

# Important information about your health benefits

## For Open Choice<sup>®</sup> PPO and these Aetna Open Access<sup>®</sup> plans: Open Access Managed Choice<sup>®</sup> and Health Network Only

### Understanding your plan of benefits

Aetna\* health benefits plans cover most types of health care from a doctor or hospital. But they do not cover everything. The plan covers recommended preventive care and care that you need for medical reasons. It does not cover services you may just want to have, like plastic surgery. It also does not cover treatment that is not yet widely accepted. You should also be aware that some services may have limits. For example, a plan may allow only one eye exam per year.

**Warning: If you or your family members are covered by more than one health care plan, you may not be able to collect benefits from both plans. Each plan may require you to follow its rules or use specific doctors and hospitals, and it may be impossible to comply with both plans at the same time. Before you enroll in this plan, read all of the rules very carefully and compare them with the rules of any other plan that covers you or your family.**

**Not all of the information in this booklet applies to your specific plan**

Most of the information in this booklet applies to all plans. But some does not. For example, not all plans have deductibles or prescription drug benefits. Information about those topics will only apply if the plan includes those rules.

State-specific information throughout this booklet does not apply to all plans. To be sure, review your plan documents, ask your benefits administrator, or call Aetna Member Services. Some states may also have differences that are not reflected in this document.

### Where to find information about your specific plan

Your “plan documents” list all the details for the plan you choose. This includes what’s covered, what’s not covered and what you will pay for services. Plan document names vary. They may include a Booklet-certificate, Schedule of Benefits, Certificate of Coverage, and/or any riders and updates that come with them.

If you can’t find your plan documents, call Member Services to ask for a copy. Use the toll-free number on your Aetna ID card.

### Get plan information online and by phone

#### If you’re already enrolled in an Aetna health plan

You have three convenient ways to get plan information anytime, day or night:

#### 1. Log in to your secure Aetna Navigator<sup>®</sup> member website

You can get coverage information for your plan online. You can also get details about any programs, tools and other services that come with your plan. Just register once to create a user name and password.

Have your Aetna ID card handy. Then visit <http://www.aetna.com> and click “Log In/Register.” Follow the prompts to complete the one-time registration.

Then you can log in any time to:

- Verify who’s covered and what’s covered
- Access your “plan documents”
- Track claims or view past copies of Explanation of Benefits statements
- Use the DocFind<sup>®</sup> search tool to find in-network care
- Use our cost-of-care tools so you can know before you go
- Learn more about and access any wellness programs that come with your plan

#### 2. Use your mobile device to access a streamlined version of Aetna Navigator

Go to your Play Store (Android) or App Store (iPhone) and search for Aetna Mobile. You can also text **APPS** to **23862** to download.

Here’s just some of what you can do from Aetna Mobile:

- Find a doctor or facility
- View alerts and messages
- View your claims, coverage and benefits
- View your Aetna member ID card information
- Use the Member Payment Estimator
- Contact Us by phone or e-mail

**\*Aetna individual health insurance plans are underwritten by Aetna Life Insurance Company and/or by Aetna Health Inc. (Aetna)**

### 3. Call Member Services at the toll-free number on your Aetna ID card

As an Aetna member you can use the Aetna Voice Advantage self-service options to:

- Verify who's covered under your plan
- Find out what's covered under your plan
- Get an address to mail your claim and check a claim status
- Find other ways to contact Aetna
- Order a replacement Aetna member ID card
- Be transferred to behavioral health services (if included in your plan)

You can also speak with a representative to:

- Understand how your plan works or what you will pay
- Get information about how to file a claim
- Get a referral
- Find care outside your area
- File a complaint or appeal
- Get copies of your plan documents
- Connect to behavioral health services (if included in your plan)
- Find specific health information
- Learn more about our Quality Management program

### Not yet a member?

For help understanding how a particular medical plan works, you should review your Summary of Benefits and Coverage document. You can also call us with questions.

- If you purchased your health plan through an agent or directly from Aetna, you can call **1-866-565-1236**.
- If you purchased your health plan through the public exchange (<http://www.healthcare.gov>) you can call **1-855-586-6960**.

### Search our network for doctors, hospitals and other health care providers

Use our DocFind search tool for the most up-to-date list of health care professionals and facilities. You can get a list of available doctors by Zip code, or enter a specific doctor's name in the search field.

- **Existing members:** Visit <http://www.aetna.com> and log in. From your secure member website home page, select Find a Doctor from the top menu bar and Start your search.
- **Considering enrollment:** Visit <http://www.aetna.com> and scroll down to "Find a doctor, dentist, facility or vision provider" from the home page. You'll need to select the plan you're interested in from the drop-down box.

