



Important Disclosure Information New Jersey

HMO, Aetna Open Access®, Aetna Choice® POS, USAccess®, and QPOS® Members

State mandates do not apply to self-funded plans. If you are unsure if your plan is self-funded, please confer with your benefits administrator.

Plan of Benefits

Your plan of benefits will be determined by your plan sponsor. Covered services include most types of treatment provided by primary care physicians, specialists and hospitals. However, the health plan does exclude and/or include limits on coverage for some services, including but not limited to, cosmetic surgery and experimental procedures. In addition, in order to be covered, all services, including the location (type of facility), duration and costs of services, must be **medically necessary** as defined below and as determined by Aetna*. The information that follows provides general information regarding Aetna health plans. For a complete description of the benefits available to you, including procedures, exclusions and limitations, refer to your specific plan documents, which may include the Schedule of Benefits, Certificate of Coverage, Group Agreement, Group Insurance Certificate, Group Insurance Policy and any applicable riders and amendments to your plan.

Member Cost Sharing

Members are responsible for any copayments, coinsurance and deductibles for covered services. These obligations are paid directly to the provider or facility at the time the service is rendered. Copayment, coinsurance and deductible amounts are listed in your benefits summary and plan documents.

Role of Primary Care Physicians ("PCPs")

For most HMO plans, members are required to select a PCP who participates in the network. The PCP can provide primary care as well as coordinate your overall care. Members should consult their PCP when they are sick or injured to help determine the care that is needed. Your PCP should issue referrals to participating specialists and facilities for certain services. For some services, your PCP is required to obtain prior authorization from Aetna. Except for those benefits described in the plan documents as direct access benefits,

plans with self-referral to participating providers (Aetna Open Access or Aetna Choice POS), plans that include benefits for nonparticipating provider services (Aetna Choice POS, USAccess or QPOS), or in an emergency, members will need to obtain a referral authorization ("referral") from their PCP before seeking covered non-emergency specialty or hospital care. Check your plan documents for details.

Physician Board Certification

82% of Aetna's participating physicians are board certified. If you would like to know if a specific physician is board certified, or is currently accepting new patients, please call the Member Services number on your ID card.

Appointment Waiting Times

Aetna's standard for customary waiting times for PCP appointments for urgent care is 15 minutes or less, and 15 minutes for routine care.

Referral Policy

The following points are important to remember regarding referrals:

- The referral is how the member's PCP arranges for a member to be covered for necessary, appropriate specialty care and follow-up treatment.
- The member should discuss the referral with their PCP to understand what specialist services are being recommended and why.
- If the specialist recommends any additional treatments or tests that are covered benefits, the member may need to get another referral from their PCP prior to receiving the services. If the member does not get another referral for these services, the member may be responsible for payment.

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- Except in emergencies, all hospital admissions and outpatient surgery require a prior referral from the member's PCP and prior authorization by Aetna.
- If it is not an emergency and the member goes to a doctor or facility without a referral, the member must pay the bill.
- Referrals are valid for 60 days as long as the individual remains an eligible member of the plan.
- In plans without out-of-network benefits, coverage for services from non-participating providers requires prior authorization by Aetna in addition to a special non-participating referral from the PCP. When properly authorized, these services are fully covered, less the applicable cost-sharing.
- The referral provides that, except for applicable cost sharing, the member will not have to pay the charges for covered benefits, as long as the individual is a member at the time the services are provided.

Direct Access

Under Aetna Choice POS, USAccess and QPOS plans a member may directly access nonparticipating providers without a PCP referral, subject to cost sharing requirements. Even so, you may be able to reduce your out-of-pocket expenses considerably by using participating providers. Refer to your specific plan brochure for details.

If your plan does not specifically cover self-referred or nonparticipating provider benefits and you go directly to a specialist or hospital for non-emergency or non-urgent care without a referral, you must pay the bill yourself unless the service is specifically identified as a direct access benefit in your plan documents.

Under Aetna Open Access and Aetna Choice POS plans a member may directly access participating providers without a PCP referral, subject to the terms and conditions of the plan and cost sharing requirements. Participating providers will be responsible for obtaining any required preauthorization of services from Aetna. Refer to your specific plan brochure for details.

