement must be attainable outside the Investigational settings

**Eye exercises and refractions** are not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Food and lodging expenses** are **not covered** except for those that are eligible for per diem coverage under the “Transplant Services” provision in Section 4.

**Foot care**, including all routine services such as the treatment of flat foot conditions, supportive devices, accommodative orthotics, orthopedic shoes unless jointed to braces, partial dislocations, bunions except capsular or bone Surgery, fallen arches, weak feet, chronic foot strain, symptomatic complaints of the feet, and the trimming of corns, calluses, or toenails, unless medical conditions such as diabetes exist.

**Hair loss, including** wigs, artificial hairpieces, hair transplants, or implants, even if there is a medical reason for hair loss.

**Home births.**

**Home Health Care** benefits for care that includes:

- Is provided primarily for the convenience of the Member or the Member’s family
- Consists mostly of bathing, feeding, exercising, preparing meals, homemaking, moving the patient, giving medications, or acting as a sitter

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- Is provided by a nurse who ordinarily resides in the Member's home or is a member of the patient's immediate family

**Hospice benefits** are not available for the following services:

- Food, housing, or delivered meals
- Medical transportation
- Comfort items
- Homemaker and housekeeping services
- Private duty nursing
- Pastoral and spiritual counseling
- Volunteer services
- Support services provided to the family when the patient is not a Member of this Plan

In addition, the following services are not benefits under Hospice but may be covered elsewhere under this booklet:

- Acute Inpatient Hospital care for curative services
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Non-Hospice care Provider visits
- Ambulance Services

**Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG) injections** are not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Hypnotherapy** or services related to hypnosis, whether for medical or anesthetic purposes, except as covered under "Smoking Cessation Treatment" provision in Section 4.

**Infertility testing and treatment** not listed as a covered benefit under this Plan. Also see the exclusion under Artificial Conception.

**Implantation** of artificial organs or mechanical devices except as specified in this booklet are not a covered benefit under this Plan, unless as a result of illness or injury and **Prior Authorization** is obtained from Presbyterian Health Plan before services are provided.

**Late claims filing:** This plan does not cover services submitted for benefit determination if Presbyterian Health Plan receives the claim more than 12 months after the date of service. **Note:** If there is a change in the Claims Administrator, the length of this timely filing period may also change.

**Learning disabilities and behavioral problems:** This plan does not cover special education, counseling, therapy, or care for learning or behavioral conditions.

**Legal payment obligations:** Services for which the Member has no legal obligation to pay or that are free, charges made only because benefits are available under this Plan, services for which the Member has received a professional or courtesy discount, services provided by the

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Member upon oneself or a covered family Member, or by one ordinarily residing in the Member's household, or by a family member, or Provider charges exceeding the amount specified by the Health and Human Services Department when benefits are payable under Medicare.

**Local anesthesia** charges that have been included in the cost of the surgical procedure are **not covered**.

**Long term rehabilitation services** are not covered. Long term therapy includes treatment for chronic or incurable conditions for which rehabilitation produces minimal or temporary change or relief. Treatment of chronic conditions is not covered.

**Maintenance or long-term therapy** or care or any treatment (Inpatient or Outpatient) that does not significantly improve your function or productivity, or care provided after you have reached your rehabilitative potential (unless therapy is covered during an approved Hospice benefit period) is not covered under this Plan. In a dispute about whether your rehabilitative potential has been reached, you are responsible for furnishing documentation from your Provider supporting his/her opinion that your rehabilitative potential has not been reached. **Note:** Even if your rehabilitative potential has not yet been reached, this Plan does not cover services that are in excess of maximum benefit limitations.

**Massage therapy** is not covered under this Plan.

**Medical equipment** to include, but not be limited to, stethoscopes and blood pressure monitors unless listed as a covered item under this Plan.

**Medically unnecessary services:** This plan does not cover services that are not Medically Necessary as defined in the beginning of Section 4, unless such services are specifically listed as covered (e.g., see "Preventive Services" in Section 4).

**Membership fees** are not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Mental Health and Alcohol Use and/or Substance Use** for the following are **not covered**:

- Any care that is patient elected and is not considered Medically Necessary
- Care which is mandated by court order or as a legal alternative, and lacks clinical necessity as diagnosed by a licensed Provider
- Workers' Compensation or disability claims are not covered as part of treatment
- Long term Custodial Care of children and adolescents
- Special education, school testing and evaluations, counseling, therapy or care for learning deficiencies or education and developmental disorders
- Non-national standard therapies, including Experimental as determined by the Mental Health professional practice

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**Mobile or temporary testing units** who submit a bill to this Plan will have those charges denied, to include services for pap smears, mammography, OB/GYN services, adult general screening and physicals.

**Non-covered Providers:** Members of your immediate family or one normally residing in your home, health spas or health fitness centers, school infirmaries (except for Student Health Centers at institutions of higher education), private sanitariums, nursing homes, rest homes, or dental or medical departments sponsored by or for an employer, mutual benefit association, labor union, trustee, or any similar person or group.

**Non-human organ transplants**, except for porcine (pig) heart valve, are not covered under this Plan.

**Non-medical equipment** is not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Non-medical expenses:** This Plan does not cover non-medical expenses (even if medically recommended and regardless of therapeutic value), including charges for services such as, but not limited to:

- Missed appointments
- “Get-acquainted” visits without physical assessment or Medical Care
- Provision of medical information to perform pre-Admission or concurrent review
- Filling out of claim forms
- Mailing and/or shipping and handling charges
- Interest expenses
- Copies of medical records
- Modifications to home, vehicle, or workplace to accommodate medical conditions
- Voice synthesizers or other communication devices
- Membership fees at spas
- Health clubs or other such facilities, even if medically recommended

**Nonprescription and over the counter drugs** as well as:

- Infertility medications
- Non-medicinal substances, regardless of intended use
- Medications or preparations used for cosmetic purposes, such as preparations to promote hair growth or medicated cosmetics
- Charges for the administration or injection of any drug, including allergens or allergy shots unless elsewhere covered in this booklet

**Nonstandard or deluxe equipment** is not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Nutritional supplements** are not a covered benefit under this Plan unless the supplement is the sole source of nutrition. Infant formulas are not a covered benefit.

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**Obesity treatment** is not a covered benefit under this Plan unless the Member is being treated for morbid obesity.

**Orthodontic appliances and treatment, crowns, bridges, or dentures** for the treatment of craniomandibular joint (CMJ) or temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders unless the disorder is trauma related. Also, nonstandard diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical treatments of TMJ are not benefits under any circumstances.

**Orthopedic shoes** are not a covered benefit under this Plan unless the shoes are attached to a brace, or for treatment of diabetes.

**Orthotics** are not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Personal convenience** items such as air conditioners, humidifiers, or physical fitness exercise equipment, or personal services such as haircuts, shampoos and sets, guest meals, and radio or television rentals are not covered.

**Personal trainers** are not covered under the provisions of this Plan.

**Physical examinations and/or immunizations** for purposes of employment, insurance, premarital or international travel tests, sports, school, camp, other non-preventive tests, and those requested by a third party, are not covered under this Plan unless considered Medically Necessary by the Plan.

**Post-termination care:** This Plan does not cover services received after your coverage is terminated, even if **Prior Authorization** for such services were needed because of an event that occurred while you were covered. Benefits are available for Covered Services related to and received during a covered Hospital Admission that began before coverage ended. Coverage for the Admission and related Inpatient services continues until the earlier of the date: 1) benefits for the Admission are exhausted, or 2) when there is an interruption of the Inpatient stay (such as discharge or a leave of absence from the facility, regardless of the date of discharge).

**Private room expenses** are not a covered benefit under this Plan unless there is documented Medical Necessity.

**Private duty nursing** charges are not covered under this Plan unless services are considered Medically Necessary.

**Protective clothing or devices** are not covered under this Plan.

**Radial keratotomy, LASIK** and other eye refractive Surgery are not covered benefits under this Plan.

**Radiation:** Any claim directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to or arising from ionization radiation, pollution or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear waste or from

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the combustion of a nuclear fuel, the radioactive toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

**Repair or replacement of Durable Medical Equipment, orthotic appliances and prosthetic devices** due to loss, neglect, theft, misuse, abuse, to improve appearance or for convenience.

**Reversals** of surgical procedures are not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Rolfing** is **not covered** under this Plan.

**Self-help programs and therapies** not specifically covered in this booklet.

**Services not specifically identified** as a benefit in this booklet, or services not listed as a covered benefit in this booklet.

**Sexual dysfunction** testing and treatment, unless related to organic disease or Accidental Injury.

**Speech therapy** charges not otherwise listed as a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Sperm storage** is not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**Standby professional services** are not covered under this Plan.

**Surgical sterilization reversal** of voluntary infertility procedures is not covered.

**Thermography** (a technique that photographically represents the surface temperatures of the body) is not covered under this Plan.