Our online search tool is more than just a list of doctors' names and addresses. It also includes information about:

- Where the physician attended medical school
- Board certification status
- Language spoken
- Hospital affiliations
- Gender
- Driving directions

### Get a FREE printed directory

To get a free printed list of doctors and hospitals, call the toll-free number on your Aetna ID card. If you're not yet a member, call **1-866-565-1236**. (If you purchased your plan at <http://www.healthcare.gov>, call us at **1-855-586-6960** instead.)

If you live in **Georgia**, you can call toll-free at **1-844-289-4503** to confirm that the preferred provider in question is in the network and/or accepting new patients.

**Michigan** members may contact the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Services at **517-373-0220** to:

- Verify participating providers' license
- Access information on formal complaints and disciplinary actions filed or taken against a health care provider in the immediate preceding three years.

For more information on your health plan, call Member Services at **1-844-289-4503** or refer to your plan documents.

## A provider's right to join the network – Kentucky

Any health care provider who meets our enrollment criteria and who is willing to meet the terms and conditions for participation has a right to become a participating provider in our network.

## Customary waiting times – Kentucky

- Routine – Within 7 days
- Preventive Care – Within 8 weeks
- Symptomatic, Non Urgent – Within 3 days
- Urgent Complaint – Same day/within 24 hours
- Emergency – Immediately or referred to ER

## Accountable Care Organizations—Physician networks that help to improve care while lowering costs

Accountable care organizations are networks of primary care doctors, specialists and at least one hospital. Their mission is to better coordinate patient care to improve efficiency, quality and patient satisfaction.

Like most plans, we pay these doctors and hospitals on a fee-for-service basis. We pay them more when they meet certain goals. The amount of these payments depends on how well the networks meet goals\* for efficiency and quality:

- Increase screenings for cancer, diabetes and cholesterol
- Reduce avoidable ER visits, short-term hospital stays, repetitive tests and the overall cost of care

The network may also have to make payments to us if they fail to meet their goals. This helps encourage savings that are tied to value and better health outcomes for our members. Doctors and hospitals that are members of an accountable care network may have their own financial arrangements through the network itself. Ask your doctor for details.

It's important for doctors to see a complete view of your health care to provide customized treatment plans for your unique needs. For that reason, we may share your health information with the accountable care organization and/or doctors within the network.

You can see which health care providers are part of an accountable care organization when you use our DocFind® search tool. See "Search our network for doctors, hospitals and other health care providers" in this booklet for details. After entering your search criteria, look for the specific network logo.

## Help for those who speak another language and for the hearing impaired

If you require language assistance, please call the Member Services number on your Aetna ID card, and an Aetna representative will connect you with an interpreter. You can also get interpretation assistance for utilization management issues or for registering a complaint or appeal. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use your TTY and dial **711** for the Telecommunications Relay Service. Once connected, please enter or provide the Aetna telephone number you're calling.

## Ayuda para las personas que hablan otro idioma y para personas con impedimentos auditivos

Si usted necesita asistencia lingüística, por favor llame al número de Servicios al Miembro que figura en su tarjeta de identificación de Aetna, y un representante de Aetna le conectará con un intérprete. También puede recibir asistencia de interpretación para asuntos de administración de la utilización o para registrar una queja o apelación. Si usted es sordo o tiene problemas de audición, use su TTY y marcar **711** para el Servicio de Retransmisión de Telecomunicaciones (TRS). Una vez conectado, por favor entrar o proporcionar el número de teléfono de Aetna que está llamando.

## Costs and rules for using your plan

### What you pay

You will share in the cost of your health care. These are called "out-of-pocket" costs. Your plan documents show the amounts that apply to your specific plan. Those costs may include:

**Copay** – A set amount (for example, \$25) you pay for covered health care service. You usually pay this when you get the service. The amount can vary by the type of service. For example, you may pay a different amount to see a specialist than you would pay to see your family doctor.

Other copays may apply at the same time.

**Coinsurance** – Your share of the costs for a covered service. This is usually a percentage (for example, 20 percent of the allowed amount for the service. For example, if the health plan's allowed amount for an office visit is \$100 and you've met your deductible, your coinsurance payment of 20 percent would be \$20. The health plan pays the rest of the allowed amount.

**Deductible** – The amount you owe for health care services before your health plan begins to pay. For example, if your deductible is \$1,000, you have to pay the first \$1,000 for covered services before the plan begins to pay. You may not have to pay for some services. Other deductibles may apply at the same time.

