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Health Care of Louisiana, Inc.

## 2012

## Health Maintenance Organization (High and Standard Option)

Serving: New Orleans

Enrollment in this plan is limited. You must live or work in our Geographic service area to enroll. See page 8 for requirements.

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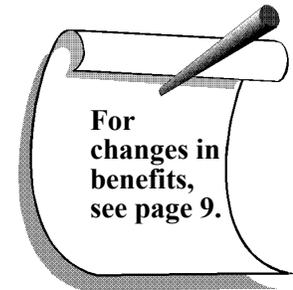
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BJ1 High Option – Self Only

BJ2 High Option – Self and Family

BJ4 Standard Option – Self Only

BJ5 Standard Option – Self and Family



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**Important Notice from Coventry Health Care of Louisiana About  
Our Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare**

OPM has determined that the Coventry Health Care of Louisiana's prescription drug coverage is, on average, comparable to Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage; thus you do not need to enroll in Medicare Part D and pay extra for prescription drug benefits. If you decide to enroll in Medicare Part D later, you will not have to pay a penalty for late enrollment as long as you keep your FEHB coverage.

However, if you choose to enroll in Medicare Part D, you can keep your FEHB coverage and we will coordinate benefits with Medicare.

Remember: If you are an annuitant and you cancel your FEHB coverage, you may not re-enroll in the FEHB Program.

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**Please be advised**

If you lose or drop your FEHB coverage and go 63 days or longer without prescription drug coverage that's as least as good as Medicare's prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium will go up a least 1% per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage, your premium will always be at least 19 percent higher than what many other people pay. You'll have to pay this higher premium as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the Annual Coordinated Election Period (October 15th through December 7th) to enroll in Medicare Part D.

**Medicare's Low Income Benefits**

*For people with limited income and resources, extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan is available. Information regarding this program is available through the Social Security Administration (SSA) online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call the SSA at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).*

You can get more information about Medicare prescription drug plans and the coverage offered in your area from these places:

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) for personalized help,
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY (1-877-486-2048).

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## Introduction

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This brochure describes the benefits of Coventry Healthcare of Louisiana under our contract (CS 2050) with the United States Office of Personnel Management, as authorized by the Federal Employees Health Benefits law. The address for administrative offices is:

Coventry Health Care Of Louisiana - 3838 North Causeway Blvd., Ste 3350 Metairie, La 70002

This brochure is the official statement of benefits. No oral statement can modify or otherwise affect the benefits, limitations, and exclusions of this brochure. It is your responsibility to be informed about your health benefits.

If you are enrolled in this Plan, you are entitled to the benefits described in this brochure. If you are enrolled in Self and Family coverage, each eligible family member is also entitled to these benefits. You do not have a right to benefits that were available before January 1, 2012, unless those benefits are also shown in this brochure.

OPM negotiates benefits and rates with each plan annually. Benefit changes are effective January 1, 2012, and changes are summarized on page 9. Rates are shown at the end of this brochure.

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## Plain Language

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All FEHB brochures are written in plain language to make them easy to understand. Here are some examples.

- Except for necessary technical terms, we use common words. For instance, “you” means the enrollee or family member, “we” means Coventry Health Care of Louisiana.
- We limit acronyms to ones you know. FEHB is the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. OPM is the United States Office of Personnel Management. If we use others, we tell you what they mean first.
- Our brochure and other FEHB plans’ brochures have the same format and similar descriptions to help you compare plans.

If you have comments or suggestions about how to improve the structure of this brochure, let OPM know. Visit OPM’s “Rate Us” feedback area at [www.opm.gov/insure](http://www.opm.gov/insure) or e-mail OPM at [fehwebcomments@opm.gov](mailto:fehwebcomments@opm.gov). You may also write to OPM at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Healthcare and Insurance, Federal Employee Insurance Operations, Program Analysis and Systems Support, 1900 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20415-3650.

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## Stop Health Care Fraud!

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Fraud increases the cost of health care for everyone and increases your Federal Employees Health Benefits Program premium.

OPM’s Office of the Inspector General investigates all allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse in the FEHB Program regardless of the agency that employs you or from which you retired.

**Protect Yourself From Fraud** – Here are some things that you can do to prevent fraud:

- Do not give your plan identification (ID) number over the telephone or to people you do not know, except to your doctor, other provider, or authorized plan or OPM representative.
- Let only the appropriate medical professionals review your medical record or recommend services.
- Avoid using health care providers who say that an item or service is not usually covered, but they know how to bill us to get it paid.
- Carefully review explanations of benefits (EOBs) that you receive from us.
- Please review your claims history periodically for accuracy to ensure services are not being billed to your accounts that were never rendered.
- Do not ask your doctor to make false entries on certificates, bills or records in order to get us to pay for an item or service.

- If you suspect that a provider has charged you for services you did not receive, billed you twice for the same service, or misrepresented any information, do the following:
  - Call the provider and ask for an explanation. There may be an error.
  - If the provider does not resolve the matter, call us at 800-341-6613 and explain the situation.
  - If we do not resolve the issue:

**CALL - THE HEALTH CARE FRAUD HOTLINE**

**202-418-3300**

**OR WRITE TO:**

**United States Office of Personnel Management**

**Office of the Inspector General Fraud Hotline**

**1900 E Street NW Room 6400**

**Washington, DC20415-1100**

- Do not maintain as a family member on your policy:
  - Your former spouse after a divorce decree or annulment is final (even if a court order stipulates otherwise)
  - Your child age 26 or over (unless he/she was disabled and incapable of self-support prior to age 26).
- If you have any questions about the eligibility of a dependent, check with your personnel office if you are employed, with your retirement office (such as OPM) if you are retired, or with the National Finance Center if you are enrolled under Temporary Continuation of Coverage.
- Fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact is prohibited under the Plan. You can be prosecuted for fraud and your agency may take action against you. Examples of fraud include, falsifying a claim to obtain FEHB benefits, trying to or obtaining service or coverage for yourself or for someone who is no longer eligible.
- If your enrollment continues after you are no longer eligible for coverage (i.e. you have separated from Federal service) and premiums are not paid, you will be responsible for all benefits paid during the period in which premiums were not paid. You may be billed by your provider for services received. You may be prosecuted for fraud for knowingly using health insurance benefits for which you have not paid premiums. It is your responsibility to know when you or a family member is no longer eligible to use your health insurance coverage.

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## **Preventing Medical Mistakes**

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An influential report from the Institute of Medicine estimates that up to 98,000 Americans die every year from medical mistakes in hospitals alone. That's about 3,230 preventable deaths in the FEHB Program a year. While death is the most tragic outcome, medical mistakes cause other problems such as permanent disabilities, extended hospital stays, longer recoveries, and even additional treatments. By asking questions, learning more and understanding your risks, you can improve the safety of your own health care, and that of your family members. Take these simple steps:

**1. Ask questions if you have doubts or concerns.**

- Ask questions and make sure you understand the answers.
- Choose a doctor with whom you feel comfortable talking.
- Take a relative or friend with you to help you ask questions and understand answers.

**2. Keep and bring a list of all the medicines you take.**

- Bring the actual medicines or give your doctor and pharmacist a list of all the medicines that you take, including non-prescription (over-the-counter) medicines.

- Tell them about any drug allergies you have.
- Ask about any risks or side effects of the medication and what to avoid while taking it. Be sure to write down what your doctor or pharmacist says.
- Make sure your medicine is what the doctor ordered. Ask the pharmacist about your medicine if it looks different than you expected.
- Read the label and patient package insert when you get your medicine, including all warnings and instructions.
- Know how to use your medicine. Especially note the times and conditions when your medicine should and should not be taken.
- Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have questions.

### **3. Get the results of any test or procedure.**

- Ask when and how you will get the results of tests or procedures.
- Don't assume the results are fine if you do not get them when expected, be it in person, by phone, or by mail.
- Call your doctor and ask for your results.
- Ask what the results mean for your care.

### **4. Talk to your doctor about which hospital is best for your health needs.**

- Ask your doctor about which hospital has the best care and results for your condition if you have more than one hospital to choose from to get the health care you need.
- Be sure you understand the instructions you get about follow-up care when you leave the hospital.

### **5. Make sure you understand what will happen if you need surgery.**

- Make sure you, your doctor, and your surgeon all agree on exactly what will be done during the operation.
- Ask your doctor, "Who will manage my care when I am in the hospital?"
- Ask your surgeon:
  - "Exactly what will you be doing?"
  - "About how long will it take?"
  - "What will happen after surgery?"
  - "How can I expect to feel during recovery?"
- Tell the surgeon, anesthesiologist, and nurses about any allergies, bad reaction to anesthesia, and any medications you are taking.

### **Patient Safety Links**

- [www.ahrq.gov/consumer/](http://www.ahrq.gov/consumer/) The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality makes available a wide-ranging list of topics not only to inform consumers about patient safety but to help choose quality health care providers and improve the quality of care you receive.
- [www.npsf.org](http://www.npsf.org). The National Patient Safety Foundation has information on how to ensure safer health care for you and your family.
- [www.talkaboutrx.org/](http://www.talkaboutrx.org/) The National Council on Patient Information and Education is dedicated to improving communication about the safe, appropriate use of medicines.
- [www.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.leapfroggroup.org). The Leapfrog Group is active in promoting safe practices in hospital care.
- [www.ahqa.org](http://www.ahqa.org). The American Health Quality Association represents organizations and health care professionals working to improve patient safety.

### **Never Events**

You will not be billed for inpatient services related to treatment of specific hospital acquired conditions or for inpatient services needed to correct Never Events, if you use Coventry Health Care of Louisiana preferred providers. This policy helps to protect you from preventable medical errors and improve the quality of care you receive.

When you enter a hospital for treatment of one medical problem, you don't expect to leave with additional injuries, infections or other serious conditions that occur during the course of your stay. Although some of these complications may not be avoidable, too often patients suffer from injuries or illnesses that could have been prevented if the hospital had taken proper precautions.

We have a benefit payment policy that encourages hospitals to reduce the likelihood of hospital-acquired conditions such as certain infections, severe bedsores and fractures; and reduce medical errors that should never happen called "Never Events". When a Never Event occurs, neither your FEHB plan nor you will incur cost to correct the medical error.

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## Section 1. Facts about this HMO Plan

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This Plan is a health maintenance organization (HMO). We require you to see specific physicians, hospitals, and other providers that contract with us. These Plan providers coordinate your health care services. The Plan is solely responsible for the selection of these providers in your area. Contact the Plan for a copy of their most recent provider directory. We give you a choice of enrollment in a High Option or Standard Option.

HMOs emphasize preventive care such as routine office visits, physical exams, well-baby care, and immunizations, in addition to treatment for illness and injury. Our providers follow generally accepted medical practice when prescribing any course of treatment.

When you receive services from Plan providers, you will not have to submit claim forms or pay bills. You pay only the copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles described in this brochure. When you receive emergency services from non-Plan providers, you may have to submit claim forms.