Direct Access Ob/Gyn Program

This program allows female members to visit any participating obstetrician or gynecologist for a routine well-woman exam, including a Pap smear, and for obstetric or gynecologic problems. Obstetricians and gynecologists may also refer a woman directly to other participating providers for covered obstetric or gynecologic services. All health plan preauthorization and coordination requirements continue to apply. If your Ob/Gyn is part of an Independent Practice Association (IPA), a Physician Medical Group

(PMG), an Integrated Delivery System (IDS) or a similar organization, your care must be coordinated through the IPA, the PMG or similar organization and the organization may have different referral policies.

Mastectomy Coverage

Your coverage provides for a minimum of 72 hours of inpatient care following a modified radical mastectomy and a minimum of 48 hours of inpatient care following a simple mastectomy. A shorter stay is allowable if patient and patient's physician determine it is medically appropriate. The policy does not require a health care provider to obtain authorization from the insurer for prescribing the minimum 72 or 48 hours of inpatient care.

Infertility Benefits

New Jersey mandates certain infertility benefits. Your employer as permitted by law can elect not to provide coverage for the following procedures because they conflict with their bona fide religious tenets:

- In vitro fertilization (IVF);
- Embryo transfers;
- Artificial insemination;
- Zygote intra fallopian transfer (ZIFT);
- Gamete intra fallopian transfer (GIFT); and
- Intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI).

Please refer to your plan administrator for specifics regarding your benefits.

Health Care Provider Network

Certain PCPs are affiliated with integrated delivery systems, independent practice associations ("IPAs") or other provider groups, and members who select these PCPs will generally be referred to specialists and hospitals within that system, association or group. However, if your medical needs extend beyond the scope of the affiliated providers, you may request coverage for services provided by non-affiliated network physicians and facilities. In order to be covered, services provided by non-affiliated network providers may require prior authorization from Aetna and/or the integrated delivery systems or other provider groups.

Members should note that other health care providers (e.g. specialists) may be affiliated with other providers through systems, associations or groups. These systems, associations or groups ("organization") or, their affiliated providers may be compensated by Aetna through a capitation arrangement or other global payment

method. The organization then pays the treating provider directly through various methods. Members should ask their provider how that provider is being compensated for providing health care services to the member and if the provider has any financial incentive to control costs or utilization of health care services by the member.

Transplants and Other Complex Conditions

Our National Medical Excellence Program® and other specialty programs help eligible members access covered treatment for transplants and certain other complex medical conditions at participating facilities experienced in performing these services. Depending on the terms of your plan of benefits, members may be limited to only those facilities participating in these programs when needing a transplant or other complex condition covered.

Emergency Care

If you need emergency care, you are covered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, anywhere in the world. An emergency medical condition is one manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity such that a prudent layperson, who possesses average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in serious jeopardy to the person's health, or with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman and her unborn child.

Coverage is provided for a medical screening examination upon a member's arrival in a hospital, regardless of whether the event is a true emergency. Please note that if the event is not a true emergency, coverage may not be provided for any additional service provided.

Whether you are in or out of an Aetna HMO service area, we simply ask that you follow the guidelines below when you believe you need emergency care.

- Call the local emergency hotline (ex. 911) or go to the nearest emergency facility. If a delay would not be detrimental to your health, call your PCP. Notify your PCP as soon as possible after receiving treatment.
- If you are admitted to an inpatient facility, you or a family member or friend on your behalf should notify your PCP or Aetna as soon as possible.

Coverage for Children

A child who does not reside with you or does not reside in the HMO Service Area is still eligible to enroll in your plan, provided the child complies with the terms and conditions of the plan with respect to the use of participating providers.

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What to Do Outside Your Aetna HMO Service Area

Members who are traveling outside their HMO service area or students who are away at school are covered for emergency and urgently needed care. Urgent care may be obtained from a private practice physician, a walk-in clinic, an urgent care center or an emergency facility. Certain conditions, such as severe vomiting, earaches, sore throats or fever, are considered "urgent care" outside your Aetna HMO service area and are covered in any of the above settings.

If, after reviewing information submitted to us by the provider that supplied care, the nature of the urgent or emergency problem does not qualify for coverage, it may be necessary to provide us with additional information. We will send you an Emergency Room Notification Report to complete, or a Member Services representative can take this information by telephone.