\*The specific goals will vary from network to network.

## Your costs when you go outside the network

### Network-only plans

**Health Network Only is a network-only plan.** That means the plan covers health care services only when provided by a doctor who participates in the Aetna network. Not every hospital, health care facility, physician or other types of providers participate in the network. If you receive services from an out-of-network doctor or other health care provider, you will have to pay all of the costs for the services.

### Plans that cover out-of-network services

With Open Choice and Open Access Managed Choice plans, you may choose a doctor in our network. You may choose to visit an out-of-network doctor. We cover the cost of care based on if the provider, such as a doctor or hospital, is “in network” or “out of network.” We want to help you understand how much we will pay for your out-of-network care. At the same time, we want to make it clear how much more you will need to pay for this care. The following are examples for when you see a doctor:

**“In network”** means we have a contract with that doctor. Doctors agree to how much they will charge you for covered services. That amount is often less than what they would charge you if they were not in our network. Most of the time, it costs you less to use doctors in our network. Doctors also agree to not bill you for any amount over their contract rate. All you have to pay is your coinsurance or copayments, along with any deductible. Your network doctor will handle any precertification required by your plan.

**“Out of network”** means we do not have a contract for discounted rates with that doctor. We don’t know exactly what an out-of-network doctor will charge you. If you choose a doctor who is out of network, your Aetna health plan may pay some of that doctor’s bill. Most of the time, you will pay more money out of your own pocket if you choose to use an out-of-network doctor.

Your out-of-network doctor or hospital sets the rate to charge you. It may be higher — sometimes much higher — than what your Aetna plan “recognizes” or “allows.” Your doctor may bill you for the dollar amount the plan doesn’t “recognize.” You’ll also pay higher copayments, coinsurance and deductibles under your plan. No dollar amount above the “recognized charge” counts toward your deductible or out-of-pocket limits. This means you are fully responsible for paying everything above the amount the plan allows for a service or procedure.

When you choose to see an out-of-network doctor, we pay for your health care depending on the plan you selected. Some of our plans pay for out-of-network services by looking at what Medicare would pay and adjusting that amount up or down. Our plans range from paying 90 percent of Medicare (that is, 10 percent less than Medicare would pay) to 300 percent of Medicare (the Medicare rate multiplied by three). Some plans pay for out-of-network services based on what is called the “usual and customary” charge or “reasonable amount” rate. These plans use information from FAIR Health, Inc., a not-for-profit company, that reports how much providers charge for services in any Zip code.

You can call Member Services at the toll-free number on your Aetna ID card to find out the method your plan uses to reimburse out-of-network doctors. You can also ask for an estimate of your share of the cost for out-of-network services you are planning. The way of paying out-of-network doctors and hospitals applies when you choose to get care out of network. See “Emergency and urgent care” to learn more.

### Going in network just makes sense.

- We have negotiated discounted rates for you.
- In-network doctors and hospitals won’t bill you for costs above our rates for covered services.
- You are in great hands with access to quality care from our national network.

To learn more about how we pay out-of-network benefits, visit <http://www.aetna.com>. Type “how Aetna pays” in the search box.

## You never need referrals with open access plans

As an Aetna Open Access or PPO plan member, you do not need a referral from your regular doctor to see a specialist. You may need to select a primary care provider (PCP) depending on your state. Even if you don't have to, we encourage you to do so. A PCP can help you navigate the health care system.

Some states also require us to tell you about certain open access benefits:

### Florida

- **Chiropractor and Podiatrist** – You have direct access to a participating primary care chiropractic and podiatric provider of your choice and do not need a referral from your PCP to access these benefits covered under your health benefits plan.
- **Dermatologist** – You have direct access to a participating primary care dermatologist provider of your choice and do not need a referral from your PCP to access these benefits covered under your health benefits plan.

### Georgia

- **Ob/Gyn** – Female members have direct access to the participating primary Ob/Gyn provider of their choice and do not need a referral from their PCP for a routine well-woman exam, including a Pap smear when appropriate and an unlimited number of visits for gynecologic problems and follow-up care.
- **Dermatologist** – You have direct access to the participating dermatologist provider of your choice and do not need a referral from your primary care physician(s) to access dermatologic benefits covered under your health plan.

### Kentucky

**Participating primary chiropractic providers** – If you live in Kentucky, you have direct access to the participating primary chiropractic provider of your choice. You do not need a referral from your PCP to access chiropractic benefits covered under your benefits plan.