**You should join an HMO because you prefer the plan's benefits, not because a particular provider is available. You cannot change plans because a provider leaves our Plan. We cannot guarantee that any one physician, hospital, or other provider will be available and/or remain under contract with us.**

**This plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the Affordable Care Act. A grandfathered plan must preserve basic health coverage that was already in effect when the law passed. Specifically, this plan cannot eliminate all or substantially all benefits to diagnose or treat a particular condition; it cannot increase your coinsurance (the percentage of a bill you pay); and any increase in deductibles, out-of-pocket limits, and other copayments (the fixed dollar amount you pay) must be minimal.**

**As a grandfathered health plan (or option), this plan (or option), has also decided to follow immediate reforms that apply to non-grandfathered plans.**

**Questions regarding what protections apply and what protections do not apply to a non-grandfathered health plan may be directed to us at 1-800-341-6613. You can also read additional information from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) .**

### **General features of our High and Standard Options**

#### **We have Open Access benefits**

Our HMO offers Open Access benefits. This means you can receive covered services from a participating provider without a required referral from your primary care physician or by another participating provider in the network.

#### **How we pay providers**

We contract with individual physicians, medical groups, and hospitals to provide the benefits in this brochure. These Plan providers accept negotiated payment from us, and you will only be responsible for your deductible, copayments or coinsurance.

If you have any questions regarding choosing a doctor, please call our Member Services Department at 800-341-6613.

The Plan's provider directory lists primary care doctors (generally family practitioners, pediatricians, and internists) with their locations and phone numbers, and notes whether or not the doctor is accepting new patients. Directories are updated on a regular basis and are available at the time of enrollment or upon request by calling the Member Services Department at 800-341-6613; you can also find out if your doctor participates with this Plan by calling this number. If you are interested in receiving care from a specific provider who is listed in the directory, call the provider to verify that he or she still participates with the Plan and is accepting new patients. Important note: When you enroll in this Plan, services (except for emergency benefits) are provided through the Plan's delivery system; the continued availability and/or participation of any one doctor, hospital, or other provider, cannot be guaranteed. You can also find providers by visiting the website [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com), click members and select provider search for CHC Louisiana.

If you are receiving services from a doctor who leaves the Plan, the Plan will pay for covered services until the Plan can arrange with you for you to be seen by another participating doctor.

## **Your Rights**

OPM requires that all FEHB plans provide certain information to their FEHB members. You may get information about us, our networks, providers, and facilities. OPM's FEHB Web site ([www.opm.gov/insure](http://www.opm.gov/insure)) lists the specific types of information that we must make available to you. Some of the required information is listed below.

- Coventry Health Care is a Federally qualified health maintenance organization (HMO)
- Profit status – For profit

If you want more information about us, call 800-341-6613, or write to Coventry Health Care of Louisiana, Inc., 3838 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 3350, Metairie, LA 70002. You may also contact us by fax at 504-834-2694 or visit our website at [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com).

### **Your Medical and claims records are confidential**

We will keep your medical and claims records confidential. Please note that we may disclose your medical and claims information (including your prescription drug utilization) to any of your treating physicians or dispensing pharmacies.

### **Service Area**

To enroll in this Plan, you must live in or work in our Service Area. This is where our providers practice. Our service area is the following parishes:

**New Orleans** service area: Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and St. Tammany.

Ordinarily, you must get your care from providers who contract with us. If you receive care outside our service area, we will pay only for emergency care benefits. We will not pay for any other health care services out of our service area unless the services have prior plan approval.

If you or a covered family member move outside of our service area, you can enroll in another plan. If your dependents live out of the area (for example, if your child goes to college in another state), you should consider enrolling in a fee-for-service plan or an HMO that has agreements with affiliates in other areas. If you or a family member move, you do not have to wait until Open Season to change plans. Contact your employing or retirement office.

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## Section 2. How we change for 2012

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Do not rely only on these change descriptions; this Section is not an official statement of benefits. For that, go to Section 5 Benefits. Also, we edited and clarified language throughout the brochure; any language change not shown here is a clarification that does not change benefits.

### **Program-wide changes**

- Section 3, 7 and 8 have changed to reflect claims processing and disputed claims requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148.

### **Changes to High Option and Standard Option**

- Retail prescription drug and Mail Order prescription drug copayments are as follows:

Tier 1 - Generic formulary is now \$5 instead of \$1.

Tier 2 - Name brand formulary is now \$40 instead of \$35.

Tier 3 - Name brand non-formulary is now \$75 instead of \$60.

- Mail order prescription drug copayments are as follows:

Tier 1 - Generic formulary is now \$12.50 instead of \$2.

Tier 2 - Name brand formulary is now \$100 instead of \$70.

Tier 3 - Name brand non-formulary is now \$187.50 instead of \$120.

- The emergency room copayment is now \$250 per visit instead of \$200 per visit.

### **Changes to High Option only**

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will increase for Self Only and for Self and Family. See page 78.
- The primary care doctor's office visit copayment is now \$25 instead of \$20
- The specialist office visit copayment is now \$45 instead of \$40
- The inpatient hospital admission copayment is now \$100 per hospital admission after the calendar year deductible. Previously, the member paid nothing.
- The outpatient hospital facility copayment is now \$50 per facility use after the calendar year deductible. Previously, the member paid nothing.
- CT scan copayment is now \$50 per test after the calendar year deductible. Previously, the member paid nothing.
- MRI copayment is now \$50 per test after the calendar year deductible. Previously, the member paid nothing.

### **Changes to Standard Option only**

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will increase for Self Only and for Self and Family. See page xx.
- The primary care doctor's office visit copayment is now \$30 instead of \$25.
- The specialist office visit copayment is now \$55 instead of \$50.

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## Section 3. How you get care

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<b>Identification cards</b>	<p>We will send you an identification (ID) card when you enroll. You should carry your ID card with you at all times. You must show it whenever you receive services from a Plan provider, or fill a prescription at a Plan pharmacy. Until you receive your ID card, use your copy of the Health Benefits Election Form, SF-2809, your health benefits enrollment confirmation (for annuitants), or your electronic enrollment system (such as Employee Express) confirmation letter.</p> <p>If you do not receive your ID card within 30 days after the effective date of your enrollment, or if you need replacement cards, call us at 800-341-6613. You may also request replacement cards through our Web site at <a href="http://www.chcla.com">www.chcla.com</a></p>
<b>Where you get covered care</b>	<p>You get care from “Plan providers” and “Plan facilities.” You will only pay copayments, deductibles, and/or coinsurance, if you use our Open Access program you can receive covered services from a participating provider without a required referral from your primary care physician or by another participating provider in the network.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Plan providers</b></li></ul>	<p>Plan providers are physicians and other health care professionals in our service area that we contract with to provide covered services to our members. We credential Plan providers according to national standards.</p> <p>We list Plan providers in the provider directory, which we update periodically. The list is also on our Web site.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Plan facilities</b></li></ul>	<p>Plan facilities are hospitals and other facilities in our service area that we contract with to provide covered services to our members. We list these in the provider directory, which we update periodically. The list is also on our Web site.</p>
<b>What you must do to get covered care</b>	<p>It depends on the type of care you need.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Primary care</b></li></ul>	<p>Coventry does not require you to select a primary care physician.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Specialty care</b></li></ul>	<p>You may see a Specialist in the network without a referral. Your Specialist may have to get an authorization or approval from us before treatment. Here are some things you should know about specialty care:</p> <p>If you have a chronic and disabling condition and lose access to your specialist because we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• terminate our contract with your specialist for other than cause;</li><li>• drop out of the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program and you enroll in another FEHB program Plan; or</li><li>• reduce our service area and you enroll in another FEHB Plan;</li></ul> <p>you may be able to continue seeing your specialist for up to 90 days after you receive notice of the change. Contact us, or if we drop out of the Program, contact your new plan.</p> <p>If you are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy and you lose access to your specialist based on the above circumstances, you can continue to see your specialist until the end of your postpartum care, even if it is beyond the 90 days.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Hospital care</b></li></ul>	<p>Your Plan primary care physician or specialist will make necessary hospital arrangements and supervise your care. This includes admission to a skilled nursing or other type of facility.</p>

- **If you are hospitalized when your enrollment begins**

We pay for covered services from the effective date of your enrollment. However, if you are in the hospital when your enrollment in our Plan begins, call our customer service department immediately at 800-341-6613. If you are new to the FEHB Program, we will arrange for you to receive care and provide benefits for your covered services while you are in the hospital beginning on the effective date of your coverage.

If you changed from another FEHB plan to us, your former plan will pay for the hospital stay until:

- you are discharged, not merely moved to an alternative care center;
- the day your benefits from your former plan run out; or
- the 92<sup>nd</sup> day after you become a member of this Plan, whichever happens first.

These provisions apply only to the benefits of the hospitalized person. If your plan terminates participation in the FEHB Program in whole or in part, or if OPM orders an enrollment change, this continuation of coverage provision does not apply. In such cases, the hospitalized family member's benefits under the new plan begin on the effective date of enrollment.

**You need prior Plan approval for certain services**

Since your primary care physician arranges most referrals to specialists and inpatient hospitalization, the pre-service claim approval process only applies to care shown under Other services.

- **Inpatient hospital admission**

**Precertification** is the process by which - prior to your inpatient hospital admission - we evaluate the medical necessity of your proposed stay and the number of days required to treat your condition.

- **Other services**

Your primary care physician has authority to refer you to most services. For certain services, however, your physician must obtain prior approval from us. Before giving approval, we consider if the service is covered, medically necessary, and follows generally accepted medical practice. You must obtain prior authorization for certain services, such as, but not limited to inpatient hospital services, outpatient surgeries/treatments, skilled nursing facilities, home health services, durable medical equipment, certain diagnostic tests and subacute care also require approval of the utilization review department before the services are initiated.

For certain services your physician must obtain approval from us. Before giving approval, we consider if the service is covered, medically necessary, and follows generally accepted medical practice.

We call this review and approval process prior authorization. Your physician must obtain prior authorization.

Your physician must get the Plan's approval before sending you to a hospital, or recommended follow-up care. Before giving approval, we consider if the service is medically necessary, and if it follows generally accepted medical practice.

If you obtain services from a specialist, hospital or other health care provider, the services will be covered only if medically necessary and authorized, except in the case of emergency medical services and urgent care.

- **How to request precertification for an admission or get prior authorization for Other services**

First, your physician, your hospital, you, or your representative, must call us at 1-800-341-6613 before admission or services requiring prior authorization are rendered.

Next, provide the following information:

- enrollee's name and Plan identification number;
- patient's name, birth date, identification number and phone number;
- reason for hospitalization, proposed treatment, or surgery;

- name and phone number of admitting physician;
- name of hospital or facility; and
- number of planned days of confinement.

- **Non-urgent care claims**

For non-urgent care claims, we will then tell the physician and/or hospital the number of approved inpatient days, or the care that we approve for other services that must have prior authorization. We will make our decision within 15 days of receipt of the pre-service claim. If matters beyond our control require an extension of time, we may take up to an additional 15 days for review and we will notify you of the need for an extension of time before the end of the original 15 day period. Our notice will include the circumstances underlying the request for the extension and the date when a decision is expected.

If we need an extension because we have not received necessary information from you, our notice will describe the specific information required and we will allow you up to 60 days from the receipt of the notice to provide this information.

- **Urgent care claims**

If you have an urgent care claim (i.e., when waiting for the regular time limit for your medical care or treatment could seriously jeopardize your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function or in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of your medical condition, would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without this care or treatment), we will expedite our review and notify you of our decision within 72 hours. If you request that we review your claim as an urgent care claim, we will review the documentation you provide and decide whether it is an urgent care claim by applying the judgment of a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine.