**Transplants** not specifically listed as a covered benefit under this Plan are not covered.

**Travel and other transportation expenses**, except as covered under “Ambulance Services” and “Transplants” are not covered.

**Treatment for injuries** sustained by a Member in the course of committing a felony, if the Member is subsequently convicted of the felony is not covered.

**Unreasonable charges** will not be covered by this Plan.

**Untimely filing:** Claims filed more than 12 months after the date of service are not covered.

**Veterans Administration facility services** or supplies furnished by a Veterans Administration facility for a service-connected disability, or while a Member is in active military service are not covered.

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**Vision care:** The Plan does not cover eyeglasses, contact lenses, and routine eye refractions unless listed as covered in this booklet.

**Vision therapy** or any surgical or medical service or supply provided in connection with refractive keratoplasty (surgery to correct nearsightedness), or any complication related to keratoplasty, including radial keratotomy or any procedure designed to correct myopia, or any procedure to correct refractive defects such as farsightedness, presbyopia, or astigmatism are not covered.

**Vitamins, dietary supplements, special foods, formulas, or diets** Nutritional supplements are not a covered benefit under this Plan unless the supplement is the sole source of nutrition. Infant formulas are not a covered benefit.

**Vocational rehabilitation services** are not a covered benefit under this Plan.

**War** Any claim directly or indirectly occasioned by, happening through, or in consequence of war, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared), acts of terrorism, civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power or confiscation or nationalization or requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of government or public or local authority.

**Weight loss programs, obesity treatment, and nutritional counseling**, except as outlined in Section 4.

**Work-related conditions:** This Plan does not cover services resulting from work-related illness or injury, or charges resulting from occupational accidents or sickness covered under:

- Occupational disease laws
- Employer's liability
- Municipal, state, or federal law (except Medicaid)
- Workers' Compensation Act

To recover benefits for a work-related illness or injury, you must pursue your rights under the Workers' Compensation Act or any of the above provisions that apply, including filing an appeal. (Presbyterian Health Plan may pay claims during the appeal process on the condition that you sign a reimbursement agreement.)

This Plan does not cover a work-related illness or injury, even if:

- You fail to file a claim within the filing period allowed by the applicable law
- You obtain care not authorized by Workers' Compensation insurance
- Your employer fails to carry the required Workers' Compensation insurance (The employer may be liable for an employee's work-related illness or injury expenses)
- You fail to comply with any other provisions of the law



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**Note:**

This “Work-related condition” exclusion does not apply to an executive employee or sole proprietor of a professional or business corporation who has affirmatively elected not to accept the provisions of the New Mexico Workers’ Compensation Act. You must provide documentation showing that you have waived Workers’ Compensation and that you are eligible for the waiver. (The Workers’ Compensation Act may also not apply if an employer has a very small number of employees or employs certain types of laborers excluded from the Act.)

## Section 6 - Termination

### How Coverage Stops

Coverage under this Plan terminates on the last day of the earliest of the following:

- The period for which premiums are paid
- On the date when eligibility ceases, or
- When this Plan ends

If you are enrolled in the Santa Fe County Premium Only Plan (POP), coverage can be dropped only with an approved change in family status. (See Section 3 for additional details).

If a Dependent becomes ineligible due to age, coverage ceases on the applicable birthday.

If a Dependent loses eligibility due to marriage or divorce, coverage ends on the date of marriage or divorce.

Coverage under this SPD does not end for any Member who is a Hospital Inpatient at the time of the Membership termination until benefits applicable to the Admission are exhausted or until the Member is discharged from the Hospital, whichever occurs first.

### How to Disenroll Dependents

When you lose a Dependent through marriage, death, divorce, annulment, or legal separation, or a Dependent is ineligible due to age, please submit an Application to disenroll the Dependent from your coverage. Contact your Santa Fe County HR Department for the necessary forms.

### Certificate of Coverage

If your coverage is terminated, the Claim Administrator provides evidence of your prior health coverage by supplying you with a Certificate of Coverage. You may need to furnish this certificate if you become eligible under a group health plan that excludes coverage for a pre-existing condition or if you want to buy, for you or your family, an individual insurance policy.

### Leave without Pay

Employees on leave without pay and employees with less than **27 hours** of paid time on a biweekly pay period must pay the full premium to keep this coverage in force. Santa Fe County makes no contribution in these instances. Premium payment must be made on the payday of that current pay period. Failure to pay premiums on the due date while on leave without pay will result in cancellation of coverage. If coverage is dropped or terminated while you are on non-medical, non FMLA leave without pay, you are subject to the late applicant provisions, except employees who are called to active military/reserve duty. It is extremely important to pay close

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attention to this requirement so that coverage is not lost. Please make prompt arrangements with your Santa Fe County HR Department. Leave without pay guidelines apply to authorized leaves of absence, disability leaves, or temporary layoffs. If an employee is laid off, coverage may continue for three months, subject to extensions. If an employee is given a leave of absence, coverage may continue for the full time of the leave of absence, not to exceed **one year**. If an employee is disabled, coverage may continue for up to **one year** from the date of disability. See your Santa Fe County HR Department for further information.

### **Continuation of Cover Under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)**

If you take a leave of absence that qualifies as a Family and Medical Leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (an FMLA leave), medical coverage for you and your family Members continues as long as you continue paying your portion of the cost of coverage during the FMLA leave. Your Santa Fe County HR Department will advise you of the methods available to continue paying for your coverage. If you elect to discontinue medical coverage during an FMLA leave and subsequently return to work, your coverage will be reinstated with no waiting period or pre-existing condition limitation. For additional information on FMLA leave and the effect on your benefits, please contact your Santa Fe County HR Department.

### **Continuation of Coverage under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA)**

Santa Fe County supports voluntary military service with the United States armed forces and complies with all laws that protect your rights to benefits during or following a period of military service. If you leave the Santa Fe County employment to serve in a branch of the United States armed forces, you may be eligible to apply for reemployment in conformance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, and any amendments thereto. Contact your Santa Fe County HR Department to discuss your rights under this law.

### **Continuation of Coverage under Cobra**

This Plan is subject to the provisions for continuation of Plan coverage under Federal law (COBRA). The employee and his/her covered Dependents who lose eligibility under this Plan may continue as Group Members for a limited period of time.

On April 7, 1986, a new Federal law was enacted (Public Law 99-272, Title X “COBRA”) requiring that most employers sponsoring group health plans offer employees and their families the opportunity for a temporary extension of healthcare coverage (called “COBRA continuation of coverage”) at group rates in certain instances where coverage under the Plan would otherwise end. This section is intended to inform you, in a summary fashion, of your rights and obligations under the continuation of coverage provisions of this law. (Both you and your spouse should take the time to read this section carefully.

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If you are an employee of Santa Fe County covered by this healthcare Plan, you have the right to choose this continuation coverage if you lose your group health coverage due to a reduction in your hours of employment or the termination of your employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct).

If you are the spouse of an employee covered by the Group healthcare Plan, you have the right to choose continuation of coverage for yourself if you lose group health coverage under the Group's Plan for any of the following reasons:

- The death of your spouse
- A termination of your spouse's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct) or reduction in your spouse's hours of employment
- Divorce or legal separation from your spouse
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits

A Dependent child of an employee covered by the Group's healthcare Plan has the right to continuation of coverage if group healthcare coverage under the Group's Plan is lost for any of the following reasons:

- The death of the parent employee
- The termination of a parent's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct) or reduction in a parent's hours of employment with the employer
- Parent's divorce or legal separation
- The Dependent ceases to be a Dependent child under the Plan
- The parent employee becomes entitled to Medicare

Under this law, the employee or a family Member has the responsibility to inform the Plan Administrator (your Santa Fe County HR Department) of a divorce, legal separation, or a child losing Dependent status under the Group Plan.

A COBRA qualifying event also occurs upon an employee's death, termination of employment, any reduction in hours that disqualifies the person for group coverage, or Medicare entitlement (in the case of terminating employees only).

Should one of the above events have occurred, the Plan Administrator will in turn notify you (within **14 days** of receipt of notification) that you have the right to choose continuation of coverage. Under this law, you have at least **60 days** from the date you would lose coverage due to one of these events to inform the Plan administrator that you want continuation of coverage.

If you do not choose continuation of coverage, your group health coverage will end.