### Tennessee

**Routine Vision Care** – You are covered for routine vision exams from participating providers without a referral from your PCP. Copayments may apply. For routine eye exams, you can visit a participating optometrist or ophthalmologist without a referral, once every 12 months. A contact lens fitting exam is not covered.

## Precertification: Getting approvals for services

Sometimes we will pay for care only if we have given an approval before you get it. We call that “precertification.” You usually only need precertification for more serious care like surgery or being admitted to a hospital. Your plan documents list all the services that require this approval. Your PCP or network specialist will get this approval for you.

You do not have to get precertification for emergency services.

### What we look for when reviewing a request

First, we check to see that you are still a member. And we make sure the service is considered medically necessary for your condition. We also make sure the service and place requested to perform the service are cost effective. Our decisions are based entirely on appropriateness of care and service and the existence of coverage, using nationally recognized guidelines and resources. We may suggest a different treatment or place of service that is just as effective but costs less. We also look to see if you qualify for one of our case management programs. If so, one of our nurses may contact you.

Precertification does not verify if you have reached any plan dollar limits or visit maximums for the service requested. So, even if you get approval, the service may not be covered.

### Our review process after precertification (Utilization Review/Patient Management)

We have developed a patient management program to help you access appropriate health care and maximize coverage for those health care services. In certain situations, we review your case to be sure the service or supply meets established guidelines and is a covered benefit under your plan. We call this a “utilization review.”

### We follow specific rules to help us make your health a top concern during our reviews

- We do not reward Aetna employees for denying coverage.
- We do not encourage denials of coverage. In fact, we train staff to focus on the risks of members not getting proper care. Where such use is appropriate, our staff uses nationally recognized guidelines and resources, such as MCG (formerly Milliman Care Guidelines) to review requests for coverage. Physician groups, such as independent practice associations, may use other resources they deem appropriate.
- We do not encourage utilization decisions that result in underutilization.

## Information about specific benefits

### No coverage based on U.S. Sanctions

If U.S. trade sanctions consider you a blocked person, the plan cannot provide benefits or coverage to you. Also if you travel to a country sanctioned by the United States, the plan in most cases cannot provide benefits or coverage to you. Also, if your health care provider is a blocked person or is in a sanctioned country, we cannot pay for services from that provider. For example, if you receive care while traveling in another country and the health care provider is a blocked person or is in a sanctioned country, the plan cannot pay for those services. For more information on U.S. Trade sanctions, visit <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Pages/default.aspx>.

### Emergency and urgent care and care after office hours

An emergency medical condition means your symptoms are sudden and severe. If you don't get help right away, an average person with average medical knowledge will expect that you could die or risk your health. For a pregnant woman, that includes her unborn child.

Emergency care is covered anytime, anywhere in the world. If you need emergency care, follow these guidelines:

- Call **911** or go to the nearest emergency room. If you have time, call your doctor or PCP.
- Tell your doctor or PCP as soon as possible afterward. A friend or family member may call on your behalf.
- You do not have to get approval for emergency services.

In **Kentucky**, the definition for Emergency Medical Condition is, *"A medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson would reasonably have cause to believe constitutes a condition that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in: placing the health of the individual or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or with respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, a situation in which there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery; or a situation in which transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child."*

### You are covered for emergency care

You have emergency coverage while you are traveling or if you are near your home. That includes students who are away at school.

Sometimes you don't have a choice about where you go for care. Like if you go to the emergency room for a heart attack or a car accident. When you need care right away, go to any doctor, walk-in clinic, urgent care center or emergency room. When you have no choice, we will pay the bill as if you got care in network. You pay your plan's copayments, coinsurance and deductibles for your in-network level of benefits.

We'll review the information when the claim comes in. If we think the situation was not urgent, we might ask you for more information and may send you a form to fill out. Please complete the form, or call Member Services to give us the information over the phone.

### After-hours care – available 24/7

Call your doctor when you have medical questions or concerns. Your doctor should have an answering service if you call after the office closes. You can also go to an urgent care center, which may have limited hours. To find a center near you, log in to <http://www.aetna.com> and search our list of doctors and other health care providers. Check your plan documents to see how much you must pay for urgent care services.

### Prescription drug benefit

#### Some plans encourage generic drugs over brand-name drugs

A generic drug is the same as a brand-name drug in dose, use and form. They are FDA approved and safe to use. Generic drugs usually sell for less; so many plans give you incentives to use generics. That doesn't mean you can't use a brand-name drug, but you'll pay more for it. You'll pay your normal share of the cost, and you'll also pay the difference in the two prices.