If you fail to provide sufficient information, we will contact you within 24 hours after we receive the claim to provide notice of the specific information we need to complete our review of the claim. We will allow you up to 48 hours from the receipt of this notice to provide the necessary information. We will make our decision on the claim within 48 hours of (1) the time we received the additional information or (2) the end of the time frame, whichever is earlier.

We may provide our decision orally within these time frames, but we will follow up with written or electronic notification within three days of oral notification.

- **Emergency inpatient admission**

If you have an emergency admission due to a condition that you reasonably believe puts your life in danger or could cause serious damage to bodily function, you, your representative, the physician, or the hospital must telephone us within two business days following the day of the emergency admission, even if you have been discharged from the hospital.

- **Maternity care**

**If your treatment needs to be extended**

If you request an extension of an ongoing course of treatment at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the approved time period and this is also an urgent care claim, then we will make a decision within 24 hours after we receive the claim.

**What happens when you do not follow the precertification rules when using non-network facilities**

Claims that require precertification, prior approval, or a referral and where failure to obtain precertification, prior approval, or a referral results in a reduction of benefits.

**Circumstances beyond our control**

Under certain extraordinary circumstances, such as natural disasters, we may have to delay your services or we may be unable to provide them. In that case, we will make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the necessary care.

**If you disagree with our pre-service claim decision**

If you have a pre-service claim and you do not agree with our decision regarding precertification of an inpatient admission or prior approval of other services, you may request a review in accord with the procedures detailed below.

If you have already received the service, supply, or treatment, then you have a post-service claim and must to follow the entire disputed claims process detailed in Section 8.

**• To reconsider a non-urgent care claim**

Within 6 months of our initial decision, you may ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. Follow Step 1 of the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

In the case of a pre-service claim and subject to a request for additional information, we have 30 days from the date we receive your written request for reconsideration to

1. Precertify your hospital stay, or if applicable, arrange for the health care provider to give you the care or grant your request for prior approval for a service, drug, or supply; or
2. Ask you or your provider for more information.

You or your provider must send the information so that we receive it within 60 days of our request. We will then decide within 30 more days.

If we do not receive the information within 60 days we will decide within 30 days of the date the information was due. We will base our decision on the information we already have. We will write to you with our decision.

3. Write to you and maintain our denial.

**• To reconsider an urgent care claim**

In the case of an appeal of a pre-service urgent care claim, within 6 months of our initial decision, you may ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. Follow Step 1 of the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

Subject to a request for additional information, we will notify you of our decision within 72 hours after receipt of your reconsideration request. We will hasten the review process, which allows oral or written requests for appeals and the exchange of information by telephone, electronic mail, facsimile, or other expeditious methods.

**• To file an appeal with OPM**

After we reconsider your pre-service claim, if you do not agree with our decision, you may ask OPM to review it by following Step 3 of the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

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## Section 4. Your costs for covered services

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This is what you will pay out-of-pocket for covered care:

**Copayments** A copayment is a fixed amount of money you pay to the provider, facility, pharmacy, etc., when you receive services.

**High Option:** Example: when you see your primary care physician you pay a \$25 copayment per office visit.

**Cost-Sharing** Cost-sharing is the general term used to refer to your out-of-pocket costs (e.g. deductible, coinsurance, and copayments) for the covered care you receive.

**Deductible** A deductible is a fixed expense you must incur for certain covered services and supplies before we start paying benefits for them. **Copayments do not count toward the deductible.**

**High Option:** The calendar year deductible amount is \$500 for individual and \$1,000 for family coverage.

**Standard Option:** The calendar year deductible amount is \$1,000 for individual and \$2,000 for family coverage.

Note: If you change plans during Open Season, you do not have to start a new deductible under your old plan between January 1 and the effective date of your new plan. If you change plans at another time during the year, you must begin a new deductible under your new plan.

If you change options in this Plan during the year, we will credit the amount of covered expenses already applied toward the deductible of your old option to the deductible of your new option.

**Coinsurance** Coinsurance is the percentage of our allowance that you must pay for your care. Coinsurance doesn't begin until you meet your deductible.

**High Option:** Example: you pay 50% of our allowance for infertility diagnostic testing.

**Standard Option:** Example: you pay 30% of our allowance for outpatient surgery.

Note: If your provider routinely waives (does not require you to pay) your copayments, deductibles, or coinsurance, the provider is misstating the fee and may be violating the law. In this case, when we calculate our share, we will reduce the provider's fee by the amount waived.

For example, if your physician ordinarily charges \$100 for a service but routinely waives your 15% coinsurance, the actual charge is \$70. We will pay \$59.50 (85% of the actual charge of \$70).

**Your catastrophic protection out-of-pocket maximum**

**High Option:** After your deductible, coinsurance and all copayments except copayments for prescription drugs total \$3,000 per person or \$6,000 per family enrollment in any calendar year, you do not have to pay any more for covered services. Certain benefits have maximums different from the out-of-pocket maximum, including, but not limited to:

- Durable Medical Equipment
- Infertility Diagnostic Testing

Be sure to keep accurate records of your deductible, copayments and coinsurance since you are responsible for informing us when you reach the maximum.

**Standard Option:** After your deductible and coinsurance total \$4,000 per person or \$8,000 per family enrollment in any calendar year, you do not have to pay any more for covered services. Copayments do not count toward the out-of-pocket maximum. Certain benefits have maximums different from the out-of-pocket maximum, including, but not limited to:

- Durable Medical Equipment
- Infertility Diagnostic Testing

Be sure to keep accurate records of your deductible, copayments, and coinsurances since you are responsible for informing us when you reach the maximum.

**Differences between our allowance and the bill**

**In-network providers** agree to limit what they will bill you. Because of that, when you use a network provider, your share of covered charges consists only of your deductible and coinsurance or copayment. Here is an example about coinsurance: You see a network physician who charges \$150, but our allowance is \$100. If you have met your deductible, you are only responsible for your coinsurance. That is, you pay just – 15% of our \$100 allowance (\$15). Because of the agreement, your network physician will not bill you for the \$50 difference between our allowance and his bill.

**When Government facilities bill us**

Facilities of the Department of Veterans affairs, the Department of Defense and the Indian Health Services are entitled to seek reimbursement from us for certain services and supplies they provide to you or a family member. They may not seek more than their governing laws allow. You may be responsible to pay for certain services and charges. Contact the government facility directly for more information.

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### Section 5. High and Standard Option Benefits Overview

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This Plan offers both a High and Standard Option. Both benefit packages are described in Section 5. Make sure that you review the benefits that are available under the option in which you are enrolled.

The High and Standard Option Section 5 is divided into subsections. Please read *Important things you should keep in mind* at the beginning of the subsections. Also read the General Exclusions in Section 6; they apply to the benefits in the following subsections. To obtain claim forms, claims filing advice, or more information about High and Standard Option benefits, contact us at 800-341-6613 or at our website at [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com).

Each option offers unique features.

- You are not required to select a primary care physician. Please be sure the provider you select - or the provider or the facility you are referred to - is part of the Coventry Health Care of Louisiana HMO Network. It is ultimately your responsibility to verify this information. By doing so, you get the most from your health Plan and protect yourself from paying more than you have to for covered benefits.
- You do not need a referral from a participating Coventry Health Care of Louisiana primary care physician to see a participating Coventry Health Care of Louisiana specialist.

**Section 5(a). Medical services and supplies  
provided by physicians and other health care professionals**

**Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:**

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care.
- High Option – The calendar year deductible is \$500 per person and \$1,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" to show when the calendar year deductible does not apply.
- Standard Option - The calendar year deductible is \$1,000 per person and \$2,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" to show when the calendar year deductible does not apply.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.

Benefit Description	You Pay	
	High Option	Standard Option
<b>Diagnostic and treatment services</b>		
Professional services of physicians	No deductible	No deductible
• In physician’s office	\$25 per visit to a primary care physician \$45 per visit to a specialist	\$30 per visit to a primary care physician \$55 per visit to a specialist
Professional services of physicians	No deductible	No deductible
• In an Urgent Care Center	\$75 per visit	\$75 per visit
• Office Medical Consultation	\$45 per visit to a specialist	\$55 per visit to a specialist
• Second Surgical Opinion		
• At home	No deductible \$25 per visit	No deductible \$25 per visit
<b>Lab, X-ray and other diagnostic tests</b>		
Tests, such as:	Nothing if you receive these services during your office visit, otherwise \$25 per visit to a primary care physician; \$45 per visit to a specialist, No deductible	Nothing if you receive these services during your office visit, otherwise \$30 per visit to a primary care physician; \$55 per visit to a specialist, No deductible
• Blood tests		
• Urinalysis		
• Non-routine Pap tests		
• Pathology		
• X-rays		
• Non-routine mammograms		
• Ultrasound		
• Electrocardiogram and EEG		
• CAT Scans/MRI	\$50 copayment after the deductible	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance

Benefit Description	You Pay	
	High Option	Standard Option
<b>Preventive care, adult</b>		
Routine screenings, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Blood Cholesterol</li> <li>• Colorectal Cancer Screening, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fecal occult blood test</li> <li>- Sigmoidoscopy, screening – every five years starting at age 50</li> <li>- Double contrast barium enema – every five years starting at age 50</li> <li>- Colonoscopy screening – every ten years starting at age 50</li> </ul> </li> <li>- routine mammogram - covered for women age 35 and older, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From age 35 through 39, one during this five year period</li> <li>- From age 40 through 64, one every calendar year</li> <li>- At age 65 and older, one every two consecutive calendar years</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Nothing, No Deductible Applies	Nothing, No Deductible Applies
Routine Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test – one annually for men age 40 and older	Nothing, No Deductible Applies	Nothing, No Deductible Applies
Routine Pap Test	Nothing, No Deductible Applies	Nothing, No Deductible Applies
Routine mammogram covered for women age 35 and older, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From age 35 through 39, one during this five year period</li> <li>• From age 40 through 64, one every calendar year</li> <li>• At age 65 and older, one every two consecutive calendar years</li> </ul>	Nothing, No Deductible Applies	Nothing, No Deductible Applies
Adult routine immunizations endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):	Nothing, No Deductible Applies	Nothing, No Deductible Applies
<i>Not covered: Physical exams and immunizations required for obtaining or continuing employment or insurance, attending schools or camp, or travel.</i>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
<b>Preventive care, children</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Childhood immunizations recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics</li> </ul>	Nothing, No Deductible Applies	Nothing, No Deductible Applies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well-child care charges for routine examinations, immunizations and care (up to age 22)</li> <li>• Examinations, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eye exams through age 17 to determine the need for vision correction</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Nothing, No Deductible Applies	Nothing, No Deductible Applies