If you choose continuation of coverage, your employer is required to give you coverage that, as of the time coverage is being provided, is identical to the coverage provided under the Plan to similarly situated employees or family Members. This law requires that you be given the

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opportunity to maintain continuation of coverage for up to 36 months, unless you lost group healthcare coverage due to a termination of employment or reduction in hours, in which case the required continuation coverage period is 18 months, unless you have been determined to be disabled under the Social Security Act, in which case the required continuation coverage period is 29 months. However, this law also provides that your continuation coverage may be cut short for any of the following reasons:

- The employer no longer provides group health coverage to any of its employees
- The premium for your continuation coverage is not paid on time
- You become covered under another group health plan as a result of employment or re-employment (whether or not you are an employee of that employer), unless the new plan contains an exclusion or limitation relating to any pre-existing condition you may have
- You are a widow or were divorced from a covered employee and subsequently remarry and are covered under your new spouse's health plan unless the new plan contains an exclusion or limitation relating to any pre-existing condition you may have
- You become entitled to Medicare benefits (coverage may continue for your spouse)
- It is determined that you are no longer disabled (shortens the extended period)

You do not have to show that you are insurable to choose continuation coverage. However, under this law, you may have to pay 102% (150% in the case of the 19th through 29th month for a disabled person) of the full premium for your continuation coverage.

For more information regarding COBRA, contact your Santa Fe County HR Department.

### **Cobra and the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)**

A leave that qualifies as a Family and Medical Leave under the FMLA does not make you eligible for COBRA coverage. However, whether or not you lose coverage because of nonpayment of premiums during a Family and Medical Leave, you may be eligible for COBRA on the last day of the leave, which is the earliest of the following:

- The date you unequivocally inform your Santa Fe County HR Department that you are not returning at the end of the leave
- The date your leave ends, assuming you do not return
- The date the FMLA entitlement ends

For purposes of a Family and Medical Leave, you will be eligible for COBRA only if:

- You or your Dependent is covered by the Plan on the day before the date the leave begins (or becomes covered during the leave)
- You do not return to employment at the end of the leave
- You or your Dependent loses coverage under the Plan before the end of what would be the maximum COBRA continuation period

## Section 7 - Filing Claims

This is an HMO-type Plan wherein the In-network Providers have agreed to file your claims directly to Presbyterian Health Plan and payment is made directly to the Provider. Presbyterian Health Plan has arranged to provide additional coverage with National Network Providers when you obtain covered services outside of New Mexico. If you obtain covered services outside of New Mexico from National Network Providers, they will file the claim with Presbyterian Health Plan for you.

On occasion you may access care from an Out-of-network Provider such as in an emergency when you are traveling out of the service area. In such cases you may have to file a claim yourself.

### Emergency Services or Out-of-Network Providers

In some cases, Hospital, laboratory, X-ray, and clinic claims are filed by the Out-of-network Providers. Out-of-network Providers may also file claims for you. However, you will be required to submit claim forms when your Out-of-network Provider does not file them for you. Submit all claims as the services are received and attach the itemized bill for services or supplies. Do not file for the same service twice unless requested by a Presbyterian Customer Service Center representative.

<b>Note:</b>
When the Out-of-network Provider does not bill for you, you will be required to pay that Provider.

The Member Claim Forms are available from your Santa Fe County HR Department, the Presbyterian Health Plan website at [www.phs.org](http://www.phs.org) or a Presbyterian Customer Service Center representative. Please mail the claim forms and itemized bills to:

**Address:** Presbyterian Health Plan  
Attn: Santa Fe County Claims  
P.O. Box 27489  
Albuquerque, NM 87125-7489

Claims must be submitted no later than 12 months after the date a service or supply was received. If your Provider does not file a claim for you, you are responsible for filing the claim within the 12-month deadline. Claims submitted after the 12-month deadline are not eligible for benefit payments. If a claim is returned for further information, you must resubmit it within **90 days**.

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### Claims Outside the United States

Even overseas, this Plan's coverage travels with you. If you need Hospital or Provider care, claims should be handled the same way as described in "Out-of-network Claims," above. Members are responsible for ensuring that claims are appropriately translated and that the monetary exchange rate is clearly identified when submitting claims for services received outside the United States.

### Itemized Bills

Itemized bills must be submitted on billing forms or the Provider's letterhead stationery and must show all of the following:

- Name and address of the Provider or other healthcare Provider
- Full name of the patient receiving treatment or services
- Date, type of service, diagnosis, and charge for each service separately

The only acceptable bills are those from healthcare Providers. Canceled checks, balance due statements, cash register receipts or bills you prepare yourself are not acceptable. Please make a copy of all itemized bills for your records before you send them because the bills are not returned to you. Itemized bills are necessary for your claim to be processed so that all benefits available under this Plan are provided.

If your itemized bill(s) include services previously filed, clearly identify the new charges that you are submitting.

### How Payments are Made

Payments for Covered Services usually are sent directly to In-network and National Network Providers, including In-network and National Network Hospitals/treatment facilities. Payments for Covered Services by Out-of-network Providers are sent to the Member unless the Member has assigned benefits to the Provider.

Provider payments are based upon In-network and National Network agreements and the Negotiated Fee Schedule as determined by Presbyterian Health Plan. You are responsible for paying the Deductible and/or any Copayments, Coinsurance, and charges for non-Covered Services.

If you obtain services from an Out-of-network Provider, you are responsible for paying all Copayments, Coinsurance, and charges for non-Covered Services.

Payment of benefits for Members eligible for Medicaid is made to the New Mexico Human Services Department or to the Medicaid Provider when required by law.

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Additional information may be requested to process your claim, coordinate benefits, or protect the subrogation interest. You must supply the information or agree to have the information released by another person to Presbyterian Health Plan.

You may be requested to have another Provider examine you if there are questions about a **Prior Authorization** review or about a particular service or supply for which you are claiming benefits. In this event, the Plan will cover the requested examination.

### Overpayments

If payments made by Presbyterian Health Plan are greater than the benefits you have under this Plan, you are required to refund the excess. In the event that you do not, future benefits may be withheld and applied to the amount that you owe to the Plan.

### Coordination of Benefits

This Plan contains a coordination of benefits (COB) provision that prevents duplication of payments. Under this provision, if a Member is eligible for benefits under any other valid coverage, the combined benefit payments from all coverage cannot exceed 100% of the covered expenses. Other valid coverage means all other insurance policies, which may include Medicare, that provide payments for medical expenses.

If a Member is covered by both Medicare and this Plan and is not a retiree, special COB rules may apply. Contact a Presbyterian Customer Service Center representative for more information.

If a Member is currently covered under COBRA provisions, coverage ceases at the beginning of the month in which the Member either becomes enrolled for any other valid coverage unless a preexisting condition limitation applies, or until the COBRA period expires, whichever occurs first.

The following rules determine order of benefit determination between this Plan and any other plan covering a Member not on COBRA continuation on whose behalf a claim is made:

1. No COB Provision. If the other valid coverage does not include a COB provision, that coverage pays first, and this Plan pays secondary benefits.
2. Employee/Dependent. If the Member who received care is covered as the employee under one coverage and as a Dependent under another, the employee's coverage pays first. If the Member is also a Medicare beneficiary, and Medicare is secondary to the plan covering the person as a Dependent of an active employee, then the order of benefit determination is:
  - a. Benefits of the plan of an active worker covering the Medicare beneficiary as a Dependent.
  - b. Medicare.



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- c. Benefits of the plan covering the Medicare beneficiary as the policyholder or as an active or retired employee.

Note: If the Member has other valid coverage, please contact the other carrier's customer service center to determine if that coverage is primary or secondary to Medicare. There are many federal regulations regarding Medicare Secondary Payer provisions, and other coverage may or may not be subject to those provisions.

3. **Dependent Child/Parents Not Separated or Divorced.** If the Member who receives care is a Dependent child, the coverage of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year pays first. If the other valid coverage does not follow the birthday rule, then the gender rule applies (that is, the male parent's coverage comes first).
4. **Child/Parents Separated or Divorced.** If two or more plans cover a Member as a Dependent child of divorced or separated parents, benefits for the child follow these rules:
  - a. **Court-Decreed Obligations.** Regardless of which parent has custody; if a court decree specifies which parent is financially responsible for the child's healthcare expenses, the coverage of that parent pays first.
  - b. **Custodial/Non-Custodial.** The plan of the parent with custody of the child pays first. The plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child pays second. The plan of the parent not having custody of the child pays last.
  - c. **Joint Custody.** When a court decree specifies that the parents share joint custody, without stating that one of the parents is responsible for the healthcare expenses of the child, the plans covering the child follow the order of benefit determination rules applicable to children whose parents are not separated or divorced.
5. **Active/Inactive Employee.** If the Member who received care is covered as an active employee under one coverage and as an inactive employee under another, the coverage through active employment pays first. Likewise, if a Member is covered as the Dependent of an active employee under one coverage and as the Dependent of the same but inactive employee under another, the coverage through active employment pays first. If the other plan does not have this rule and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, the next rule applies.
6. **Longer/Shorter Length of Coverage.** When none of the above applies, the coverage in effect for the longest continuous period of time pays first. The start of a new plan does not include a change in the amount or scope of a plan's benefits, a change in the entity that pays, provides, or administers the plan's benefits or a change from one type of plan to another.