#### We may also encourage you to use certain drugs

Some plans encourage you to buy certain prescription drugs over others. The plan may even pay a larger share for those drugs. We list those drugs in the Aetna Preferred Drug Guide (also known as a "drug formulary"). This guide shows which prescription drugs are covered on a preferred basis. It also explains how we choose medications to be in the guide.

When you get a drug that is not on the preferred drug guide, your share of the cost will usually be more. Check your plan documents to see how much you will pay. You can use those drugs if your plan has an "open formulary," but you'll pay the highest copay under the plan. If your plan has a "closed formulary," those drugs are not covered.

## **Drug companies may give us rebates when our members buy certain drugs**

Rebates usually apply to drugs on the preferred drug guide. They may also apply to drugs not in the guide. In plans where you pay a percentage of the cost, your share of the cost is based on the price of the drug before Aetna receives any rebate. Sometimes, in plans where you pay a percentage of the cost instead of a flat dollar amount, you may pay more for a drug in the preferred drug guide than for a drug not in the guide.

## **Mail-order and specialty-drug services from Aetna owned pharmacies**

Mail-order and specialty drug services are from pharmacies Aetna owns. These pharmacies are called Aetna Rx Home Delivery and Aetna Specialty Pharmacy, which are for-profit pharmacies.

## **You might not have to stick to the preferred drug guide**

Sometimes your doctor might recommend a drug that's not in the preferred drug guide. If it is medically necessary for you to use that drug, you, someone helping you or your doctor can ask us to make an exception. Your pharmacist can also ask for an exception for antibiotics and pain medicines. Check your plan documents for details.

## **You may have to try one drug before you can try another**

"Step-therapy" means you may have to try one or more less expensive or more common drugs before a drug on the step-therapy list will be covered. Your doctor might want you to skip one of these drugs for medical reasons. If so, you, someone helping you or your doctor can ask for a medical exception. Your pharmacist can also ask for an exception for antibiotics and pain medicines.

## **Some drugs are not covered at all**

Prescription drug plans do not cover drugs that don't need a prescription. Your plan documents might also list specific drugs that are not covered. You cannot get a medical exception for these drugs.

## **New drugs may not be covered**

Your plan may not cover drugs we haven't reviewed yet. You, someone helping you or your doctor may have to get our approval to use one of these new drugs.

## **Get a copy of the preferred drug guide**

You can find the Aetna Preferred Drug Guide on our website at <http://www.aetna.com/formulary/>. You can call the toll-free number on your Aetna ID card to ask for a printed copy. We frequently add new drugs to the guide. Look online or call Member Services for the latest updates.

## **Have questions? Get answers.**

Ask your doctor about specific medications. Call the number on your Aetna ID card to ask about how your plan pays for them. Your plan documents also spell out what's covered and what is not.

## **Mental health and addiction benefits**

Here's how to get inpatient and outpatient services, partial hospitalization and other mental health services:

- Call **911** if it's an emergency.
- Call the toll-free Behavioral Health number on your Aetna ID card.
- Call Member Services if no other number is listed.
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) professionals can also help you find a mental health specialist.

## **Get information about using network therapists**

We want you to feel good about using the Aetna network for mental health services. Visit <http://www.aetna.com/docfind> and click the "Quality and Cost Information" link. No Internet? Call Member Services instead. Use the toll-free number on your Aetna ID card to ask for a printed copy.

## **Aetna Behavioral Health offers two screening and prevention programs for our members**

- **Beginning Right® Depression Program:** Perinatal and Postpartum Depression Education, Screening and Treatment Referral and
- **SASADA Program:** Substance Abuse Screening for Adolescents with Depression and/or Anxiety

Call Member Services for more information on either of these programs.

## **Transplants and other complex conditions**

Our National Medical Excellence Program® (NME) is for members who need a transplant or have a condition that can only be treated at a certain hospital. You may need to visit an Aetna Institutes of Excellence™ hospital to get coverage for the treatment. Some plans won't cover the service if you don't. We choose hospitals for the NME program based on their expertise and experience with these services. We also follow any state rules when choosing these hospitals.

## Important benefits for women

### Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

Your Aetna health plan provides benefits for mastectomy and mastectomy-related services, including all stages of reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between breasts; prosthesis; and treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedema. Coverage is provided in accordance with your plan design and is subject to plan limitations, copays, deductibles, coinsurance and referral requirements, if any, as outlined in your plan documents.