*Preventive care, children - continued on next page*

Benefit Description	You Pay	
Preventive care, children (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ear exams through age 17 to determine the need for hearing correction</li> <li>- Examinations done on the day of immunizations (up to age 22)</li> </ul>	Nothing, No Deductible Applies	Nothing, No Deductible Applies
Maternity care	High Option	Standard Option
<p>Complete maternity (obstetrical) care, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prenatal care</li> <li>• Delivery</li> <li>• Postnatal care</li> </ul> <p>Note: Here are some things to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You do not need to precertify your normal delivery; see below for other circumstances, such as extended stays for you or your baby.</li> <li>• You may remain in the hospital up to 48 hours after a regular delivery and 96 hours after a cesarean delivery. We will extend your inpatient stay if medically necessary.</li> <li>• We cover routine nursery care of the newborn child during the covered portion of the mother's maternity stay. We will cover other care of an infant who requires non-routine treatment only if we cover the infant under a Self and Family enrollment.</li> <li>• We pay hospitalization and surgeon services the same as for illness and injury.</li> </ul>	<p>No deductible</p> <p>\$45 per office visit for initial visit only</p>	<p>No deductible</p> <p>\$55 copayment for initial visit only</p>
Family planning	High Option	Standard Option
<p>A range of voluntary family planning services, limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgically implanted contraceptives</li> <li>• Injectable contraceptive drugs (such as Depo provera)</li> <li>• Diaphragms</li> </ul> <p>Note: We cover oral contraceptives under the prescription drug benefit.</p>	<p>No deductible</p> <p>\$45 per office visit</p>	<p>No deductible</p> <p>\$55 per office visit</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary sterilization (vasectomy or tubal ligation)</li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reversal of voluntary surgical sterilization</i></li> <li>• <i>Genetic counseling</i></li> <li>• <i>Intrauterine Devices (IUDs)</i></li> </ul>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>

Benefit Description	You Pay	
Infertility services	High Option	Standard Option
Diagnosis and treatment of infertility such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial insemination:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intravaginal insemination (IVI)</li> <li>- Intracervical insemination (ICI)</li> <li>- Intrauterine insemination (IUI)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Deductible applies, then 50% coinsurance	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<i>Not covered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedures, such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>in vitro</i> fertilization</li> <li>- embryo transfer, gamete intra-fallopian transfer (GIFT) and zygote intra-fallopian transfer (ZIFT)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Services and supplies related to ART procedures</li> <li>• Cost of donor sperm</li> <li>• Cost of donor egg.</li> <li>• Fertility Drugs</li> </ul>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
Allergy care	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing and treatment</li> <li>• Allergy injections</li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter No deductible \$25 per visit to primary care physician \$45 per visit to specialist office visit	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance No deductible \$30 per visit to a primary care physician \$55 per visit to a specialist
Allergy Serum	Nothing	Nothing
<i>Not covered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provocative food testing</li> <li>• Sublingual allergy desensitization</li> </ul>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
Treatment therapies	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemotherapy and radiation therapy</li> </ul> <p>Note: High dose chemotherapy in association with autologous bone marrow transplants is limited to those transplants listed under Organ/Tissue Transplants on page 30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respiratory and inhalation therapy</li> <li>• Dialysis – hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis</li> <li>• Intravenous (IV)/Infusion Therapy – Home IV and antibiotic therapy</li> <li>• Growth hormone therapy (GHT)</li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance

*Treatment therapies - continued on next page*

Benefit Description	You Pay	
Treatment therapies (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option
<p>Note: We only cover GHT when we preauthorize the treatment. We will ask you to submit information that establishes that the GHT is medically necessary. Ask us to authorize GHT before you begin treatment. We will only cover GHT services and related services and supplies that we determine medically necessary. See Other services under You need prior Plan approval for certain services on page X</p>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
Physical and occupational therapies	High Option	Standard Option
<p>60 consecutive days per condition for the services of each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• qualified physical therapists</li> <li>• occupational therapists</li> </ul> <p>Note: We only cover therapy to restore bodily function when there has been a total or partial loss of bodily function due to illness or injury.</p>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<p>Cardiac Rehabilitation following a heart transplant, bypass surgery or a myocardial infarction is provided for up to 36 visits.</p>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter.</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-term rehabilitative therapy</li> <li>• Exercise programs</li> </ul>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>
Speech therapy	High Option	Standard Option
<p>60 consecutive days per condition</p>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For treatment related to illness or injury, including evaluation and diagnostic hearing tests performed by an M.D., D.O., or audiologist</li> </ul> <p>Note: For routine hearing screening performed during a child's preventive care visit, see Section 5(a) <i>Preventive care, children.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing aids-we limit coverage to \$1,400 per device per calendar year</li> <li>• Implanted hearing-related devices, such as bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA) and cochlear implants</li> </ul> <p>Note: For benefits for the devices, see Section 5(a) <i>Orthopedic and prosthetic devices.</i></p>	<p>No deductible</p> <p>\$25 per visit to a primary care physician</p> <p>\$45 per visit to a specialist</p>	<p>No deductible</p> <p>\$30 per visit to a primary care physician</p> <p>\$55 per visit to a specialist</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>

*Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies) - continued on next page*

Benefit Description	You Pay	
<b>Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies) (cont.)</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<i>Hearing services that are not shown as covered</i>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
Hearing aids- we limit coverage to \$1,400 per device per calendar year	Nothing	Nothing
<i>Not covered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Hearing aid batteries</i></li> <li>• <i>Replacement hearing aid devices within the same calendar year</i></li> <li>• <i>Hearing devices that are not specifically listed in the covered services section</i></li> </ul>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
<b>Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies)</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the eye</li> </ul>	No deductible \$45 per office visit	No deductible \$55 per office visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prosthetic devices, such as lenses following cataract removal</li> </ul>	No deductible \$45 per office visit	No deductible \$55 per office visit
<i>Not covered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Eyeglasses or contact lenses and after age 17, examinations for them</i></li> <li>• <i>Eye exercises and orthoptics</i></li> <li>• <i>Radial keratotomy and other refractive surgery</i></li> <li>• <i>Annual eye refractions</i></li> </ul>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
<b>Foot care</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
Routine foot care when you are under active treatment for a metabolic or peripheral vascular disease, such as diabetes.  Note: See Orthopedic and prosthetic devices for information on podiatric shoe inserts.	No deductible \$25 per visit to a primary care physician \$45 per visit to a specialist	No deductible \$30 per visit to a primary care physician \$55 per visit to a specialist
<i>Not covered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Cutting, trimming or removal of corns, calluses, or the free edge of toenails, and similar routine treatment of conditions of the foot, except as stated above</i></li> <li>• <i>Treatment of weak, strained or flat feet or bunions or spurs; and of any instability, imbalance or subluxation of the foot (unless the treatment is by open cutting surgery)</i></li> </ul>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>

Benefit Description	You Pay	
Orthopedic and prosthetic devices	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial limbs and eyes</li> <li>• Stump hose</li> <li>• Externally worn breast prostheses and surgical bras, including necessary replacements following a mastectomy</li> <li>• Corrective orthopedic appliances for non-dental treatment of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) pain dysfunction syndrome.</li> <li>• Hearing aids-we limit coverage to \$1,400 per device per calendar year</li> <li>• Implanted hearing-related devices, such as bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA) and cochlear implants</li> <li>• Internal prosthetic devices, such as artificial joints, pacemakers, and surgically implanted breast implant following mastectomy.</li> </ul> <p>Note: For information on the professional charges for the surgery to insert an implant, see Section 5(b) Surgical procedures. For information on the hospital and/or ambulatory surgery center benefits, see Section 5(c) Services provided by a hospital or other facility, and ambulance services.</p>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Orthopedic and corrective shoes, arch supports, foot orthotics, heel pads and heel cups</i></li> <li>• <i>Lumbosacral supports</i></li> <li>• <i>Corsets, trusses, elastic stockings, support hose, and other supportive devices</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>
Durable medical equipment (DME)	High Option	Standard Option
<p>Rental or purchase, at our option, including repair and adjustment, of durable medical equipment prescribed by your Plan physician, such as oxygen and dialysis equipment. Under this benefit, we also cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxygen</li> <li>• Dialysis equipment</li> <li>• Hospital beds</li> <li>• Wheelchairs</li> <li>• Crutches</li> <li>• Walkers</li> <li>• Blood glucose monitors</li> <li>• Insulin pumps</li> </ul> <p>Note: Call us at 800-341-6613 as soon as your Plan physician prescribes this equipment.</p>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>

*Durable medical equipment (DME) - continued on next page*

Benefit Description	You Pay	
<b>Durable medical equipment (DME) (cont.)</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<i>Not covered: Convenience items</i>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
<b>Home health services</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home health care ordered by a Plan physician and provided by a registered nurse (R.N.), licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.), licensed vocational nurse (L.V.N.), or home health aide.</li> <li>Services include oxygen therapy, intravenous therapy and medications.</li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Nursing care requested by, or for the convenience of, the patient or the patient's family;</i></li> <li><i>Home care primarily for personal assistance that does not include a medical component and is not diagnostic, therapeutic, or rehabilitative.</i></li> <li><i>Nursing aides</i></li> </ul>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
<b>Chiropractic</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manipulation of the spine and extremities</li> </ul> <p>After initial evaluation, treatment plan must be submitted to Coventry Health Care to authorize additional visits.</p>	No deductible \$25 per office visit	No deductible \$30 per office visit
<b>Alternative treatments</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<i>No benefit</i>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
<b>Educational classes and programs</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<p>Coverage is provided for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tobacco cessation programs, including individual/group/telephone counseling, and for over the counter (OTC) and prescription drugs approved by the FDA to treat tobacco dependence.</li> <li>Childhood obesity education</li> </ul>	<p>Nothing up to four counseling sessions for up to two quit attempts per year.</p> <p>Nothing for OTC and prescription drugs approved by the FDA to treat tobacco dependence.</p> <p>Nothing (for details refer to our website at <a href="mailto:chcla@cvty.com">chcla@cvty.com</a>)</p>	<p>Nothing up to four counseling sessions for up to two quit attempts per year.</p> <p>Nothing for OTC and prescription drugs approved by the FDA to treat tobacco dependence.</p> <p>Nothing (for details refer to our website at <a href="mailto:chcla@cvty.com">chcla@cvty.com</a>)</p>

**Section 5(b). Surgical and anesthesia services provided by physicians and other health care professionals**

**Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:**

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care.
- High Option – The calendar year deductible is \$500 per person and \$1,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" to show when the calendar year deductible does not apply.
- Standard Option - The calendar year deductible is \$1,000 per person and \$2,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" to show when the calendar year deductible does not apply.
- Be sure to read Section 4, Your costs for covered services, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.
- The amounts listed below are for the charges billed by a physician or other health care professional for your surgical care. Look in Section 5(c) for charges associated with the facility (i.e. hospital, surgical center, etc.).
- **YOUR PHYSICIAN MUST GET PRECERTIFICATION FOR SOME SURGICAL PROCEDURES.** Please refer to the precertification information shown in Section 3 to be sure which services require precertification and identify which surgeries require precertification.