Follow-up Care after Emergencies

All follow-up care should be coordinated by your PCP. Follow-up care with nonparticipating providers is only covered with a referral from your PCP and prior authorization from Aetna. Whether you were treated inside or outside your Aetna service area, you must obtain a referral before any follow-up care can be covered. Suture removal, cast removal, X-rays and clinic and emergency room revisits are some examples of follow-up care.

Prescription Drugs

If your plan covers outpatient prescription drugs, your plan may include a drug formulary (sometimes called a "preferred drug list"). A formulary is a list of prescription drugs generally covered under your prescription drug benefits plan on a preferred basis subject to applicable limitations and conditions. Many drugs, including many of those listed on the formulary, are subject to rebate arrangements between Aetna and the manufacturer of the drugs. Such rebates are not reflected in the cost paid by a member for a prescription drug. In addition, in circumstances where your prescription plan utilizes copayments or coinsurance calculated on a percentage basis or a deductible, use of formulary drugs may not necessarily result in lower costs for the member. For information regarding how medications are reviewed and selected for the formulary, please refer to Aetna's website at www.aetna.com or the Aetna Medication Formulary Guide. A printed copy of the formulary guide information will be provided, upon request or if applicable, annually for current members and upon enrollment for new members. Additional information can be obtained by calling Member Services at the toll-free number listed on your member ID card. The medications listed on the formulary are subject to change in accordance with applicable state law.

Your pharmacy benefit is generally not limited to drugs listed on the formulary. Medications that are not listed on the formulary (nonformulary drugs) may be covered subject to the limits and exclusions set forth in your plan documents. Covered prescription nonformulary drugs not listed on the formulary may be subject to higher copays under some benefit plans. Some pharmacy benefit plans may exclude certain nonformulary drugs not listed on the formulary from coverage. If it is medically necessary for members enrolled in these benefit plans to use such drugs, their physicians (or pharmacist in the case of antibiotics and analgesics) may contact Aetna to request coverage as a medical exception. You may be required to pay the difference in cost between a covered brand-name drug and its generic equivalent in addition to your copayment, depending on the benefit plan selected by your employer. Check your plan documents for details.

In addition, certain drugs may require precertification or step-therapy before they will be covered under some prescription drug benefit plans. Step-therapy is a different form of precertification which requires a trial of one or more "prerequisite therapy" medications before a "step therapy" medication will be covered. If it is medically necessary for a member to use a medication subject to these requirements, the member's physician can request coverage of such drug as a medical exception. In addition, some benefit plans include a mandatory generic drug cost-sharing requirement. In these plans, you may be required to pay the difference in cost between a covered brand-name drug and its generic equivalent in addition to your copayment if you obtain the brand-name drug. Non-prescription drugs and drugs in the Limitations and Exclusions section of the plan documents (received upon enrollment) are not covered, and medical exceptions are not available for them.

Depending on the plan selected, new prescription drugs not yet reviewed for possible addition to the formulary are either available at the highest copay under plans with an open formulary, or excluded from coverage unless a medical exception is obtained under plans that use a closed formulary. These new drugs may also be subject to precertification or step-therapy.

Members should consult with their treating physicians regarding questions about specific medications. Refer to your plan documents or contact Member Services for information regarding the terms and conditions limitations of coverage.

If you use the mail order prescription program of Aetna Rx Home Delivery, LLC, you will be acquiring these prescriptions through an affiliate of Aetna. Aetna's negotiated charge with Aetna Rx Home Delivery® may be higher than Aetna Rx Home Delivery's cost of purchasing drugs and providing mail-order pharmacy services.

Behavioral Health Network

Behavioral health care services are managed by an independently contracted behavioral health care organization. The behavioral health care organization is responsible for, in part, making initial coverage determinations and coordinating referrals to members of the behavioral health care organization's provider network. As with other coverage determinations, you may appeal adverse behavioral health care coverage determinations in accordance with the terms of your health plan.

The types of behavioral health benefits available to you depends upon the terms of your health plan. If your health plan includes behavioral health services, you may be covered for treatment of mental health conditions and/or drug and alcohol abuse problems. Members can determine the type of behavioral health coverage available under the terms of their plan by calling the Aetna Member Services number on your ID card.