Please contact Member Services for more information. For more information, you can visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website, [http://www.cms.gov/HealthInsReformforConsumers/Downloads/WHCRA\\_Helpful\\_Tips\\_2010\\_06\\_14.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/HealthInsReformforConsumers/Downloads/WHCRA_Helpful_Tips_2010_06_14.pdf), and the U.S. Department of Labor website, [http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/consumer\\_info\\_health.html](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/consumer_info_health.html).

### Delaware – Scalp hair prosthesis benefit

Aetna plans cover the cost of scalp hair prosthesis worn for hair loss suffered as a result of alopecia areata, resulting from an autoimmune disease. The same limitations and guidelines that apply to other prosthesis as outlined in your plan documents will apply. But this benefit is also limited to \$500 per year.

## Knowing what is covered

Avoid unexpected bills. Check your plan documents to see what's covered before you get health care. Can't find your plan documents? Call Member Services to ask a specific question or have a copy mailed to you.

Here are some of the ways we determine what is covered:

### We check if it's "medically necessary"

Medical necessity is more than being ordered by a doctor. "Medically necessary" means your doctor ordered a product or service for an important medical reason. It might be to help prevent a disease or condition, or to check if you have one. It might be to treat an injury or illness.

The product or service:

- Must meet a normal standard for doctors
- Must be the right type in the right amount for the right length of time and for the right body part
- Must be known to help the particular symptom
- Cannot be for the member's or the doctor's convenience
- Cannot cost more than another service or product that is just as effective

Only medical professionals can decide if a treatment or service is not medically necessary. We do not reward Aetna employees for denying coverage. Sometimes a physician's group will determine medical necessity. Those groups might use different resources than we do.

If we deny coverage, we'll send you and your doctor a letter. The letter will explain how to appeal the denial. You have the same right to appeal if a physician's group denied coverage. You can call Member Services to ask for a free copy of the materials we use to make coverage decisions. Or visit [http://www.aetna.com/about/cov\\_det\\_policies.html](http://www.aetna.com/about/cov_det_policies.html) to read our policies. Doctors can write or call our Patient Management department with questions. Contact Member Services either online or at the phone number on your Aetna ID card for the appropriate address and phone number.

## We study the latest medical technology

We look at scientific evidence published in medical journals to help us decide what is medically necessary. This is the same information doctors use. We also make sure the product or service is in line with how doctors, who usually treat the illness or injury, use it. Our doctors may use nationally recognized resources like MCG (formerly Milliman Care Guidelines).

We also review the latest medical technology, including drugs, equipment and mental health treatments. Plus, we look at new ways to use old technologies. To make decisions, we may:

- Read medical journals to see the research. We want to know how safe and effective it is.
- See what other medical and government groups say about it. That includes the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- Ask experts.
- Check how often and how successfully it has been used.

We publish our decisions in our Clinical Policy Bulletins.

## **We post our findings on <http://www.aetna.com>**

We write a report about a product or service after we decide if it is medically necessary. We call the report a Clinical Policy Bulletin (CPB).

CPBs help us decide whether to approve a coverage request. Your plan may not cover everything our CPBs say is medically necessary. Each plan is different, so check your plan documents.

CPBs are not meant to advise you or your doctor on your care. Only your doctor can give you advice and treatment. Talk to your doctor about any CPB related to your coverage or condition.

You and your doctor can read our CPBs on our website at <http://www.aetna.com>. You can find them under “Individuals & Families.” No Internet? Call Member Services at the toll-free number on your Aetna member ID card. Ask for a copy of a CPB for any product or service.

## **What to do if you disagree with us**

### **Complaints, appeals and external review**

Please tell us if you are not satisfied with a response you received from us or with how we do business.

#### **Call Member Services to file a verbal complaint or to ask for the address to mail a written complaint.**

The phone number is on your Aetna ID card. You can also e-mail Member Services through the secure member website. If you're not satisfied after talking to a Member Services representative, you can ask us to send your issue to the appropriate complaint department.

#### **If you don't agree with a denied claim, you can file an appeal.**

To file an appeal, follow the directions in the letter or explanation of benefits statement that explains that your claim was denied. The letter also tells you what we need from you and how soon we will respond.

#### **Get a review from someone outside Aetna**

If the denial is based on a medical judgment, you may be able to get an outside review if you're not satisfied with your appeal (in most cases you will need to finish all of your internal appeals first). Follow the instructions on our response to your appeal. Call Member Services to ask for an External Review Form. You can also visit <http://www.aetna.com>. Enter “external review” into the search bar.

Some states have their own external review process and you may need to pay a small filing fee as part of the state mandated program. In other states external review is still available but follows federal rules. Visit your state's government website to learn more. You can find a link at <http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State-and-Territories.shtml> or call Member Services at the toll-free number on your Aetna ID card for help.