Benefit Description	You pay	
	High Option	Standard Option
<p><b>Surgical procedures</b></p> <p>A comprehensive range of services, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operative procedures</li> <li>• Treatment of fractures, including casting</li> <li>• Normal pre- and post-operative care by the surgeon</li> <li>• Endoscopy procedures</li> <li>• Biopsy procedures</li> <li>• Removal of tumors and cysts</li> <li>• Correction of congenital anomalies (see Reconstructive surgery)</li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgical treatment of morbid obesity (bariatric surgery) will be covered when <u>all</u> of the following criteria are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The patient is an adult (<math>\geq 18</math> years of age) with morbid obesity that has persisted for at least 3 years, and for which there is no treatable metabolic cause for the obesity;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance

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Benefit Description	You pay	
	High Option	Standard Option
<p><b>Surgical procedures (cont.)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is presence of morbid obesity, defined as a body mass index (BMI) exceeding 40, or greater than 35 with documented co-morbid conditions (cardiopulmonary problems e.g., severe apnea, Pickwickian Syndrome, and obesity-related cardiomyopathy, severe diabetes mellitus, hypertension, or arthritis). (BMI is calculated by dividing a patient's weight (in kilograms) by height (in meters) squared. To convert pounds to kilograms, multiply pounds by 0.45. To convert inches to meters, multiply inches by .0254);</li> <li>- The patient has failed to lose weight (approximately 10% from baseline) or has regained weight despite participation in a three month physician-supervised multidisciplinary program within the past six months that included dietary therapy, physical activity and behavior therapy and support;</li> <li>- The patient has been evaluated for restrictive lung disease and received surgical clearance by a pulmonologist, if clinically indicated; has received cardiac clearance by a cardiologist if there is a history of prior phen-fen or redux use, and the patient has agreed, following surgery, to participate in a multidisciplinary program that will provide guidance on diet, physical activity and social support; and,</li> <li>- The patient has completed a psychological evaluation and has been recommended for bariatric surgery by a licensed mental health professional (this must be documented in the patient's medical record) and the patient's medical record reflects documentation by the treating psychotherapist that all psychosocial issues have been identified and addressed; and the psychotherapist indicates that the patient is likely to be compliant with the post-operative diet restrictions;</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insertion of internal prosthetic devices. See 5(a) – Orthopedic and prosthetic devices for device coverage information</li> <li>• Treatment of burns</li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Sterilization (e.g., Tubal ligation, Vasectomy)</li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reversal of voluntary sterilization</i></li> <li>• <i>Routine treatment of conditions of the foot; see Foot care</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>

Benefit Description	You pay	
Reconstructive surgery	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgery to correct a functional defect</li> <li>• Surgery to correct a condition caused by injury or illness if:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the condition produced a major effect on the member's appearance and</li> <li>- can reasonably be expected to be corrected by such surgery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Surgery to correct a condition that existed at or from birth and is a significant deviation from the common form or norm. Examples of congenital anomalies are: protruding ear deformities; cleft lip; cleft palate; birth marks; webbed fingers; and webbed toes.</li> <li>• All stages of breast reconstruction surgery following a mastectomy, such as:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- surgery to produce a symmetrical appearance of breasts;</li> <li>- treatment of any physical complications, such as lymphedemas;</li> <li>- breast prostheses and surgical bras and replacements (see Prosthetic devices)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Note: If you need a mastectomy, you may choose to have the procedure performed on an inpatient basis and remain in the hospital up to 48 hours after the procedure.</p>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Cosmetic surgery – any surgical procedure (or any portion of a procedure) performed primarily to improve physical appearance through change in bodily form, except repair of accidental injury</i></li> <li>• <i>Surgeries related to sex transformation</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	High Option	Standard Option
<p>Oral surgical procedures, limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction of fractures of the jaws or facial bones;</li> <li>• Surgical correction of cleft lip, cleft palate or severe functional malocclusion;</li> <li>• Removal of stones from salivary ducts;</li> <li>• Excision of leukoplakia or malignancies;</li> <li>• Excision of cysts and incision of abscesses when done as independent procedures; and</li> <li>• Other surgical procedures that do not involve the teeth or their supporting structures.</li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Oral implants and transplants</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>

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Benefit Description	You pay	
Oral and maxillofacial surgery (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procedures that involve the teeth or their supporting structures (such as the periodontal membrane, gingiva, and alveolar bone)</li> <li>• Dental care involved in treatment of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) pain dysfunction syndrome</li> </ul>	All charges	All charges
Organ/tissue transplants	High Option	Standard Option
<p>These <b>solid organ transplants</b> are subject to medical necessity and experimental /investigational review by the Plan. Refer to Other Services in Section 3 for prior authorization procedures. Transplant services must be performed at a participating Center of Excellence. We approve and designate where all transplants must be performed including hospitals for specific transplant procedures. If you would like to know about a specific facility, please contact Customer Service.</p> <p>We cover related medical and hospital expenses of donor when the expenses are not covered by the donor's insurance and when the transplant recipient is a Coventry member approved for transplant services.</p> <p>Solid organ transplants limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornea</li> <li>• Heart</li> <li>• Heart/lung</li> <li>• Kidney</li> <li>• Liver</li> <li>• Pancreas*</li> <li>• Kidney/Pancreas</li> <li>• Lung: single, double</li> <li>• Intestinal transplants</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- small intestine</li> <li>- small intestine with the liver</li> <li>- small intestine with multiple organs such as the liver, stomach, and pancreas</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autologous pancreas islet cell transplant (as an adjunct to total or near total pancreatectomy) only for patients with chronic pancreatitis.</li> </ul> <p>* We limit the coverage for pancreas (only) transplants to patients who have insulin dependent (or Type 1) diabetes mellitus when we find that exogenous treatment with insulin is ineffective.</p>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance

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Benefit Description	You pay	
Organ/tissue transplants (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option
<p>These <b>tandem blood or marrow stem cell transplants</b> for covered transplants are subject to medical necessity review by the Plan. Refer to <i>Other services</i> in Section 3 for prior authorization procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autologous tandem transplants for               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AL Amyloidosis</li> <li>- Multiple myeloma (de novo and treated)</li> <li>- Recurrent germ cell tumors (including testicular cancer)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<p><b>Blood or marrow stem cell transplants</b> limited to the stages of the following diagnoses. For the diagnoses listed below, the medical necessity limitation is considered satisfied if the patient meets the staging description.</p> <p>Physicians consider many features to determine how diseases will respond to different types of treatment. Some of the features measured are the presence or absence of normal and abnormal chromosomes, the extension of the disease throughout the body, and how fast the tumor cells grow. By analyzing these and other characteristics, physicians can determine which diseases may respond to treatment without transplant and which diseases may respond to transplant.</p> <p>Allogeneic (donor) transplants for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic leukemia</li> <li>• Advanced Hodgkin’s lymphoma with reoccurrence (relapsed)</li> <li>• Advanced non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma with reoccurrence (relapsed)</li> <li>• Acute myeloid leukemia</li> <li>• Advanced Myeloproliferative Disorder (MPDs)</li> <li>• Advanced Neuroblastoma</li> <li>• Amyloidosis</li> <li>• Chronic lymphocytic lymphoma /small lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL)</li> <li>• Hemoglobinopathy</li> <li>• Infant malignant osteopetrosis</li> <li>• Kostmann’s syndrome</li> <li>• Leukocyte adhesion deficiencies</li> <li>• Marrow Failure and Related Disorders (i.e. Fanconi's, PNH, pure red cell aplasia)</li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>

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Benefit Description	You pay	
Organ/tissue transplants (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mucopolysaccharidosis (e.g. Hunter’s Syndrome, Hurler’s syndrome, Sanfillippo’s syndrome, Maroteauxlamy syndrome variants)</li> <li>• Myelodysplasia/Myelodysplastic syndromes</li> <li>• Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria</li> <li>• Phagocytic / Hemophagocytic deficiency diseases (e.g. Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)</li> <li>• Severe combined immuno-deficiency disease</li> <li>• Severe or very severe aplastic anemia</li> <li>• Sickle cell anemia</li> </ul> <p>Autologous Transplants for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic (i.e., myelogenous) leukemia</li> <li>• Advanced Childhood kidney enacers</li> <li>• Advanced Ewing sarcoma Breast Cancer</li> <li>• Advanced Hodgkin’s lymphoma with reoccurrence (relapsed)</li> <li>• Advanced non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma with reoccurrence (relapsed)</li> <li>• Amyloidosis</li> <li>• Advanced Neuroblastoma</li> <li>• Childhood rhabdomyosarcoma</li> <li>• Epithelial Ovarian Cancer</li> <li>• Mantle Cell (Non-Hodgkin lymphoma)</li> <li>• Multiple Myeloma</li> <li>• Testicular, Mediastinal, Retroperitoneal, and ovarian germ cell tumors</li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<p><b>Mini Transplants performed in a clinical trial setting</b> (non-myeloblative, reduced intensity conditioning or RIC) for members with a diagnosis listed below are subject to medical necessity review by the Plan.</p> <p>Refer to Other Services in Section 3 for prior authorization procedures:</p> <p>Allogeneic transplants for:</p> <p>Acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic leukemia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Hodgkin’s lymphoma with reoccurrence (relapsed)</li> <li>• Advanced non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma with reoccurrence (relapsed)</li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% thereafter</p>

Benefit Description	You pay	
Organ/tissue transplants (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute myeloid leukemia</li> <li>• Advanced Myeloproliferative Disorder (MPDs)</li> <li>• Amyloidosis</li> <li>• Chronic lymphocytic lymphoma /small lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL)</li> <li>• Hemoglobinopathy</li> <li>• Marrow Failure and Related Disorders (i.e. Fanconi's, PNH, pure red cell aplasia)</li> <li>• Myelodysplasia/Myelodysplastic syndromes</li> <li>• Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria</li> <li>• Severe combined immuno-deficiency disease</li> <li>• Severe or very severe aplastic anemia</li> </ul> <p>Autologous transplants for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic leukemia</li> <li>• Advanced Hodgkin's lymphoma with reoccurrence (relapsed)</li> <li>• Advanced non-Hodgkin's lymphoma with reoccurrence (relapsed)</li> <li>• Amyloidosis</li> <li>• Neuroblastoma</li> <li>• Breast cancer</li> <li>• Epithelial ovarian cancer</li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% thereafter</p>
<p>These <b>blood or marrow stem cell transplants</b> are covered only in a National Cancer Institute or National Institutes of health <b>approved clinical trial</b> or a Plan-designated center of excellence and if approved by the Plan's medical director in accordance with the Plan's protocols.</p> <p>If you are a participant in a clinical trial, the Plan will provide benefits for related routine care that is medically necessary (such as doctor visits, lab tests, x-rays and scans, and hospitalization related to treating the patient's condition) if it is not provided by the clinical trial. Section 9 has additional information on costs related to clinical trials. We encourage you to contact the Plan to discuss specific services if you participate in a clinical trial.</p> <p>These blood and marrow stem cell transplants are covered if the following are met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trial is a NCI and/ or NIH sponsored trial; or</li> <li>• The trial is conducted at an approved NCI center; and</li> <li>• The trial is approved by the Plan's Medical Director in accordance with the Plan's protocols.</li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>