If you have an emergency, call 911 or your local emergency hotline, if available. For routine services, access covered behavioral health services available under your health plan by the following methods:

- Call your PCP for a referral to the designated behavioral health provider group.
- When applicable, an employee assistance or student assistance professional may refer you to your designated behavioral health provider group.
- Call the toll-free Behavioral Health Vendor number on your ID card or, if no number is listed, call the Member Services number on your ID card for the appropriate information.

How Aetna Compensates Your Physician

All the physicians are independent practicing physicians that are neither employed nor exclusively contracted with Aetna. Individual physicians are in the network by either directly contracting with Aetna and/or affiliating with a group or organization that contracts with us.

Participating physicians in our network are compensated in various ways:

- Per individual service or case (fee for service at contracted rates).
- Per hospital day (per diem contracted rates).
- Capitation (a prepaid amount per member, per month).
- Through Integrated Delivery Systems (IDS), Independent Practice Associations (IPA), Physician Hospital Organizations (PHO), Physician Medical Groups (PMG), behavioral health organizations

and similar provider organizations or groups. Aetna pays these organizations, which in turn reimburse the physician or facility directly for services by a variety of methods. In such arrangements, the group or organization has a financial incentive to control the cost of care.

One of the purposes of managed care is to manage the cost of health care. Incentives in compensation arrangements with physicians and health care providers are one method by which Aetna attempts to achieve this goal.

In some regions, the Primary Care Physicians can receive additional compensation based upon performance on a variety of measures intended to evaluate the quality of care and services the Primary Care Physicians provide to Members. This additional compensation is based on the scores received on one or more of the following measures of the Primary Care Physician's office: member satisfaction, percentage of members who visit the office at least annually, medical record reviews, the burden of illness of the members that have selected the primary care physician, management of chronic illnesses like asthma, diabetes and congestive heart failure; whether the physician is accepting new patients, and participation in Aetna's electronic claims and referral submission program.

You are encouraged to ask your physicians and other providers how they are compensated for their services.

Claims Payment for Non-participating Providers and Use of Claims Software

If your plan provides coverage for services rendered by non-participating providers, you should be aware that Aetna determines the usual, customary and reasonable fee for a provider by referring to commercially available data reflecting the customary amount paid to most providers for a given service in that geographic area. If such data is not commercially available, our determination may be based upon our own data or other sources. Aetna may also use computer software (including ClaimCheck) and other tools to take into account factors such as the complexity, amount of time needed and manner of billing. You may be responsible for any charges Aetna determines are not covered under your plan.

Medically Necessary

"Medically necessary" means that the service or supply is provided by a physician or other health care provider exercising prudent clinical judgment for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury or disease or its symptoms, *and* that provision of the service or supply is:

- Clinically appropriate in accordance with **generally accepted standards of medical practice** in term of type frequency, extent, site and duration,
- Considered effective in accordance with **generally accepted standards of medical practice** for the illness, injury or disease; and
- Not primarily for the convenience of the Member, or for the physician or other health care provider; and
- Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of the illness, injury or disease.

"Generally accepted standards of medical practice" means standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community. In the absence of such credible scientific evidence, [Plan/HMO/Company]'s determinations of whether a service or supply meets "generally accepted standards of medical practice" shall be consistent with physician specialty society recommendations and otherwise shall be based on the views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas and any other relevant factors.

Clinical Policy Bulletins

Aetna's Clinical Policy Bulletins (CPBs) describe Aetna's policy determinations of whether certain services or supplies are medically necessary, based upon a review of currently available clinical information. Clinical determinations in connection with individual coverage decisions are made on a case-by case basis consistent with these policies.

Aetna's Clinical Policy Bulletins (CPBs) do not constitute medical advice. Treating providers are solely responsible for medical advice and treatment of members. Members should discuss any CPB related to their coverage or condition with their treating provider.

While Aetna's Clinical Policy Bulletins (CPBs) are developed to assist in administering plan benefits, they do not constitute a description of plan benefits. ***Each benefit plan defines which services are covered, which are excluded, and which are subject to dollar caps or other limits. Members and their providers will need to consult the member's benefit plan to determine if there are any exclusions or other benefit limitations applicable to this service or supply.***

Clinical Policy Bulletins (CPBs) are regularly updated and are therefore subject to change. Aetna's Clinical Policy Bulletins are available online at www.aetna.com.