If you receive more than you should have when benefits are coordinated, you are required to repay any overpayment.

Your other valid coverage may be with a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), or another program that limits or excludes benefits if you do not meet the obligations for obtaining **Prior Authorization** of care, for obtaining the proper level of

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care for the condition treated or for obtaining services from Providers authorized or recognized by your primary carrier. If you do not meet these obligations and your primary benefits are reduced as a result, Presbyterian Health Plan limits its secondary benefit payment to the difference between the Presbyterian Health Plan Negotiated Fee-for-Service for the service received and the amount that would have been paid if you had met the obligations recognized by your primary carrier. If you do not meet these obligations and your primary benefits are reduced as a result, Presbyterian Health Plan limits its secondary benefit payment to the difference between the Presbyterian Health Plan Negotiated Fee-for-Service for the service received and the amount that would have been paid if you had met the obligations.

### **Effect of Medicare on Benefits**

Shortly before you or your spouse become age 65, or if you or any other family Member becomes qualified for Medicare benefits, contact your local Social Security office to establish Medicare eligibility. Then, contact your Santa Fe County HR Department to discuss coverage options.

If you are a working employee age 65 or over or your spouse is age 65 or over, you are eligible to continue Santa Fe County coverage on the same basis as Members under age 65.

When a retiree becomes eligible for Medicare, Medicare is primary, and benefits are paid according to the Coordination of Benefits provisions of this Plan.

If Medicare coverage coexists with this Plan, Medicare will be secondary until the Plan pays primary for at least 30 months from the date the Member became eligible for or entitled to Medicare on the basis of end-stage renal disease. A person Eligible under Medicare is defined as an employee or Dependent who is enrolled and covered under the voluntary portion (Part B) of Medicare, or who has been eligible to enroll under such part. All individuals who are eligible to enroll for Medicare Part B but have not done so, will be treated the same as all other persons eligible under Medicare and Presbyterian Health Plan will assume that eligible Members have Part B coverage. Plan benefits will be offset with Medicare Part B benefits whether or not the Member actually receives them.

### **Effects of Medicaid on Benefits**

Benefits payable on behalf of a Member who is qualified for Medicaid will be paid to the Plan when:

- The Plan has paid or is paying benefits on behalf of the Member under the Group's Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act
- The payment for the services in question has been made by the Plan to the Medicaid Provider

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Benefits payable on behalf of a Member who is qualified for Medicaid is made to the New Mexico Human Services Department or to the Medicaid Provider when required by law.

### **Subrogation**

When this Plan pays for your care and you have the right to recover those expenses from the person or organization causing your illness or Accidental Injury, Presbyterian Health Plan has the right of subrogation to recover the amount it has paid. This right of subrogation against the third party may be exercised even if you do not file a legal action. The right of subrogation applies whether you recover directly from the wrongdoer or from the wrongdoer's insurer, or from your uninsured motorist insurance coverage. This applies to any and all moneys a Member may receive from any third party or insurer, or from any uninsured or underinsured motorist insurance benefits, as well as from any other person, organization or entity.

You have the legal obligation to help recover the amounts paid, and you must do nothing that would prejudice Presbyterian Health Plan's subrogation right. You must notify Presbyterian Health Plan if you file a claim, consult an attorney, or bring action against a third party. If contacted by Presbyterian Health Plan, you must provide all requested information. Settlement of a controversy without prior notice to Presbyterian Health Plan is a breach of this agreement. In the event that you fail to cooperate with Presbyterian Health Plan or take any action, through agents or otherwise, to interfere with the exercise of a subrogation right of Presbyterian Health Plan, Presbyterian Health Plan may recover its benefit payments from you.

### **Assignment of Benefits**

Your benefits under the Plan generally cannot be transferred or assigned in any way, except as required under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO). A qualified child support order is a court order, which may be granted in the case of a divorce.

### **Fraudulent Application or Claim**

If you knowingly make a false statement on your enrollment Application or file a false claim, such Application or claim will be revoked retroactively back to the date of the Application or claim. Any premiums collected from the Member for coverage that is later revoked due to a fraudulent Application will be refunded to the Member by the Plan. If a claim is paid by Presbyterian Health Plan and it is later determined that the claim should not have been paid due to a fraudulent Application or claim, the Member shall be responsible for full reimbursement of the claim amount to Presbyterian Health Plan.

## **Santa Fe County Appeals and Grievance Process Summary**

### **Overview**

Many grievances or problems can be handled informally by calling the Presbyterian Customer Service Center at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737 (TTY 711)**. You may also visit our website at [www.phs.org](http://www.phs.org).

The New Mexico Office of the Superintendent of Insurance is also available to assist you with grievances, questions or complaints. You may contact them using the following information:

### **State of New Mexico**

#### **Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (OSI)**

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 1689  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1689

**Physical Address:** 1120 Paseo de Peralta  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

**Local Phone:** (505) 827-4601

**Toll-free Phone:** 1-855-427-5674

**Fax:** (505) 827-4734

**Website:** [www.osi.state.nm.us](http://www.osi.state.nm.us)

### **When and How to File a Grievance**

Any member dissatisfied with a decision, action or inaction of ours, including a Termination of Coverage, has the right to file a grievance and request an internal review. Any grievance may be submitted verbally or in writing.

If you make a verbal grievance, the Presbyterian Customer Service Center will assist you to complete the required forms. The Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (OSI) is also available to assist you. Please be advised that PHP shall not take any retaliatory action against you for filing a complaint.

You may submit a grievance or request an internal review, verbally or in writing, by contacting us at:

**Mailing Address:** Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc.  
Appeals and Grievance Department  
9521 San Mateo Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

**Phone:** (505) 923-7324 or 1-855-593-7737

**Fax:** (505) 923-6111

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**Email:** [gappeals@phs.org](mailto:gappeals@phs.org)

Presbyterian Health Plan (PHP) has established written procedures for reviewing and resolving your grievances and concerns. There are two different procedures, depending on the type of grievance: Adverse Determination Grievance procedures and Administrative Grievance procedures.

### Types of Grievances

- **Adverse Determination Grievance** – An Adverse Determination grievance is an oral or written complaint submitted by or on behalf of a covered person regarding an Adverse Determination.
  - “Adverse Determination” means a decision made by PHP (either pre-service or post-service) that a healthcare service requested by a provider or covered person has been reviewed and, based upon the information available, does not meet PHP’s requirements for coverage or medical necessity, and the requested healthcare service is denied, reduced or terminated.
- **Administrative Grievance** – An Administrative grievance is an oral or written complaint submitted by or on behalf of a covered person regarding any aspect of a health benefits plan other than a request for healthcare services, including but not limited to:
  - Administrative practices of the healthcare insurer that affects the availability, delivery, or quality of healthcare services
  - Claims payment, handling or reimbursement for healthcare services.
  - Terminations of Coverage

If your grievance clearly contains administrative and adverse decision issues, then we will begin separate grievances for each decision. When processing your grievance, we will provide you with a detailed explanation of the grievance procedure. The detailed explanation will tell you how we review and resolve grievances and provide you with our contact information.

You may request a copy and detailed written explanation of the grievance procedures by calling the Presbyterian Customer Service Center at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737 (TTY 711)**.

Members have 180 days from the date of the initial denial to file an appeal with us.

### Adverse Determination Grievance Review Procedures

When you or your treating healthcare professional requests a healthcare service, PHP shall initially determine whether the requested healthcare service is covered by your health plan and is medically necessary within 24 hours where circumstances require expedited review and five (5) working days for all other cases. If PHP’s initial review results in the denial, reduction or termination of the requested healthcare service, then PHP will notify you of the determination and of your right to request an internal review by PHP.

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PHP's internal Adverse Determination appeal review procedures require an initial review by a PHP medical director and then, if necessary, a second review by a medical panel. Both reviews must be completed within 72 hours when the circumstances require expedited review or within 20 working days of receipt of the request for internal review in all cases in which the request for review is made prior to the service requested, and does not require expedited review, and within 60 calendar days of receipt of the request in all post-service requests for internal review. If PHP's medical director decides to uphold the denial, reduction or termination of the requested healthcare service, then PHP will notify you of the medical director's decision by phone and mail and will ask you whether you want a second review by a medical panel selected by the healthcare insurer.

If you indicate that you want a second review of your appeal by a medical panel, then PHP will notify you of the date, time and location of the medical panel review and of your rights to participate in the review.

You have the right to have a representative act on your behalf at all levels of appeal. If you choose to have legal representation, you may do so at your own expense. With each notice of a rescission of coverage or final adverse benefit determination, we will provide written notice of your right for an independent review of the determination by an independent review organization (IRO).