An independent review organization (IRO) will assign your case to one of their experts. The expert will be a doctor or other professional who specializes in that area or type of appeal. You should have a decision within 45 calendar days of the request. The outside reviewer's decision is final and binding; we will follow the outside reviewer's decision and you will not have to pay anything unless there was a filing fee.

#### **A “rush” review may be possible**

If your doctor thinks you cannot wait 45 days, ask for an “expedited review.” That means we will make our decision as soon as possible.

## **Member rights & responsibilities**

### **Know your rights as a member**

You have many legal rights as a member of a health plan. You also have many responsibilities. You have the right to suggest changes in our policies and procedures. This includes our member rights and responsibilities.

Some of your rights are explained below. We also publish a list of rights and responsibilities on our website. Visit <http://www.aetna.com/individuals-families/member-rights-resources.html> to view the list. You can also call Member Services at the number on your ID card to ask for a printed copy.

## Making medical decisions before your procedure<sup>1</sup>

An “advance directive” tells your family and doctors what to do when you can’t tell them yourself. You don’t need an advance directive to receive care, but you have the right to create one. Hospitals may ask if you have an advance directive when you are admitted.

There are three types of advance directives:

- Durable power of attorney – name the person you want to make medical decisions for you.
- Living will – spells out the type and extent of care you want to receive.
- Do-not-resuscitate order – states that you don’t want CPR if your heart stops or a breathing tube if you stop breathing.

You can create an advance directive in several ways:

- Ask your doctor for an advance directive form.
- Write your wishes down by yourself.
- Pick up a form at state or local offices on aging, or your local health department.
- Work with a lawyer to write an advance directive.
- Create an advance directive using computer software designed for this purpose.

## Learn about our quality management programs

We make sure your doctor provides quality care for you and your family. To learn more about these programs, go to our website at <http://www.aetna.com>. Enter “commitment to quality” in the search bar. You can also call Member Services to ask for a printed copy. The toll-free number is on your Aetna ID card.

## We protect your privacy

We consider personal information to be private. Our policies protect your personal information from unlawful use. By “personal information,” we mean information that can identify you as a person, as well as your financial and health information.

Personal information does not include what is available to the public. For example, anyone can access information about what the plan covers. It also does not include reports that do not identify you.

## Summary of the Aetna Privacy Policy

When necessary for your care or treatment, the operation of our health plans or other related activities, we use personal information within our company, share it with our affiliates and may disclose it to:

- Your doctors, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and other caregivers
- Other insurers
- Vendors
- Government departments
- Third-party administrators (TPAs)

These parties are required to keep your information private as required by law.

Some of the ways in which we may use your information include:

- Paying claims
- Making decisions about what the plan covers
- Coordination of payments with other insurers
- Quality assessment
- Activities to improve our plans
- Audits

We consider these activities key for the operation of our plans. When allowed by law, we use and disclose your personal information in the ways explained above without your permission. Our privacy notice includes a complete explanation of the ways we use and disclose your information. It also explains when we need your permission to use or disclose your information.

We are required to give you access to your information. If you think there is something wrong or missing in your personal information, you can ask that it be changed. We must complete your request within a reasonable amount of time. If we don’t agree with the change, you can file an appeal.

For more information about our privacy notice or if you’d like a copy, call the toll-free number on your ID card or visit us at <http://www.aetna.com>.

## Anyone can get health care

We do not consider your race, disability, religion, sex, sexual orientation, health, ethnicity, creed, age or national origin when giving you access to care. Network providers are legally required to the same.

We must comply with these laws:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Laws that apply to those who receive federal funds
- All other laws that protect your rights to receive health care

<sup>1</sup>American Academy of Family Physicians. Advance Directives and Do Not Resuscitate Orders. January 2012. Available at <http://familydoctor.org/familydoctor/en/healthcare-management/end-of-life-issues/advance-directives-and-do-not-resuscitate-orders.html>. Accessed January 12, 2015.

## How we use information about your race, ethnicity and the language you speak

You choose if you want to tell us your race/ethnicity and preferred language. We'll keep that information private. We use it to help us improve your access to health care. We also use it to help serve you better. See "We protect your privacy" to learn more about how we use and protect your private information. See also "Anyone can get health care."

## Your rights to enroll later if you decide not to enroll now

### When you lose your other coverage

You might choose not to enroll now because you already have health insurance. You may be able to enroll later if you lose that other coverage. This includes enrolling your spouse or children and other dependents. If that happens, you must apply within 31 days after your coverage ends.