Benefit Description	You pay	
Organ/tissue transplants (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option
<p>Allogeneic transplants for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Hodgkin’s lymphoma</li> <li>• Advanced non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma</li> <li>• Early stage (indolent or non-advanced) small cell lymphocytic lymphoma</li> </ul> <p>Mini-transplants (non-myeloblative allogeneic, reduced intensity conditioning or RIC) for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic leukemia</li> <li>• Advanced Hodgkin’s lymphoma</li> <li>• Advanced non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma</li> <li>• Breast Cancer</li> <li>• Chronic lymphocytic leukemia</li> <li>• Chronic myelogenous leukemia</li> <li>• Colon cancer</li> <li>• Chronic lymphocytic lymphoma /small lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL)</li> <li>• Early stage (indolent or non-advanced) small cell lymphocytic lymphoma</li> <li>• Multiple Myeloma</li> <li>• Multiple sclerosis</li> <li>• Myeloproliferative Disorder (MPDs)</li> <li>• Non-small lung cancer</li> <li>• Ovarian cancer</li> <li>• Prostate cancer</li> <li>• Renal cell carcinoma</li> <li>• Sarcomas</li> <li>• Sickle cell anemia (pediatric only)</li> <li>• Autologous Transplants for               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Childhood kidney cancers</li> <li>• Advanced Ewing sarcoma</li> <li>• Advanced Hodgkin’s lymphoma</li> <li>• Advanced non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma</li> <li>• Breast Cancer</li> <li>• Childhood rhabdomyosarcoma</li> <li>• Chronic myelogenous leukemia</li> <li>• Chronic lymphocytic lymphoma /small lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL)</li> <li>• Early stage (indolent or non-advanced) small cell lymphocytic lymphoma</li> <li>• Epithelial Ovarian Cancer</li> <li>• Mantle Cell (Non-Hodgkin lymphoma)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>

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Benefit Description	You pay	
Organ/tissue transplants (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple sclerosis</li> <li>• Small cell lung cancer</li> <li>• Systemic lupus erythematosus</li> <li>• Systemic sclerosis</li> </ul>	<p>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</p>	<p>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</p>
<p>Coventry Transplant Network (CTN) -</p> <p>NOTE: We cover related medical and hospital expenses of the donor when we cover the recipient. We cover donor testing for the actual solid organ or up to four bone marrow /stem cell transplant donors in addition to the testing of family members.</p> <p>After referral to a transplant facility, the following will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If our Medical Director or the referral facility decides you do not satisfy criteria for a transplant, we only pay for covered services you receive before that decision is made</li> <li>• We, and the Plan providers are not responsible for finding, furnishing, or ensuring the availability of a bone marrow or organ donor</li> <li>• We cover reasonable medical and hospital expenses as long as the expenses are directly related to a covered transplant of the donor or an individual identified as a potential donor.</li> <li>• Unless otherwise authorized by our Medical Director, we provide transplants only at approved Transplant Network facilities</li> </ul>		
<p><i>Not Covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Donor screening tests and donor search expenses, except as shown above.</i></li> <li>• <i>Any related conditions or complications for a member who is donating an organ or tissue when the recipient is not a member</i></li> <li>• <i>Outpatient immunosuppressive agents</i></li> <li>• <i>Any transplant procedure that is performed in a facility that has not been designated by the Medical Director as a approved transplant facility</i></li> <li>• <i>Implants of non-human or artificial organs</i></li> <li>• <i>Transplants not listed as covered</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>

## High and Standard Option

Benefit Description	You pay	
Anesthesia	High Option	Standard Option
Professional services provided in – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital</li> <li>• Skilled nursing facility</li> <li>• Ambulatory surgical center</li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
Office	No deductible  \$25 per visit to a primary care physician  \$45 per visit to a specialist	No deductible  \$30 per visit to a primary care physician  \$55 per visit to a specialist

**Section 5(c). Services provided by a hospital or other facility, and ambulance services**

**Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:**

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care and you must be hospitalized in a Plan facility.
- High Option – The calendar year deductible is \$500 per person and \$1,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" when it does not apply.
- Standard Option - The calendar year deductible is \$1,000 per person and \$2,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" when it does not apply.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services* for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.
- The amounts listed below are for the charges billed by the facility (i.e., hospital or surgical center) or ambulance service for your surgery or care. Any costs associated with the professional charge (i.e., physicians, etc.) are in Sections 5(a) or (b).
- **YOUR PHYSICIAN MUST GET PRECERTIFICATION FOR HOSPITAL STAYS.** Please refer to Section 3 to be sure which services require precertification.

Benefit Description	You pay	
	High Option	Standard Option
<b>Inpatient hospital</b> Room and board, such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ward, semiprivate, or intensive care accommodations;</li> <li>• General nursing care</li> <li>• Meals and special diets</li> </ul> Note: If you want a private room when it is not medically necessary, you pay the additional charge above the semiprivate room rate.	\$100 copayment per hospital admission after the calendar year deductible.	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
Other hospital services and supplies, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating, recovery, maternity, and other treatment rooms</li> <li>• Prescribed drugs and medicines</li> <li>• Diagnostic laboratory tests and X-rays</li> <li>• Administration of blood, blood plasma, and other biologicals</li> <li>• Dressings, splints, casts, and sterile tray services</li> <li>• Medical supplies and equipment, including oxygen</li> <li>• Anesthetics, including nurse anesthetist services</li> <li>• Take-home items</li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance

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Benefit Description	You pay	
	High Option	Standard Option
<b>Inpatient hospital (cont.)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical supplies, appliances, medical equipment, and any covered items billed by a hospital for use at home (Note: calendar year deductible applies.)</li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Custodial care</i></li> <li><i>Non-covered facilities, such as nursing homes, schools</i></li> <li><i>Personal comfort items, such as telephone, television, barber services, guest meals and beds</i></li> <li><i>Private nursing care</i></li> </ul>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
<b>Outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operating, recovery, and other treatment rooms</li> <li>Prescribed drugs and medicines</li> <li>Diagnostic laboratory tests, X-rays , and pathology services</li> <li>Administration of blood, blood plasma, and other biologicals</li> <li>Pre-surgical testing</li> <li>Dressings, casts , and sterile tray services</li> <li>Medical supplies, including oxygen</li> <li>Anesthetics and anesthesia service</li> </ul> <p>Note: We cover hospital services and supplies related to dental procedures when necessitated by a non-dental physical impairment. We do not cover the dental procedures.</p>	\$50 copayment facility charge after the calendar year deductible.	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<i>Not covered: Blood and blood derivatives not replaced by the member</i>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
<b>Extended care benefits/Skilled nursing care facility benefits</b>		
<p>High Option – We limit our coverage to 100 days per calendar year</p> <p>Standard Option - We limit our coverage to 30 days per calendar year</p> <p>Comprehensive range of benefits will be provided when full-time skilled nursing care is necessary and confinement in a skilled nursing facility is in lieu of hospitalization.</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bed, board and general nursing care</li> </ul>	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance

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## High and Standard Option

Benefit Description	You pay	
<b>Extended care benefits/Skilled nursing care facility benefits (cont.)</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
Drugs, biologicals, supplies, and equipment ordinarily provided or arranged by the skilled nursing facility when prescribed by a Plan doctor	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<i>Not covered: Custodial care</i>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
<b>Hospice care</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
Supportive and palliative care for a terminally ill member in the home or hospice facility. Services include inpatient and outpatient care, and family counseling. Services are provided under the direction of a Plan doctor who certifies that the patient is in the terminal stages of illness, with a life expectancy of approximately six months or less.	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<i>Not covered: Independent nursing, homemaker services</i>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges.</i>
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
Local professional ambulance service when medically appropriate	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance

**Section 5(d). Emergency services/accidents**

**Important things to keep in mind about these benefits:**

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.
- High Option – The calendar year deductible is \$500 per person and \$1,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" to show when the calendar year deductible does not apply.
- Standard Option - The calendar year deductible is \$1,000 per person and \$2,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" to show when the calendar year deductible does not apply.

**What is a medical emergency?**

A medical emergency is the sudden and unexpected onset of a condition or an injury that you believe endangers your life or could result in serious injury or disability, and requires immediate medical or surgical care. Some problems are emergencies because, if not treated promptly, they might become more serious; examples include deep cuts and broken bones. Others are emergencies because they are potentially life-threatening, such as heart attacks, strokes, poisonings, gunshot wounds, or sudden inability to breathe. There are many other acute conditions that we may determine are medical emergencies – what they all have in common is the need for quick action.

What to do in case of emergency:

**Emergencies within our service area:** If you are in an emergency situation, contact the local emergency system (e.g., the 911 telephone system) or go to the nearest hospital emergency room. Be sure to tell the emergency room personnel that you are a Plan member so they can notify the Plan.

If you need to be hospitalized in a non-Plan facility, the Plan must be notified within 24 hours or on the first working day following your admission, unless it was not reasonably possible to notify the Plan within that time. If you are hospitalized in non-Plan facilities and Plan doctors believe care can be better provided in a Plan hospital, you will be transferred when medically feasible with any ambulance charges covered in full.

To be covered by this Plan, any follow-up care recommended by non-Plan providers must be approved by the Plan or provided by Plan providers

**Emergencies outside our service area:** Benefits are available for any medically necessary health service that is immediately required because of injury or unforeseen illness.

If you need to be hospitalized, the Plan must be notified within 24 hours or on the first working day following your admission, unless it was not reasonably possible to notify the Plan within that time. If a Plan doctor believes care can be better provided in a Plan hospital, you will be transferred when medically feasible with any ambulance charges covered in full.

To be covered by this Plan, any follow-up care recommended by non-Plan providers must be approved by the Plan or provided by Plan providers.

## High and Standard Option

Benefit Description	You pay	
Emergency within our service area	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency care at a doctor's office</li> </ul>	No deductible \$25 per visit to a primary care physician \$45 per visit at a specialist	No deductible \$30 per visit to a primary care physician \$55 per visit at a specialist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency care at an urgent care center</li> </ul>	No deductible \$75 per visit	No deductible \$75 per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency care as an outpatient at a hospital, including doctors' services</li> </ul> <p>Note: We waive ER copay if you are admitted to hospital.</p>	No deductible \$250 per visit	No deductible \$250 per visit
Not covered: Elective care or non-emergency care	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
Emergency outside our service area	High Option	Standard Option
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency care at a doctor's office</li> </ul>	No deductible \$25 per visit to a primary care physician \$45 per visit at a specialist	No deductible \$30 per visit to a primary care physician \$55 per visit at a specialist
Emergency care at an urgent care center	No deductible \$75 per visit	No deductible \$75 per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency care as an outpatient at a hospital, including doctors' services</li> </ul> <p>Note: We waive ER copay if you are admitted to hospital.</p>	No deductible \$250 per visit	No deductible \$250 per visit
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Elective care or non-emergency care</i></li> <li><i>Emergency care provided outside the service area if the need for care could have been foreseen before leaving the service area</i></li> <li><i>Medical and hospital costs resulting from a normal full-term delivery of a baby outside the service area</i></li> </ul>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>
Ambulance	High Option	Standard Option
Professional ambulance service when medically appropriate.  Note: See 5(c) for non-emergency service.	All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance

**Section 5(e). Mental health and substance abuse benefits**

When you get our approval for services and follow a treatment plan we approve, cost-sharing and limitations for Plan mental health and substance abuse benefits will be no greater than for similar benefits for other illnesses and conditions.

**Important things to keep in mind about these benefits:**

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.
- High Option – The calendar year deductible is \$500 per person and \$1,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" to show when the calendar year deductible does not apply.
- Standard Option - The calendar year deductible is \$1,000 per person and \$2,000 per family. The calendar year deductible applies to almost all benefits in this section. We added "(No deductible)" to show when the calendar year deductible does not apply.
- **YOU MUST GET PREAUTHORIZATION FOR THESE SERVICES.** See the instructions after the benefits description below.
- OPM will base its review of disputes about treatment plans on the treatment plan's clinical appropriateness. OPM will generally not order us to pay or provide one clinically appropriate treatment plan in favor of another.