### **External Review of Adverse Determinations by an Independent Review Organization (IRO)**

Every grievant who is dissatisfied with the results of an internal or medical panel review of an Adverse Determination may request an external review by an IRO appointed by the OSI from the list of approved IROs, at no cost to you and on an impartial, rotational basis.

### **Filing Requirements for External Review of Adverse Determination by an IRO**

If required by the medical needs of the case, you or your provider may request an expedited review by calling the OSI at **1-833-415-0566**. This includes determining if surprise billing protections are applicable.

To initiate an external review by an IRO, you must file a written request for external review with the Superintendent within 120 calendar days from receipt of the written notice of internal review decision unless extended by the Superintendent for good cause shown. The cost of the external review will be borne by us. You may file your request using the information below:

**State of New Mexico**  
**Office of the Superintendent of Insurance (OSI)**  
**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 1689  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1689

Presbyterian Customer Service Center: (505) 923-7324 or 1-855-593-7737 (TTY:711)  
SANTA FE COUNTY HMO

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**Physical Address:** 1120 Paseo de Peralta  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
**Local Phone:** (505) 827-4601  
**Toll-free Phone:** 1-855-427-5674  
**Fax:** (505) 827-4734  
**Email:** [mhcb.grievance@state.nm.us](mailto:mhcb.grievance@state.nm.us), Subject: External Review Request  
**Website:** [www.osi.state.nm.us](http://www.osi.state.nm.us)

Within five (5) days, you may also file any other supporting documents or information you wish to submit to the IRO for review. The IRO must send any additional information from you to PHP within one (1) business day.

### **The Final Decision of the IRO and Grievant's Right to Hearing After Final IRO Decision**

The decision of the IRO is binding upon PHP as well as the grievant except to the extent that New Mexico law allows you to appeal to the Superintendent for a hearing. This requirement that the decision is binding shall not preclude PHP from making payment on the claim or otherwise providing benefits at any time, including after final external review decision that denies the claim or otherwise fails to require such payment or benefits. If you are dissatisfied with the denial of benefits by the IRO, you may request a hearing from the Superintendent. The Superintendent will automatically grant the hearing. PHP will be responsible for paying for all costs associated with the hearing.

If a grievant requests a hearing and a representative from Santa Fe County is not present at any pre-hearing conference or at the hearing required by OSI, PHP will be deemed to speak on behalf of Santa Fe County.

### **Administrative Grievance Procedures**

If you are dissatisfied with a decision, action or inaction of PHP regarding a matter that does not involve the denial, reduction or termination of a requested health service, then you have the right to request, verbally or in writing, that PHP internally review the matter. First, a PHP representative will review the grievance and provide you with a written decision within 15 working days from receipt of the grievance.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may file a request for reconsideration by PHP. PHP will appoint a Reconsideration Review Committee to evaluate the Administrative Grievance and will schedule a hearing. The reconsideration committee shall schedule and hold a hearing within 15 working days after receipt of a request for reconsideration. PHP will mail you a written decision within seven (7) working days after the hearing.

You have the right to have a representative act on your behalf at all levels of appeal. If you choose to have legal representation, you may do so at your own expense.

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If the grievant is not satisfied with PHP's decision, they may appeal the decision within 30 days of the day the grievance decision was made. (**Note:** You may contact Santa Fe County at any time during the Grievance process by appealing to the Human Resources Director.) Upon receipt of the appeal request, the Santa Fe County will review the case and respond to the parties involved within 30 days. If the formal complaint is due to an emergent situation, a response will be given within **48 hours** of receipt of such formal complaint. The Decision by Santa Fe County to either overturn or concur with Presbyterian Health Plan is final.

Contact the Santa Fe County Human Resources Director at:

**Address:** Santa Fe County  
Attn: Human Resources Director  
949 West Alameda  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
**Phone:** (505) 995-6507  
**Fax:** (505) 992-9895

### **Retaliatory Action**

In accordance with the Patient Protection Act and the New Mexico Administrative Code for Managed Health Care 13.10.17.9 D.NMAC, PHP cannot take retaliatory action against you for filing a grievance under this health plan.

### **Confidentiality of a Covered Person**

In accordance with the New Mexico Administrative Grievance Procedure Rule, Healthcare Insurers, the Superintendent, independent Co-hearing Officers, and all others who acquire access to identifiable medical records and information of Covered Persons when reviewing Grievances shall treat and maintain such records and information as confidential except as otherwise provided by federal and New Mexico law.



## Section 8 - Members Rights and Responsibilities

### Member Rights:

#### All Members have a right to:

- Be treated with courtesy, consideration, respect, and recognition of their dignity
- Have their privacy respected, including the privacy of medical and financial records maintained by the Claim Administrator and its healthcare Providers as required by law
- Be advised of the Claim Administrator's policies and procedures regarding products, services, Providers, and Appeals procedures, including detailed benefit information, and Member rights and responsibilities
- Request and obtain information about any financial arrangements between the Claim Administrator and its Providers which might restrict treatment options or limit services offered to Members
- Be told the details about what is covered, maximum benefits, what is not covered, what drugs or medicines are restricted, and how to obtain **Prior Authorizations**, when needed
- Receive affordable healthcare, with limits on out-of-pocket expenses
- Seek care from an Out-of-network Provider and be advised of their financial responsibility if they receive services from an Out-of-network Provider or receive services without required **Prior Authorization**
- Be notified promptly of termination, decreases or changes in benefits, services, or the Provider network
- Select a Primary Care Provider within the limits of the covered benefits and Provider network
- Change Primary Care Providers by following the rules described in this booklet
- Participate with Providers in decision making regarding their healthcare
- Clear and candid discussion of Medically Necessary treatment options, regardless of benefit coverage or cost
- All the rights afforded by law, rule or regulation as a patient in a licensed healthcare facility, including the right to refuse care, treatment, or medications after the Practitioner has explained the care, treatment or other advice in language the Member understands
- Refuse the care of a specific Practitioner
- Be informed of the potential consequences of such refusal as outlined in this booklet
- Have adequate access to qualified health professionals near where they live or work
- Receive information from their Provider, in terms that they understand, including an explanation of their complete medical condition, recommended treatment, risks of the treatment, expected results and reasonable medical alternatives irrespective of the Claim Administrator's position on treatment options
- Have the explanation provided to next of kin, guardian, agent or surrogate if available, when the Member is unable to understand

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- Have all explanations to the next of kin, guardian, agent or surrogate recorded in the Member's medical record, including where appropriate, a signed medical release authorizing release of medical information by the Member
- Have access to services, when Medically Necessary, as determined by their primary or treating Provider, in consultation with the Claim Administrator, **24 hours** per day, **seven days** a week for urgent or Emergency Care services, and for other health services as defined by this booklet
- Have access to translator services for Members who do not speak English as their first language, and translation services for hearing-impaired Members for communication with the Claim Administrator
- Receive a complete explanation of why services or benefits are denied a chance to appeal the decision to the Claim Administrator and to receive an answer within a reasonable time
- Receive a Certificate of Creditable coverage when a Member's enrollment in this Plan terminates
- Make complaints or Appeals regarding the Claim Administrator or the care provided
- Continue an ongoing course of treatment for a period of at least **30 days** if the Member's Provider leaves the Provider network or if a new Member's Provider is not in the Provider network
- Make recommendations regarding our Members' rights and responsibilities policies

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### Members Responsibilities:

#### All Members must:

- Review this booklet and if there are questions contact our customer service at **(505) 923-7324** or **1-855-593-7737** for clarification of benefits, limitations, and exclusions outlined in this booklet.
- Provide, as much as possible, information that the Claim Administrator and Providers need in order to provide services or care or to oversee the quality of such care or services.
- Follow the Claim Administrator's policies, procedures, and instructions for obtaining services and care.
- Follow the Plans and instruction for care that he/she has agreed upon with his/her Provider.
- Follow any instructions and guidelines given by a Provider. A Member may, for personal reasons, refuse to accept treatment recommended by Providers. An In-network Provider may regard such refusal as incompatible with the continuance of the Provider-patient relationship and as obstructing the provision of proper Medical Care.
- Notify the Claim Administrator immediately of any loss or theft of his/her Identification Card.
- Refuse to allow any other person to use his/her Identification Card.
- Advise an In-network Provider of coverage with the Claim Administrator at the time of service. Members may be required to pay for services if they do not inform their In-network Provider of their coverage.
- Pay all required Copayments at the time services are rendered.
- Be responsible for the payment of all services obtained prior to the effective date of this Plan and subsequent to its termination or cancellation.
- Promise that all information given to the Claim Administrator in Applications for enrollment, questionnaires, forms or correspondence is true and complete.
- Understand your health problems and to participate in developing mutually agreed upon treatment plans and goals.

## Glossary of Terms

**Accidental Injury** means a bodily injury caused solely by external, traumatic, and unforeseen means. Accidental Injury does not include disease or infection, hernia, or cerebral vascular accident. Dental injury caused by chewing, biting, or malocclusion is not considered an Accidental Injury.