Precertification

Precertification is the process of collecting information prior to inpatient admissions and performance of selected ambulatory procedures and services. The process permits advance eligibility verification, determination of coverage, and communication with the physician and/or member. It also allows Aetna to coordinate the member's transition from the inpatient setting to the next level of care (discharge planning), or to register members for specialized programs like disease management, case management, or maternity management programs. In some instances, precertification is used to inform physicians, members and other health care providers about cost-effective programs and alternative therapies and treatments.

Certain healthcare services, such as hospitalization or outpatient surgery, require precertification with Aetna. When a member is to obtain services requiring precertification from a participating provider, the provider is responsible to precertify those services prior to treatment. If your plan covers self-referred services to network providers, (i.e. Aetna Open Access), or out-of-network benefits and you may self-refer for covered benefits, it is your responsibility to contact Aetna to precertify those services which require precertification to avoid a reduction in benefits paid for that service.

Utilization Review/Patient Management

Aetna has developed a patient management program to assist in determining what health care services are covered under the health plan and the extent of such coverage. The program assists members in receiving appropriate healthcare and maximizing coverage for those healthcare services.

Where such use is appropriate, our utilization review/patient management staff uses nationally recognized guidelines and resources, such as *The Milliman Care Guidelines*™ to guide the precertification, concurrent review and retrospective review processes. To the extent certain utilization review/patient management functions are delegated to integrated delivery systems, independent practice associations or other provider groups ("Delegates"), such Delegates utilize criteria that they deem appropriate. Utilization review/patient management policies may be modified to comply with applicable state law.

Only medical directors make decisions denying coverage for services for reasons of medical necessity. Coverage denial letters for such decisions delineate any unmet criteria, standards and guidelines, and inform the provider and member of the appeal process.

Concurrent Review

The concurrent review process assesses the necessity for continued stay, level of care, and quality of care for members receiving inpatient services. All inpatient services extending beyond the initial certification period will require Concurrent Review.

Discharge Planning

Discharge planning may be initiated at any stage of the patient management process and begins immediately upon identification of post-discharge needs during precertification or concurrent review. The discharge plan may include initiation of a variety of services/benefits to be utilized by the member upon discharge from an inpatient stay.

Retrospective Record Review

The purpose of retrospective review is to retrospectively analyze potential quality and utilization issues, initiate appropriate follow-up action based on quality or utilization issues, and review all appeals of inpatient concurrent review decisions for coverage of healthcare services. Aetna's effort to manage the services provided to members includes the retrospective review of claims submitted for payment, and of medical records submitted for potential quality and utilization concerns.

Complaints, Appeals and External Review

This Complaint Appeal and External Review Process may not apply if your plan is self-funded. Contact your Benefits Administrator if you have any questions.

Filing a Complaint or Appeal

Aetna is committed to addressing members' coverage issues, complaints and problems. If you have a coverage issue or other problem, call Member Services at the toll-free number on your ID card. You can also contact Member Services through the Internet at www.aetna.com. If Member Services is unable to resolve your issue to your satisfaction, it will be forwarded to the appropriate department for handling.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your initial contact, you may file an appeal. If you are not satisfied after filing a formal appeal, you may request a second level appeal of the decision. Your appeal will be decided in accordance with the procedures applicable to your plan and applicable state law. Refer to your plan documents for further details regarding your plan's appeal procedure.

External Review

Aetna established an external review process to give eligible members the opportunity of requesting an objective and timely independent review of certain coverage denials. Once the applicable appeal process has been exhausted, eligible members may request an external review of the decision if the coverage denial, for which the member would be financially responsible, involves more than \$500, and is based on lack of medical necessity or on the experimental or investigational nature of the proposed service or treatment. Standards may vary by state, if a state-mandated external review process exists and applies to your plan.

An independent review organization (IRO) will assign the case to a physician reviewer with appropriate expertise in the area in question. After all necessary information is submitted, an external review generally will be decided within 30 calendar days of the request. Expedited reviews are available when a member's physician certifies that a delay in service would jeopardize the member's health. Once the review is complete, the plan will abide by the decision of the external reviewer. The cost for the review will be borne by Aetna (except where state law requires members to pay a filing fee as part of the state mandated program).