Benefit Description	You pay	
	High Option	Standard Option
<p><b>Professional Services</b></p> <p>When part of a treatment plan we approve, we cover professional services by licensed professional mental health and substance abuse practitioners when acting within the scope of their license, such as psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, or marriage and family therapists.</p> <p>Diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric conditions, mental illness, or mental disorders. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic evaluation</li> <li>• Crisis intervention and stabilization for acute episodes</li> <li>• Medication evaluation and management (pharmacotherapy)</li> <li>• Psychological and neuropsychological testing necessary to determine the appropriate psychiatric treatment</li> <li>• Treatment and counseling (including individual or group therapy visits)</li> <li>• Diagnosis and treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse, including detoxification, treatment and counseling</li> </ul>	Nothing	Nothing

*Professional Services - continued on next page*

Benefit Description	You pay	
<b>Professional Services (cont.)</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional charges for intensive outpatient treatment in a provider's office or other professional setting</li> <li>Electroconvulsive therapy</li> </ul>	Nothing	Nothing
<b>Diagnostics</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outpatient diagnostic tests provided and billed by a licensed mental health and substance abuse practitioner</li> <li>Outpatient diagnostic tests provided and billed by a laboratory, hospital or other covered facility</li> <li>Inpatient diagnostic tests provided and billed by a hospital or other covered facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing</li> <li>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</li> <li>All of our allowable amounts up to the deductible amount and nothing thereafter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nothing</li> <li>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</li> <li>Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance</li> </ul>
<b>Inpatient hospital or other covered facility</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<p>Inpatient services provided and billed by a hospital or other covered facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Room and board, such as semiprivate or intensive accommodations, general nursing care, meals and special diets, and other hospital services</li> </ul>	\$100 copayment per hospital admission after the calendar year deductible.	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<b>Outpatient hospital or other covered facility</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<p>Outpatient services provided and billed by a hospital or other covered facility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services in approved treatment programs, such as partial hospitalization, half-way house, residential treatment, full-day hospitalization, or facility-based intensive outpatient treatment</li> </ul>	\$50 copayment per hospital admission after the calendar year deductible.	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance
<b>Not covered</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
Services that are not part of a preauthorized approved plan	All charges	All charges

**Preauthorization**

To be eligible to receive these benefits you must obtain a treatment plan and follow all of the following network authorization processes. To receive a mental health referral, please call 1-800-752-7242.

**Limitation**

We may limit your benefits if you do not obtain a treatment plan.

## Section 5(f). Prescription drug benefits

### Important things to keep in mind about these benefits:

- We cover prescribed drugs and medications, as described in the chart beginning on the next page.
- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Some prescriptions do require prior authorization from the medical director. Your physician obtains the authorization by completing a form and sending it to Coventry.
- No calendar year deductible applies.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.

**There are important features you should be aware of.** These include:

**Who can write your prescription.** A licensed physician must write the prescription

**Where you can obtain them.** You may fill the prescription at a contracted Plan pharmacy or by mail for a maintenance medication.

**We use a formulary.** We use a committee of doctors, pharmacists and other health care professionals to develop a formulary that gives you access to quality medications. FDA-approved brand-name and generic medications are reviewed for safety, side effects, effectiveness and overall value. We continually update the formulary based on the latest research. If your doctor prescribes a medication that is not on the list, you can get that medication, but you will share in a greater portion of the cost.

- **These are the dispensing limitations.** The quantity of each prescription is limited to that sufficient to treat the acute phase of illness or a 30-day supply maximum, whichever is less, per copayment. **Members called to active duty in a time of national or other emergency who need to obtain a greater than normal supply of prescribed medications should call 866-320-0697.**

**A generic equivalent will be dispensed if it is available,** unless your physician specifically requires a name brand. If you receive a name brand drug when a Federally-approved generic drug is available, and your physician has not specified Dispense as Written for the name brand drug, you have to pay the difference in cost between the name brand drug and the generic.

**Mail Order.** You can obtain through Mail Order covered "maintenance" prescription drugs use to treat chronic or long-term health conditions such as high blood pressure or diabetes for a 90-day supply.

### Here are some things to keep in mind about our prescription drug program:

A generic equivalent will be dispensed if it is available, unless your physician specifically requires a name brand. If you receive a name brand drug when a Federally-approved generic drug is available, you have to pay the difference in cost between the name brand drug and the generic.

We administer a formulary. If your physician believes a name brand product is necessary or there is no generic available, your physician may prescribe a name brand drug from a formulary list. This list of name brand drugs is a preferred list of drugs that we selected to meet patient needs at a lower cost. To order a prescription drug brochure, call 800-341-6613.

Benefit Description	You pay	
Covered medications and supplies	High Option	Standard Option
<p>We cover the following medications and supplies prescribed by a Plan physician and obtained from a Plan pharmacy or through our mail order program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drugs and medicines that by Federal law of the United States require a physician’s prescription for their purchase, except as excluded below.</li> <li>• Insulin</li> <li>• Insulin syringes and medication</li> <li>• Disposable needles and syringes for the administration of covered medications</li> <li>• Drugs for sexual dysfunction (see Notebelow)</li> <li>• Contraceptive drugs and devices</li> <li>• Growth hormones</li> </ul> <p>Note: Contact the Plan for drug dose limits for sexual dysfunction.</p> <p>Note: If there is no generic equivalent available, you will still have to pay the brand name copay.</p>	<p><b>Retail Pharmacy</b></p> <p>\$5 per generic</p> <p>\$40 per name brand formulary</p> <p>\$75 per name brand non-formulary</p> <p><b>Self-Administered Injectable Drugs</b></p> <p>\$75 per formulary</p> <p>\$100 per non-formulary</p> <p><b>Mail Order (Maintenance medications only)</b></p> <p>\$12.50 per generic</p> <p>\$100 per name brand formulary</p> <p>\$187.50 per name brand non-formulary</p> <p>Self administered injectables are not covered in mail order</p>	<p><b>Retail Pharmacy</b></p> <p>\$5 per generic</p> <p>\$40 per formulary name brand</p> <p>\$75 per name brand non-formulary</p> <p><b>Self-Administered Injectable Drugs</b></p> <p>\$75 per formulary</p> <p>\$100 per non-formulary</p> <p><b>Mail Order (Maintenance medications only)</b></p> <p>\$12.50 per generic</p> <p>\$100 per name brand formulary</p> <p>\$187.50 per name brand non-formulary</p> <p>Self administered injectables are not covered in mail order</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Drugs and supplies for cosmetic purposes</i></li> <li>• <i>Drugs to enhance athletic performance</i></li> <li>• <i>Fertility drugs</i></li> <li>• <i>Drugs obtained at a non-Plan pharmacy; except for out-of-area emergencies</i></li> <li>• <i>Vitamins, nutrients and food supplements even if a physician prescribes or administers them</i></li> <li>• <i>Nonprescription medicines</i></li> </ul> <p>Note: Over-the-counter and prescription drugs approved by the FDA to treat tobacco dependence are covered under the Tobacco cessation benefit and require a written prescription by an approved provider. (See page 24).</p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>

**Section 5(g). Dental benefits**

**Important things to keep in mind about these benefits:**

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary
- If you are enrolled in a Federal Employees Dental/Vision Insurance program (FEDVIP) Dental plan, your FEHB plan will be First/Primary payor of any Benefits payments and your FEDVIP plan is secondary to your FEHB plan. See section 9 coordinating benefits with other coverage.
- Plan dentists must provide or arrange your care.
- No calendar year deductible applies.
- We cover hospitalization for dental procedures only when a non-dental physical impairment exists which makes hospitalization necessary to safeguard the health of the patient. See Section 5(c) for inpatient hospital benefits. We do not cover the dental procedure unless it is described below.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.

Benefit Description	You Pay	
<b>Accidental injury benefit</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
We cover restorative services and supplies necessary to promptly repair (but not replace) sound natural teeth. The need for these services must result from an accidental injury.	\$25 per visit to a primary care physician \$45 per visit to a specialist	\$30 per visit to a primary care physician \$55 per visit to a specialist
<b>Dental benefits</b>	<b>High Option</b>	<b>Standard Option</b>
<i>We have no other dental benefits.</i>	<i>All charges</i>	<i>All charges</i>

**Section 5(h). Special features**

<b>24 hour nurse line</b>	For any of your health concerns, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you may call First Help at 800-622-9528 and talk with a registered nurse who will discuss treatment options and answer your health questions.
<b>Coventry Wellbeing Program</b>	This program has something for all members of the family. This is an online Personal Health Improvement Program. It has programs such as:ePhit, EatPhit, GetPhit, LivePhit, as well as a Family-Focused Wellness at KidsHealth. Just go to <a href="http://www.mycoventryhealth.com">www.mycoventryhealth.com</a>
<b>Flexible benefits option</b>	<p>Under the flexible benefits option, we determine the most effective way to provide services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We may identify medically appropriate alternatives to regular contract benefits as a less costly alternative. If we identify a less costly alternative, we will ask you to sign an alternative benefits agreement that will include all of the following terms in addition to other terms as necessary. Until you sign and return the agreement, regular contract benefits will continue.</li> <li>• Alternative benefits will be made available for a limited time period and are subject to our ongoing review. You must cooperate with the review process.</li> <li>• By approving an alternative benefit, we do not guarantee you will get it in the future.</li> <li>• The decision to offer an alternative benefit is solely ours, and except as expressly provided in the agreement, we may withdraw it at any time and resume regular contract benefits.</li> <li>• If you sign the agreement, we will provide the agreed upon alternative benefits for the stated time period (unless circumstances change). You may request an extension of the time period, but regular contract benefits will resume if we do not approve your request.</li> <li>• Our decision to offer or withdraw alternative benefits is not subject to OPM review under the disputed claims process. However, if at the time we make a decision regarding alternative benefits, we also decide that regular contract benefits are not payable, then you may dispute our regular contract benefits decision under the OPM disputed claim process (see Section 8).</li> </ul>
<b>My Online Services</b>	You can access your personal health record from this website. Print it down and bring it with you to your Doctor's appointment. <a href="http://www.chcla.com">www.chcla.com</a>

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## Section 5(i). Health education resources and tools

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### Health education resources and account management tools

Visit the Health Information section of our website at [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com) for information to help you take command of your health. This section is organized in simple, user-friendly, sections:

- Assess Your Health – where you will find a simple, free, online health risk assessment tool to benchmark your wellness, and better understand your overall health status and risks.
- About Your Health – for information about a specific condition or general preventive guidelines.  
Patient Safety
- WebMD – our link to this health site also provides wellness and disease information to help improve health.

**Prescription Drug** educational materials are also accessible through our website, through a link to our pharmacy benefit manager, MEDCO. There, you will find:

- Detailed information about a wide range of prescription drugs;
- A drug interaction tool to help easily determine if a specific drug can have any adverse interactions with each other, with over-the-counter drugs, or with herbals and vitamins;
- Facts about why FDA-approved generic drugs should be a first choice for effective, economical treatment.