**Acupuncture** means the use of needles inserted into and removed from the body and the use of other devices, modalities and procedures at specific locations on the body for the prevention, cure or correction of any disease, illness, injury, pain or other condition by controlling and regulating the flow and balance of energy and functioning of the person to restore and maintain health.

**Admission** means the period of time between the date a patient enters a Hospital or other facility as an Inpatient and the date he/she is discharged as an Inpatient. The date of Admission is the date of service for the hospitalization and all related services. Admission starts when a provider writes an order for an Inpatient stay and ends when the provider writes the discharge order.

**Alcohol Use** means alcohol dependence or alcohol use meeting the criteria as stated in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders IV (DSM-5)* for these disorders.

**Ambulance Service** means a duly licensed transportation service, capable of providing Medically Necessary life support care in the event of a life-threatening situation.

**Ambulatory Surgical Facility** means an appropriately licensed Provider, with an organized staff of Providers that meets all of the following criteria:

- Has permanent facilities and equipment for the primary purpose of performing surgical procedures on an Outpatient basis;
- Provides treatment by or under the supervision of Providers and nursing services whenever the patient is in the facility;
- Does not provide Inpatient accommodations; and
- Is not a facility used primarily as an office or clinic for the private practice of a Provider or other professional Provider.

**Application** means the form that an employee is required to complete when enrolling for Presbyterian Health Plan coverage.

**Attending Provider** means the doctor who is responsible for the patient's Hospital treatment or who is charged with the patient's overall care and who is responsible for directing the

treatment program. A consulting Provider is not the Attending Provider. A Provider employed by the Hospital is not ordinarily the Attending Provider.

**Prior Authorization** means the process whereby Presbyterian Health Plan or Presbyterian Health Plan's delegated Provider contractor reviews and approves, in advance, the provision of certain Covered Services to Members before those services are rendered. If you obtain services from an In-network Provider, they will request **Prior Authorizations** from Presbyterian Health Plan. If you obtain services from a National Network Provider, then it is your responsibility to obtain **Prior Authorization**. Failure to obtain **Prior Authorization** before obtaining services may result in an additional monetary penalty or denial of benefits. If a required **Prior Authorization** is not obtained for services rendered by an Out-of-network Provider, the Member may be responsible for the resulting charges. **Prior Authorization** is used in the management of healthcare needs; services rendered beyond the scope of the **Prior Authorization** may not be covered.

**Birthing Center** means an alternative birthing facility licensed under state law, with care primarily provided by a Certified Nurse Midwife.

**Calendar Year** means the period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of the same year.

**Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum** means a specified dollar amount of Covered Services received during a Calendar Year that is the Member's responsibility. This amount includes Copayments, Coinsurance, and Deductible for primary care provider and Specialist services.

**Certified Nurse Midwife** means a licensed Registered Nurse, certified by the American College of Nurse Midwives to administer Maternity care within the scope of the license.

**Chiropractor** means a person who is a Doctor of Chiropractic licensed by the appropriate governmental agency to practice chiropractic medicine.

**Coinsurance** means the amount, expressed as a percentage, of a covered healthcare expense that is partially paid by the Plan and partially the Member's responsibility to pay. The cost-sharing responsibility ends for most Covered Services in a particular Calendar Year when the Out-of-Pocket Maximum has been reached.

**Congenital Anomaly** means any condition from birth significantly different from the common form, for example, a cleft palate or certain heart defects.

**Copay/Copayment** means the amount, expressed as a fixed-dollar figure required to be paid by a Member in connection with Healthcare Services. Benefits payable by the Plan are reduced by the amount of the required Copayment for the covered service.

**Cosmetic Surgery** means Surgery that is beautification or aesthetic Surgery to improve an individual's appearance by surgical alteration of a physical characteristic. It is performed to reshape normal structures of the body in order to improve appearance and self-esteem.

**Covered Services** means services or supplies specified in this SPD, including any supplements, endorsements, addenda, or riders, for which benefits are provided, subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions of this SPD.

**Custodial Care** means care provided primarily for maintenance of the patient and designed essentially to assist in meeting the patient's daily activities. It is not provided for its therapeutic value in the treatment of an illness, disease, Accidental Injury, or condition. Custodial Care includes, but is not limited to, help in walking, bathing, dressing, eating, preparation of special diets, and supervision over self-administration of medication not requiring the constant attention of trained medical personnel.

**Custom-Fabricated Orthosis** means an Orthosis which is individually made for a specific patient starting with the basic materials including, but not limited to, plastic, metal, leather, or cloth in the form of sheets, bars, etc. It involves substantial work such as cutting, bending, molding, sewing, etc. it may involve the incorporation of some Prefabricated components. It involves more than trimming, bending, or making other modifications to a substantially Prefabricated item.

**Dentist** means a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) or Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DMA) who is licensed to practice prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases, Accidental Injuries, and malformation of the teeth, mouth, and jaws.

**Dependent** means any Member of a covered employee's family who meets the requirements of Section 3 of this SPD and is actually enrolled in the Plan.

**Diagnostic Services** means procedures ordered by a Provider or other professional Provider to determine a definite condition or disease.

**Diagnostic Breast Examination** a medically necessary and clinically appropriate examination of the breast using diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging or breast ultrasound that evaluates an abnormality:

- Seen or suspected from a screening examination for breast cancer; or
- Detected by another means of examination

**Durable Medical Equipment** means equipment prescribed by a Provider that is Medically Necessary for the treatment of an illness or Accidental Injury, or to prevent the patient's further deterioration. This equipment is designed for repeated use, generally not useful in the absence of illness or Accidental Injury, and include items such as oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, Hospital beds, crutches and other medical equipment.

**Emergency Medical Condition** means a medical condition which manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, such that a prudent layperson, with an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in 1) Serious jeopardy to your health, if pregnant the health of you or your unborn child; 2) Serious impairment to the bodily functions; or 3) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

**Experimental/Investigational** means any treatment, procedure, facility, equipment, drug, device, or supply not accepted as standard medical practice in the state services are provided. In addition, if a federal or other governmental agency approval is required for use of any items and such approval was not granted at the time services were administered, the service is Experimental. To be considered standard medical practice and not Experimental or Investigational, treatment must meet all five of the following criteria:

- A technology must have final approval from the appropriate regulatory government bodies
- The scientific evidence as published in peer-reviewed literature must permit conclusions concerning the effect of the technology on health outcomes
- The technology must improve the net health outcome
- The technology must be as beneficial as any established alternatives
- The improvement must be attainable outside the Investigational settings

**Family Coverage** means coverage for the employee, the employee's spouse, and/or the employee's Dependent children.

**Freestanding Dialysis Facility** means a Provider primarily engaged in providing dialysis treatment, maintenance, or training to patients on an Outpatient or home basis.

**Genetic Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEM)** means a rare, inherited disorder that is present at birth and results in death or mental disability if untreated and requires consumption of Special Medical Foods. Categories of IEMs are as follows:

- Disorders of protein metabolism (i.e., amino acidopathies such as PKU, organic acidopathies, and urea cycle defects)
- Disorders of carbohydrate metabolism (i.e., carbohydrate intolerance disorders, glycogen storage disorders, disorders of gluconeogenesis and glycogenolysis)
- Disorders of fat metabolism

**Grievance** means an oral or written complaint submitted by or on behalf of a covered person regarding the: availability, delivery or quality of Healthcare Services administrative practices of the healthcare insurer that affect the availability, delivery or quality of Healthcare Services claims payment, handling or reimbursement for Healthcare Services matters pertaining to any aspect of the health benefits Plan.

**Healthcare Professional** means a Provider or other healthcare practitioner, including a pharmacist, who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the state to provide Healthcare Services consistent with state law.

**Healthcare Services** means services, supplies and procedures for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure or relief of a health condition, illness, injury or disease, and includes, to the extent offered by the health benefits Plan, physical and behavioral health, including community-based behavioral health. HIPAA means Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

**Home Health Agency** means an appropriately licensed Provider that does both of the following: Brings skilled nursing and other services on an intermittent, visiting basis into the Member's home in accordance with the licensing regulations for home health agencies in New Mexico or in the locality where the services are administered; and Is responsible for supervising the delivery of these services under a plan prescribed and approved in writing by the Attending Provider.

**Hospice** means a duly licensed program or facility providing care and support to terminally ill patients and their families.