Certain states mandate external review of additional benefit or service issues; some may require a filing fee. In addition, certain states mandate the use of their own external review process for medical necessity and experimental/ investigational coverage decisions. These state mandates may not apply to self-funded plans. For further details regarding your plan's appeal process and the availability of an external review process, call the Member Services toll-free number on your ID card or visit our website www.aetna.com where you may obtain an external review request form. You also may call your state insurance or health department or consult their website for additional information regarding state-mandated external review procedures.

Independent Consumer Satisfaction Surveys

A member of the general public may request the results of independent consumer satisfaction results and an analysis of quality outcomes of health care services of managed care plans in the State of New Jersey. Copies of the guide may be obtained by calling 1-888-393-1062, or writing the Department of Health and Senior Services*, P.O. Box 360, Trenton, NJ 08625-0360. The guide may also be requested by e-mail at hmo@doh.state.nj.us. There is a fee for multiple copies. The guide is also available on the department's web site at www.state.nj.us/health and may be viewed, printed or downloaded at no charge.

*** The functions of the former Managed Health Care Consumer Assistance Program (MHCCAP) are now being handled by Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).**

New Jersey QUITNET and New Jersey QUITLINE

Tobacco products pose a serious health threat in New Jersey, and cost the health insurance industry millions of dollars annually. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services is providing two new free services that are available to consumers to help them kick the tobacco habit - New Jersey Quitline (1-866-NJ-STOPS or 1-866-657-8677) and New Jersey Quitnet (www.nj.quitnet.com) New Jersey Quitline provides individualized telephone-based counseling and referral programs for people who want to quit smoking. New Jersey Quitnet offers personalized support and referrals online.

Confidentiality and Privacy Notices

Aetna considers personal information to be confidential and has policies and procedures in place to protect it against unlawful use and disclosure. By "personal information," we mean information that relates to a member's physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to the member, or payment for the provision of health care to the member. Personal information does not include publicly available information or information that is available or reported in a summarized or aggregate fashion but does not identify the member.

When necessary or appropriate for your care or treatment, the operation of our health plans, or other related activities, we use personal information internally, share it with our affiliates, and disclose it to health care providers (doctors, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and other caregivers), payors (health care provider organizations, employers who sponsor self-funded health plans or who share responsibility for the payment of benefits, and others who may be financially responsible for payment for the services or benefits you receive under your plan), other insurers, third-party administrators, vendors, consultants, government authorities, and their respective agents. These parties are required to keep personal information confidential as provided by applicable law. Participating network providers are also required to give you access to your medical records within a reasonable amount of time after you make a request.

Some of the ways in which personal information is used include claims payment; utilization review and management; medical necessity reviews; coordination of care and benefits; preventive health, early detection, and disease and case management; quality assessment and improvement activities; auditing and antifraud

activities; performance measurement and outcomes assessment; health claims analysis and reporting; health services research; data and information systems management; compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; formulary management; litigation proceedings; transfer of policies or contracts to and from other insurers, HMOs and third party administrators; underwriting activities; and due diligence activities in connection with the purchase or sale of some or all of our business. We consider these activities key for the operation of our health plans. To the extent permitted by law, we use and disclose personal information as provided above without member consent. However, we recognize that many members do not want to receive unsolicited marketing materials unrelated to their health benefits. We do not disclose personal information for these marketing purposes unless the member consents. We also have policies addressing circumstances in which members are unable to give consent.

To obtain a hard copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, which describes in greater detail our practices concerning use and disclosure of personal information, please write to Aetna's Legal Support Services Department at 151 Farmington Avenue, W121, Hartford, CT 06156. You can also visit our Internet site at www.aetna.com. You can link directly to the Notice of Privacy Practices at:
http://www.aetna.com/data/privacy_commercial_medical.pdf

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Member Notice*

The following information is provided to inform the member of certain provisions contained in the Group Health Plan and related procedures that may be utilized by the member in accordance with Federal law.

Pre-existing Conditions Exclusion Provision (only for plans containing such provision)

This is to advise you that a pre-existing conditions exclusion period may apply to you if a pre-existing conditions exclusion provision is included in the Group Plan that you are or become covered under. If your plan contains a pre-existing conditions exclusion, such exclusion may be waived for you if you have prior Creditable Coverage.