### When you have a new dependent

Getting married? Having a baby? A new dependent changes everything. And you can change your mind. You can enroll within 31 days after a life event if you chose not to enroll during the normal open enrollment period. Life events include:

- Marriage
- Birth
- Adoption
- Placement for adoption

Talk to your benefits administrator for more information or to request special enrollment.

## Consumer Choice Option – Georgia

The Consumer Choice Option is available for Georgia residents enrolled in certain Aetna managed care plans. Under this option, with certain restrictions required by law and an additional monthly premium cost, members of certain Aetna managed care plans may nominate an out-of-network health care provider to provide covered services, for themselves and their covered family members. The out-of-network provider you nominate must agree to accept the Aetna compensation, to adhere to the plan's quality assurance requirements, and to meet all other reasonable criteria required by the plan of its in-network participating providers

It is possible the provider you nominate will not agree to participate. If the out-of-network provider you nominate agrees to participate, your benefits and any applicable copayments will be the same as for in-network providers. It will be available for an increased premium in addition to the premium you would otherwise pay. Your increased premium responsibility will vary depending on whether you have a single plan or family coverage, and on the type of insurance, riders, and coverage. Call **1-844-289-4503** for exact pricing and other information. Please have your Aetna member ID card available when you call.

## More information is available

### Georgia

A summary of any agreement or contract between Aetna and any health care provider will be made available upon request by calling the Member Services telephone number listed on your ID card. The summary will not include financial agreements as to actual rates, reimbursements, charges, or fees negotiated by Aetna and the provider. The summary will include a category or type of compensation paid by Aetna to each class of health care provider under contract with Aetna.

### Illinois

Illinois law requires health plans to provide the following information each year to enrollees and to prospective enrollees upon request:

- A complete list of participating health care providers in the health care plan's service area
- A description of the following terms of coverage:
  1. The service area
  2. The covered benefits and services with all exclusions, exceptions and limitations
  3. The precertification and other utilization review procedures and requirements
  4. A description of the process for the selection of a PCP, any limitation on access to specialists, and the plan's standing referral policy
  5. The emergency coverage and benefits, including any restrictions on emergency care services
  6. The out-of-area coverage and benefits, if any
  7. The enrollee's financial responsibility for copayments, deductibles, premiums, and any other out-of-pocket expenses
  8. The provisions for continuity of treatment in the event a health care provider's participation terminates during the course of an enrollee's treatment by the provider
  9. The appeals process, forms, and time frames for health care services appeals, complaints, and external independent reviews, administrative complaints, and utilization review complaints, including a phone number to call to receive more information from the health care plan concerning the appeals process
  10. A statement of all basic health care services and all specific benefits and services to be provided to enrollees by a state law or administrative rule
- A description of the financial relationship between the health plan and any health care provider, including, if requested, the percentage of copayments, deductibles, and total premiums spent on health care related expenses and the percentage of copayments, deductibles and total premiums spent on other expenses, including administrative expenses.

## Kentucky

Kentucky law requires Aetna to provide, upon enrollment and upon request, the following information: (1) a current participating provider directory with information on access to primary care providers and available providers; (2) general information on the type of financial incentives between contracted participating providers including any incentives and bonuses; and (3) our standard customary waiting times for appointments for urgent and routine care. Additionally, upon request, we will make available information about the provider network, including hospital affiliations and whether a particular network provider is board certified and whether a provider is currently accepting new patients. Members may contact Member Services at the toll-free number on their ID card for more information; all others contact your benefits administrator.

We are committed to Accreditation by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a means of demonstrating a commitment to continuous quality improvement and meeting customer expectations. You can find a complete list of health plans and their NCQA status on the NCQA website located at <http://reportcard.ncqa.org>.

To refine your search, we suggest you search these areas: **Health Insurance Plans** – for HMO and PPO health plans and **Physicians and Physician Practices** – for physicians recognized by NCQA in the areas of Physician Practice Connections, Physician Practice Connections-Patient Centered Medical Home, Patient Centered Medical Home, Heart/Stroke, Diabetes, and Patient Center Specialty Practice. Providers, in all settings, achieve recognition by submitting data that demonstrate they provide quality care. The program constantly assesses key measures that were carefully defined and tested for their relationship to improved care; therefore, NCQA provider recognition is subject to change.

See “Other Reports on Health Care Quality” in the dropdown menu for **Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organizations** – for mental health accreditation and **Credentials Verifications Organizations** – for credentialing certification.

**If you need this material translated into another language, please call Member Services at 1-855-586-6960.**

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