**Hospital** means a duly licensed Provider that is a short-term, acute, general Hospital that meets all of the following criteria:

- Is a duly licensed institution
- For compensation from its patients, is primarily engaged in providing Inpatient diagnostic and therapeutic services for the diagnosis, treatment, and care of injured and sick persons by or under the supervision of Providers
- Has organized departments of medicine and major Surgery
- Provides **24-hour** nursing service by or under the supervision of Registered Nurses
- Is not, other than incidentally, a skilled nursing facility, nursing home, Custodial Care home, health resort, spa, or sanitarium
- Is not a place for rest, for the aged, for the treatment of mental illness, Admission, drug use, or pulmonary tuberculosis, and ordinarily does not provide Hospice or rehabilitation care, and is not a residential treatment facility

**Identification Card or ID Card** means the card issued to the covered employee enrolled under this Plan.



**Immunosuppressive Drugs (Inpatient only)** means drugs used to inhibit the human immune system. Some of the reasons for using Immunosuppressive Drugs include but are not limited to:

1. Preventing transplant rejection
2. Supplementing chemotherapy
3. Treating certain diseases of the immune system (i.e., “auto-immune” diseases)
4. Reducing inflammation
5. Relieving certain symptoms
6. Other times when it may be helpful to suppress the human immune response

**Independent Clinical Laboratory** means a laboratory that performs clinical procedures under the supervision of a Provider and that is not affiliated or associated with a Hospital, Provider, or Other Provider.

**Inpatient** means a Member who has been admitted by a healthcare practitioner to a Hospital for occupancy for the purposes of receiving Hospital services. Eligible Inpatient Hospital services shall be those acute care services rendered to Members who are registered bed patients, for which there is a room and board charge, and which are covered as defined in this Plan. Admissions are considered Inpatient based on Medical Necessity as identified in the Presbyterian Health Plan designated level of care criteria, regardless of the length of time spent in the Hospital. Inpatient Admission begins when an order is written by a provider and ends with a discharge order from the Provider.

**Licensed Acupuncturist** means an Acupuncture practitioner who is licensed by the appropriate state authority. Certification alone does not meet the licensure requirement.

**Licensed Naprapathic** means a naprapathy practitioner who is licensed by the appropriate state authority. Certification alone does not meet the licensure requirement.

**Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)** means a nurse who has graduated from a formal practical nursing education program and is licensed by the appropriate state authority.

**Maintenance Therapy** means treatment that does not significantly enhance or increase the patient’s function or productivity.

**Maternity** means any condition that is pregnancy related. Maternity care includes prenatal and postnatal care, and care for the complications of pregnancy, such as ectopic pregnancy, spontaneous abortion (miscarriage), elective abortion or cesarean section.

**Medicaid** means Title XIX of the Social Security Act and all amendments thereto.

**Medical Care** means professional services administered by a Provider or another professional Provider for the treatment of an illness or Accidental Injury.

**Medical Drugs:** (Medications obtained through the medical benefit). Medical drugs are defined as medications administered in the office or facility that require a Healthcare Professional to administer. They may involve unique distribution and may be required to be obtained from our specialty pharmacy vendor. Some Medical Drugs may require **Prior Authorization** before they can be obtained. Office administered applies to all outpatient settings including, but not limited to, Provider's offices, emergency rooms, Urgent Care facilities and outpatient surgery facilities. For a complete list of Medical Drugs to determine which require **Prior Authorization** please see the Presbyterian Health Plan Pharmacy website at [www.phs.org](http://www.phs.org).

**Medical Emergency** means an Accidental Injury or a condition that occurs suddenly and unexpectedly and is life threatening or could result in permanent damage if not treated immediately. To be eligible for possible emergency benefits, the Member must seek treatment within **48 hours** of the Accidental Injury or onset of the condition.

**Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary** means Healthcare Services determined by a Provider, in consultation with the healthcare insurer, to be appropriate or necessary, according to any applicable generally accepted principles of good medical practice and practice guidelines developed by the federal government, national or professional medical societies, boards and associations, and any applicable clinical protocols or practice guidelines developed by the healthcare insurer consistent with such federal, national, and professional practice guidelines, for the diagnosis or direct care and treatment of a physical or Mental Health condition, illness, injury, or disease

**Medicare** means the program of healthcare for the aged, end-stage renal disease (ESRD) beneficiaries, and disabilities established by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended.

**Medicare Allowable** means the maximum dollar amount that an insurer will consider reimbursing for a covered service or procedure. This dollar amount may not be the amount ultimately paid to the provider as it may be reduced by any Coinsurance, deductible or amount beyond the annual maximum.

**Medicare Supplemental Coverage** means healthcare coverage that provides supplemental benefits to Medicare coverage.

**Member** means the eligible employee or Dependent that is enrolled under this Plan.

**Mental Disorder** means a behavioral or psychological syndrome that causes significant distress (a painful symptom) or disability (impairment in one or more important areas of functioning), or a significantly increased risk of suffering death, pain, or an important loss of freedom. The syndrome is considered to be a manifestation of some behavioral, psychological, or biological dysfunction in the person (and in some cases it is clearly secondary to or due to a general medical condition). The term is not applied to behavior or conflicts that arise between the person and society (e.g., political, religious, or sexual preference) unless such conflicts are clearly an outgrowth of a dysfunction within that person. In lay usage, “emotional illness” serves as a term for mental disorder, although it may imply a lesser degree of dysfunction, whereas the term “mental disorder” may be reserved for more severe disturbances.

**National Network** is a nation-wide provider network that Presbyterian Health Plan contracts with to provide covered services outside of New Mexico.

**Negotiated Fee Schedule** means the contracted amount that Presbyterian Health Plan agrees to pay to In-network Providers for Hospital, professional services, and other charges, and for which In-network Providers agree to accept as payment for services rendered to Members.

**Out-of-Network Provider** means a duly licensed healthcare Provider, including medical facilities which has no agreement with Presbyterian Health Plan for reimbursement of services to Members.

**Observation** means those furnished by a Hospital and practitioner on the Hospital’s premises, which may include the use of a bed and periodic monitoring by a Hospital’s nursing staff, which are reasonable and necessary to evaluate an Outpatient’s condition or determine the need for a possible Admission to the Hospital as an Inpatient, or where rapid improvement of the patient’s condition is anticipated or occurs. When a Hospital places a patient under Outpatient Observation stay, it is on the practitioner’s written order. If not formally admitted as an Inpatient, the patient initially is treated as an Outpatient. The Member does not meet Inpatient Admission criteria as identified in the Presbyterian Health Plan designated level of care criteria regardless of the length of time spent in the Hospital.

**Occupational Therapist** means a person registered to practice occupational therapy. An occupational therapist treats neuromuscular and psychological dysfunction, caused by disease, trauma, Congenital Anomaly, or prior therapeutic process, through the use of specific tasks or goals directed activities designed to improve functional performance of the patient.

**Orthopedic Appliances/Orthotic Device/Orthosis** means an individualized rigid or semi-rigid supportive device constructed and fitted by a licensed orthopedic technician which supports a or eliminates motion of a weak or diseased body part. Examples of Orthopedic Appliances are functional hand or leg brace, Milwaukee Brace, or fracture brace.

**Other Provider** means a person or facility other than a Hospital that is licensed in the state where services are rendered, to administer Covered Services. Other Providers include:

- An institution or entity only listed as:
  - Ambulance provider
  - Ambulatory Surgical Facility
  - Birthing Center
  - Durable Medical Equipment supplier
  - Freestanding dialysis facility
  - Home Health Agency
  - Hospice Agency
  - Independent Clinical Laboratory
  - Pharmacy
  - Rehabilitation Hospital
  - Urgent Care Facility
- A person or practitioner only listed as:
  - Certified Nurse Midwife
  - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
  - Chiropractor
  - Dentist
  - Licensed Acupuncturist
  - Licensed Practical Nurse
  - Occupational Therapist
  - Physical Therapist
  - Podiatrist
  - Licensed Lay Midwife
  - Registered Nurse
  - Respiratory Therapist
  - Speech Therapist

**Outpatient** means care received in a Hospital department, Ambulatory Surgical Facility, Urgent Care facility, or Provider’s office where the patient leaves the same day.

**In-Network Provider** means Providers, Hospitals, and other Healthcare Professionals, facilities, and suppliers that have contracted with Presbyterian Health Plan as In-network Providers.

**Presbyterian Health Plan Video Visit** means a virtual visit with a contracted provider. These visits are scheduled through the myPRES Portal.

**Physical Therapist** means a Licensed Physical Therapist. Where there is no licensure law, the physical therapist must be certified by the appropriate professional body. A physical therapist treats disease or Accidental Injury by physical and mechanical means.

**Provider** means a duly licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of his/her license.

**Podiatrist** means a licensed Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM). A podiatrist treats conditions of the feet.

**Prefabricated Orthosis** means an Orthosis which is manufactured in quantity without a specific patient in mind. Prefabricated Orthosis may be trimmed, bent, molded (with or without heat), or otherwise modified for use by a specific patient (i.e., custom fitted.) An Orthosis that is assembled from Prefabricated components is considered Prefabricated. Any Orthosis that does not meet the definition of a Custom-Fabricated Orthosis is considered Prefabricated.