Creditable Coverage

Creditable coverage includes coverage under a group health plan (including a governmental or church plan), health insurance coverage (either group or individual insurance), Medicare, Medicaid, military-sponsored health care (CHAMPUS), a program of the Indian Health Service, a state health benefit risk pool, the FEHBP, a public health plan as defined in the regulations, and any health benefit plan under section 5(c) of the Peace Corps Act. Not included as creditable coverage is any coverage that is exempt from the law (e.g., dental only coverage or dental coverage that is provided in a separate plan or, even if in the same plan as medical, is separately elected and results in additional premium).

If you had **prior creditable coverage** within the 90 days immediately before the date you enrolled under this plan, then the pre-existing conditions exclusion in your plan, if any, will be **waived**. The determination of the 90 day period will not include any waiting period that may be imposed by your employer before you are eligible for coverage.

If you had **no prior creditable coverage** within the 90 days prior to your enrollment date (either because you had no prior coverage or because there was more than a 90 day gap from the date your prior coverage terminated to your enrollment date), we will **apply** your plan's pre-existing conditions exclusion (to a maximum period of 12 months).

Please Note: If a state law mandates a gap period greater than 90 days, that longer gap period will be used to determine creditable coverage.

If you have any questions regarding the determination of whether or not a pre-existing conditions exclusion applies to you, please call the Member Services telephone number on your ID card.

Providing Proof of Creditable Coverage

Generally, you will have received a **Certification of Prior Group Health Plan Coverage** from your prior medical plan as proof of your prior coverage. You should retain that certification until you submit a medical claim. When a claim for treatment of a potential pre-existing condition is received, the claim office will request from you that **Certification of Prior Group Health Plan Coverage**, which will be used to determine if you have creditable coverage at that time.

You may request a Certification of Prior Group Health Plan Coverage from your prior carrier(s) with whom you had coverage within the past two years. Our service center can assist you with this and can provide you with the type of information that you will need to request from your prior carrier.

The service center may also request information from you regarding any pre-existing condition for which you may have been treated in the past and other information that will allow them to determine if you have creditable coverage.

* While this member notice is believed to be accurate as of the print date, it is subject to change. Please contact the Member Services department if you have any questions.

Special Enrollment Periods

Due to Loss of Coverage

If you are eligible for coverage under your employer's medical plan but do/did not enroll in that medical plan because you had other medical coverage, and you lose that other medical coverage, you will be allowed to enroll in the current medical plan during special enrollment periods after your initial eligibility period, if certain conditions are met. These special enrollment rules apply to employees and/or dependents who are eligible, but not enrolled for coverage, under the terms of the plan.

An employee or dependent is eligible to enroll during a special enrollment period if each of the following conditions are met:

- When you declined enrollment for you or your dependent, you stated in writing that coverage under another group health plan or other health insurance was the reason for declining enrollment, if the employer required such written notice and you were given notice of the requirement and the consequences of not providing the statement; and
- When you declined enrollment for you or your dependent, you or your dependent had COBRA continuation coverage under another plan and that COBRA continuation coverage has since been exhausted,

or

If the other coverage that applied to you or your dependent when enrollment was declined was not under a COBRA continuation provision, either the other coverage has been terminated as a result of the loss of eligibility or employer contributions toward that coverage have been terminated. Loss of eligibility includes a loss of coverage as a result of legal separation, divorce, death, termination of employment, or reduction in hours of employment.

For Certain Dependent Beneficiaries

If your Group Health Plan offers dependent coverage, it is required to offer a dependent special enrollment period for persons becoming a dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption. The dependent special enrollment period will last for 31 days from the date of the marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption. The dependent may be enrolled during that time as a dependent of the employee. If the employee is eligible for enrollment, but not enrolled, the employee may also enroll at this time. In the case of the birth or adoption of a child, the spouse of the individual also may be enrolled as a dependent of the employee if the spouse is otherwise eligible for coverage but not already enrolled. If an employee seeks to enroll a dependent during the special enrollment period, the coverage would become effective as of the date of birth, adoption, placement for adoption or marriage.

Special Enrollment Rules

To qualify for the special enrollment, individuals who meet the above requirements must submit a signed request for enrollment no later than 31 days after one of the events described above. The effective date of coverage for individuals who lost coverage will be the date of the qualifying event. If you seek to enroll a dependent during the special enrollment period, coverage for your dependent (and for you, if also enrolling) will become effective as of the date that the qualifying event occurred (for marriage, as of the enrollment date) once the completed request for enrollment is received.

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