**Prescription Drugs** means those drugs that, by Federal law, require a Provider's prescription for purchase.

**Prior Authorization** means the process whereby Presbyterian Health Plan or Presbyterian Health Plan's delegated Provider contractor reviews and approves, in advance, the provision of certain Covered Services to Members before those services are rendered. If a required **Prior Authorization** is not obtained for services rendered by an Out-of-network Provider, the Member may be responsible for the resulting charges. Services rendered beyond the scope of the **Prior Authorization** may not be covered.

**Primary Care Provider (PCP)** means a duly licensed Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy, formally selected by the Member to assume primary responsibility for his/her care.

**Prosthesis, Prosthetic Device** means an externally attached or surgically implanted artificial substitute for an absent body part, for example, an artificial eye or limb.

**Provider** means a duly licensed Hospital, Provider, or Other Provider performing within the scope of the appropriate licensure.

**Registered Lay Midwife** means a person licensed by the state to provide Healthcare Services in pregnancy and childbirth within the scope of New Mexico lay midwifery regulations.

**Registered Nurse (RN)** means a nurse who has graduated from a formal program of nursing education diploma school, associate degree, or baccalaureate program and is licensed by appropriate state authority.

**Rehabilitation Hospital** means an appropriately licensed facility that, for compensation from its patients, provides rehabilitation care services on an Inpatient basis. Rehabilitation care services consist of the combined use of medical, social, educational, and vocational services to enable patients disabled by illness or Accidental Injury to achieve the highest possible functional

ability. Services are provided by or under the supervision of an organized staff of Providers. Continuous nursing services are provided under the supervision of a Registered Nurse.

**Residential Treatment Center** means a facility licensed to provide Residential Treatment (to include room and board) where the primary services are behavioral health treatment provided under the supervision of a psychiatrist in a facility to individuals with behavioral health disorders but whose condition does not require care in an acute Hospital facility.

**Respiratory Therapist** means a person qualified for employment in the field of respiratory therapy. A respiratory therapist assists patients with breathing problems.

**Semi-Private** means a two or more bed Hospital room, skilled nursing facility or other healthcare facility or program.

**Service Area** means the entire state of New Mexico.

**Skilled Nursing Care** means services that can be provided only by someone with at least the qualifications of a Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse.

**Skilled Nursing Facility** means an institution that is licensed under state law to provide Skilled Nursing Care services.

**Special Care Unit** means a designated unit that has concentrated all facilities, equipment, and supportive devices for the provision of an intensive level of care for critically ill patients.

**Specialist** means a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO). A Specialist is not a family practitioner, general practitioner, pediatrician, or internist.

**Special Medical Foods** means nutritional substances in any form that are:

- Formulated to be consumed or administered internally under the supervision of a Provider and prescribed by a Provider
- Specifically processed or formulated to be distinct in one or more nutrients present in natural food
- Intended for the medical and nutritional management of Members with limited capacity to metabolize ordinary foodstuffs or certain nutrients contained in ordinary foodstuffs or who have other specific nutrient requirements as established by medical evaluation
- Essential to optimize growth, health and metabolic homeostasis

**Specialty Pharmaceuticals** (Tier 4 Medications obtained through the Prescription Drug/Medication pharmacy benefit) are defined as any drug defined as high cost (greater than \$600 per 30-day supply). These drugs are self-administered meaning they are administered by

the patient or to the patient by a family Member or caregiver. Some Specialty Pharmaceuticals must be obtained at our Preferred Network Specialty Pharmacy and may require **Prior Authorization** before they are obtained. These drugs may be subject to a separate Copayment to a maximum as outlined in your *Summary of Benefits and Coverage*. For a complete list of these drugs, please see the Specialty Pharmaceutical listing at [www.phs.org](http://www.phs.org). You can call our customer service at **(505) 923-7324 or 1-855-593-7737**. **TTY users may call 711.**

**Speech Therapist** means a speech pathologist certified by the American Speech and Hearing Association. A Speech Therapist assists patients in overcoming speech disorders.

**Substance Use** means impairment in social and occupational functioning resulting from the pathological and “compulsive” use of a substance. The concept is closely related to the definition of substance dependence, which has similar symptoms of impairment by may include evidence of physiological tolerance or withdrawal. Typical symptoms of dependency include a failure to fulfill major role obligations at work, school, or home; recurrent use of the substance in situations where such use is physically hazardous; substance-related legal problems; and continued use even though it causes or exaggerates interpersonal problems.

**Substance Dependence** or Chemical Dependence – Sometimes defined in terms of physiological dependence as evidenced by tolerance or withdrawal; at other times defined in terms of impairment in social and occupational functioning resulting from the pathological and repeated use of a substance. In the latter, tolerance and withdrawal symptoms may be present but are not essential.

The behaviors and effects associated with substance dependence include taking the substance to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms; taking of larger amounts or using over a longer period than intended; unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control intake; interference with meeting major role obligations at work, school, or home; recurrent use in situations when it poses a physical hazard (e.g., driving, operating machinery); or substance use taking precedence over important social, occupational, or recreational activities.

**Summary Plan Description (SPD)** means this booklet.

**Supplemental Breast Examination** a medically necessary and clinically appropriate examination of the breast using breast magnetic resonance imaging or breast ultrasound that is:

- Used to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality seen or suspected
- Based on personal or family medical history or additional factors that may increase the individual's risk of breast cancer

**Surgery** means the performance of generally accepted operative and cutting procedures, including:

- Specialized instrumentation, endoscopic examinations, and other invasive procedures
- Correction of fractures and dislocations
- Usual and related preoperative and postoperative care

**The Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA)** means Federal law regarding the working aged.

**Telemedicine** means the use of telecommunications and information technology to provide clinical healthcare from a distance. Telemedicine allows healthcare professionals to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients in remote locations using telecommunications and technology in real time or asynchronously, including the use of interactive simultaneous audio and video or store-and-forward technology, or remote patient monitoring and telecommunications in order to deliver healthcare services to a site where the patient is located, along with the use of electronic media and health information. Telemedicine allows patients in remote locations to access medical expertise without travel.

**Terminally Ill Patient** means a Member with a life expectancy of six months or less as certified in writing by the Attending Provider.

**Two-Party Coverage** means coverage for the employee and his/her spouse, or coverage for the employee and one Dependent child.

**Urgent Care** means Healthcare Services provided by an Urgent Care Facility in emergencies.

**Urgent Illness** means an unexpected illness that is non-life-threatening that requires prompt medical attention. Some examples of urgent situations are sprains, strains, vomiting, cramps, diarrhea, bumps, bruises, fever, small lacerations, minor burns, severe stomach pain, swollen glands, rashes, poisoning and back pain.

**Video Visit** means an online consultation between a designated Practitioner/Provider and a patient about non-urgent healthcare matters.

**Well-Child Care** means routine pediatric care through the age of 72 months, and includes a history, physical examination, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, and appropriate immunizations and laboratory tests in accordance with prevailing medical standards as published by the American Academy of Pediatrics.



## **Notice of Nondiscrimination and Accessibility** *Discrimination is Against the Law*

Presbyterian Healthcare Services is committed to equitable healthcare and exists to improve the health of patients, members and the communities we serve. We value diversity and inclusion and strive to treat all individuals with respect. We do not discriminate on the basis of race; color; ancestry; national origin (including limited English proficiency); citizenship; religion; sex (including pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions); marital status; sexual orientation; gender identity or expression; veteran status; military status; family care or medical leave status; age; physical or mental disability; medical condition; genetic information; ability to pay; or any other protected status. Presbyterian will provide reasonable accommodations and language access services for our patients, members, and workforce.

Presbyterian Healthcare Services:

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

If you need these services, contact the Presbyterian Customer Service Center at (505) 923-5420, 1-855-592-7737, TTY 711.

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**<https://ds.phs.org/ewcm/frmExample.do?m=complaintentry&complainttype=customer>**.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at **<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>**, or by mail or phone at:

**Address:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201

**Phone:** 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at **<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>**.

# Multi-Language Interpreter Services

English	ATTENTION: If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 505-923-5420, 1-855-592-7737 (TTY: 711).
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Navajo	Díí baa akó nínízin: Díí saad bee yáníłti'go Diné Bizaad, saad bee áká'ánída'áwo'déé', t'áá jiik'eh, éí ná hóló, koji' hódíílnih 505-923-5420, 1-855-592-7737 (TTY: 711).
Vietnamese	CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 505-923-5420, 1-855-592-7737 (TTY: 711).
German	ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 505-923-5420, 1-855-592-7737 (TTY: 711).
Chinese	注意: 如果您使用繁體中文, 您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 505-923-5420, 1-855-592-7737 (TTY: 711)。
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Hindi	ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं तो आपके लिए मुफ्त में भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं। 505-923-5420, 1-855-592-7737 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें।
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