Another key health information tool that we make available to you is our online quality tools, powered by HealthShare. You can review the frequency of procedures performed by a provider, knowing the correlation between frequency of service and quality of outcomes. We post additional quality outcome information, such as re-admission rates within 30 days, post operative complications, and even death rates.

We also publish an e-newsletter to keep you informed on a variety of issues related to your good health. Visit our Web site at [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com) for back editions of this publication, Living Well.

In addition, we augment our health education tools with access to our **Nurse Advisor Services**. Experienced RNs are available through an inbound call center 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to assist you and help you to maximize your benefits, by providing clinical and economic information to make an informed decision on how to proceed with care. The **First Help** phone number is 1-800-622-9528.

**QuitNet**-Tobacco cessation program, QuitNet, which includes individual/group telephonic counseling, and over the counter (OTC) and prescription drugs approved by the FDA to treat tobacco dependence.

No cost for counseling for up to two quit attempts per year. No cost for OTC and prescription drugs approved by the FDA to treat tobacco dependence.

Tobacco cessation program, through QuitNet, including telephonic support, nicotine replacement therapy, web support, email support, printed Quit Guide and prescription drug coverage.

Should the drug be indicated for multiple purposes, members are required to ask their doctor to submit a Prior Authorization Form with supporting documentation as to the indicated use of the medicine/product. All of the over the counter ("OTC") tobacco cessation products are approved for OTC use in adults 18 years of age or older. Users under 18 years of age are to consult with their doctor prior to use. Individuals who continue to smoke, chew tobacco, use snuff or use a nicotine patch or other nicotine containing products should not use the OTC medication. All OTC products have the same indication. Enroll online at [www.quitnet.com/coventrywellbeing](http://www.quitnet.com/coventrywellbeing) or call 1-866-577-8210. A representative will ask you for your Authentication code which is your 11 digit Coventry ID number - and will then assist you in the completion of the registration process.

### Care support

Our complex case management programs offer special assistance to members with intricate, long-term medical needs. Our disease management program fosters a proactive approach to managing care from prevention through treatment and management. Your physician can help arranged for participation in these programs, or you can simply contact our member service department.

Patient safety information is available online at [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com).

Care support is also available to you, in the form of a relationship that we have established with the College of American Pathologists for e-mail reminder notifications. We'll send a message to the e-mail address you provide on a scheduled basis, reminding you to arrange for screening tests.

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## Section 5(i). Non- FEHB benefits available to Plan members

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<b>Vision Care</b>	Routine eye exams are covered once every 12 months for \$15 copayment through the Avesis providers. Providers may be found at <a href="http://www.avesis.com">www.avesis.com</a> or contact customer service at 800-341-6613.
<b>Louisiana Discount Program</b>	This program entitles you to receive dental, hearing, massage therapy and cosmetic procedures at a discounted rate using contracted providers. To obtain a listing of providers please contact 800-341-6613.

The benefits on this page are not part of the FEHB contract or premium, and you cannot file an FEHB disputed claim about them. Fees you pay for these services do not count towards FEHB deductibles or catastrophic protection out-of-pocket maximums. These programs and materials are the responsibility of the Plan, and all appeals must follow their guidelines. For additional information contact the Plan at, 1-800-341-6613 or visit their website at [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com) .

Individual major medical insurance policies are available through CHCLA for dependents who no longer qualify for coverage under your FEHB benefits plan. Visit our website at [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com) and click the Individual & Families tab in the middle right of the page with the picture of the two children. At this site you can view individual benefit plan grids, get a quote and apply online or contact a representative for assistance.

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## Section 6. General exclusions – things we don't cover

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The exclusions in this section apply to all benefits. **There may be other exclusions and limitations listed in Section 5 of this brochure. Although we may list a specific service as a benefit, we will not cover it unless it is medically necessary to prevent, diagnose, or treat your illness, disease, injury, or condition.** For information on obtaining prior approval for specific services, such as transplants, see Section 3 *When you need prior approval for certain services*.

We do not cover the following:

- Care by non-plan providers except for authorized referrals or emergencies (see Emergency services/accidents);
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive while you are not enrolled in this Plan;
- Services, drugs, or supplies not medically necessary;
- Services, drugs, or supplies not required according to accepted standards of medical, dental, or psychiatric practice;
- Experimental or investigational procedures, treatments, drugs or devices (**see specifics regarding transplants**);
- Services, drugs, or supplies related to abortions, except when the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term, or when the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest;
- Services, drugs, or supplies related to sex transformations;
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive from a provider or facility barred from the FEHB Program;
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive without charge while in active military service.
- Extra care costs - costs related to taking part in a clinical trial such as additional tests that a patient may need as part of the trial, but not part of a patient's routine care. This plan does not cover these costs.
- Research costs - costs related to conducting the clinical trial such as research physician and nurse time, analysis of results, and clinical tests performed only for research purposes. These cost are generally covered by the clinical trials, this plan does not cover these costs.

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## Section 7. Filing a claim for covered services

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This Section primarily deals with post-service claims (claims for services, drugs or supplies you have already received). See Section 3 for information on pre-service claims procedures (services, drugs or supplies requiring prior Plan approval), including urgent care claims procedures. When you see Plan physicians, receive services at Plan hospitals and facilities, or obtain your prescription drugs at Plan pharmacies, you will not have to file claims. Just present your identification card and pay your copayment, coinsurance, or deductible.

You will only need to file a claim when you receive emergency services from non-plan providers. Sometimes these providers bill us directly. Check with the provider. If you need to file the claim, here is the process:

### **Medical and hospital benefits**

In most cases, providers and facilities file claims for you. Physicians must file on the form CMS-1500, Health Insurance Claim Form. Your facility will file on the UB-04 form. For claims questions and assistance, call us at 800-341-6613, or at our Web site at [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com).

When you must file a claim – such as for services you receive outside the Plan’s service area – submit it on the CMS-1500 or a claim form that includes the information shown below. Bills and receipts should be itemized and show:

- Covered member’s name and date of birth, address, phone number and ID number
- Name and address of the physician or facility that provided the service or supply
- Dates you received the services or supplies
- Diagnosis
- Type of each service or supply
- The charge for each service or supply
- A copy of the explanation of benefits, payments, or denial from any primary payor – such as the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)
- Receipts, if you paid for your services

Note: Canceled checks, cash register receipts, or balance due statements are not acceptable substitutes for itemized bills.

### **Submit your claims to:**

Coventry Health Care of Louisiana

P.O. Box 7707

London, KY 40742

### **Prescription drugs**

### **Submit your claims to:**

Medco Health Solutions

P.O. Box 14711

London, KY 40512

### **Deadline for filing your claim**

Send us all of the documents for your claim as soon as possible. You must submit the claim by December 31 of the year after the year you received the service, unless timely filing was prevented by administrative operations of Government or legal incapacity, provided the claim was submitted as soon as reasonably possible.

### **• Post-service claims procedures**

We will notify you of our decision within 30 days after we receive your post-service claim. If matters beyond our control require an extension of time, we may take up to an additional 15 days for review and we will notify you before the expiration of the original 30-day period. Our notice will include the circumstances underlying the request for the extension and the date when a decision is expected.

If we need an extension because we have not received necessary information from you, our notice will describe the specific information required and we will allow you up to 60 days from the receipt of the notice to provide the information.

If you do not agree with our initial decision, you may ask us to review it by following the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

**Authorized  
Representative**

You may designate an authorized representative to act on your behalf for filing a claim or to appeal claims decisions to us. For urgent care claims, a health care professional with knowledge of your medical condition will be permitted to act as your authorized representative without your express consent. For the purposes of this section, we are also referring to your authorized representative when we refer to you.

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## Section 8. The disputed claims process

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You may be able to appeal directly to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) if we do not follow required claims processes. For more information about situations in which you are entitled to immediately appeal to OPM, including additional requirements not listed in Sections 3, 7 and 8 of this brochure, please visit [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com).

Please follow this Federal Employees Health Benefits Program disputed claims process if you disagree with our decision on your post-service claim (a claim where services, drugs or supplies have already been provided). In Section 3 *If you disagree with our pre-service claim decision*, we describe the process you need to follow if you have a claim for services, referrals, drugs or supplies that must have prior Plan approval, such as inpatient hospital admissions.

To help you prepare your appeal, you may arrange with us to review and copy, free of charge, all relevant materials and Plan documents under our control relating to your claim, including those that involve any expert review(s) of your claim.

- 1** Ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. You must:
  - a) Write to us within 6 months from the date of our decision; and
  - b) Send your request to us at: Coventry Health Care of Louisiana, Inc., 3838 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 3350, Metairie, LA 70002; and
  - c) Include a statement about why you believe our initial decision was wrong, based on specific benefit provisions in this brochure; and
  - d) Include copies of documents that support your claim, such as physicians' letters, operative reports, bills, medical records, and explanation of benefits (EOB) forms.
  - e) Your email address, if you would like to receive OPM's decision via mail. Please note that by providing your email address, you may receive OPM's decision more quickly.

We will provide you, free of charge and in a timely manner, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by us or at our direction in connection with your claim and any new rationale for our claim decision. We will provide you with this information sufficiently in advance of the date that we are required to provide you with our decision on reconsideration. You may respond to that new evidence or rationale at the OPM review stage described in step 4.

- 2** In the case of a post-service claim, we have 30 days from the date we receive your request to:
  - a) Pay the claim or
  - b) Write to you and maintain our denial or
  - c) Ask you or your provider for more information

You or your provider must send the information so that we receive it within 60 days of our request. We will then decide within 30 days.

If we do not receive the information within 60 days we will decide within 30 days of the date the information was due. We will base our decision on the information we already have. We will write to you with our decision.

If you do not agree with our decision, you may ask OPM to review it.

- 3** You must write to OPM within:
  - 90 days after the date of our letter upholding our initial decision; or
  - 120 days after you first wrote to us -- if we did not answer that request in some way within 30 days; or
  - 120 days after we asked for additional information.

Write to OPM at: United States Office of Personnel Management, Healthcaer and Insurance, Federal Employee Insurance Operations, Health Insurance 3, 1900 E Stree, NW, Washington, DC 20415-3630.

Send OPM the following information:

- A statement about why you believe our decision was wrong, based on specific benefit provisions in htis brochure;
- Copies of documents that support your claim, such as physicians' letters, operative reports, bills, medical records, and explanation of benefits (EOB) forms;
- Copies of all letters you sent to us about the claim; and
- Copies of all letters we sent to you about the claim; and
- Your daytime phone number and the best time to call.
- Your email address, if you would like to receive OPM's decision via email. Please note that by providing your email address, you may receive OPM's decision more quickly.

Note: If you want OPM to review more than one claim, you must clearly identify which documents apply to which claim.

Note: You are the only person who has a right to file a disputed claim with OPM. Parties acting as your representative, such as medical providers, must include a copy of your specific written consent with the review request. However, for urgent care claims, a health care professional with knowledge of your medical condition may act as your authorized representative without your express consent.

Note: The above deadlines may be extended if you show that you were unable to meet the deadline because of reasons beyond your control.

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OPM will review your disputed claim request and will use the information it collects from you and us to decide whether our decision is correct. OPM will send you a final decision within 60 days. There are no other administrative appeals.

If you do not agree with OPM's decision, your only recourse is to sue. If you decide to sue, you must file the suit against OPM in Federal court by December 31 of the third year after the year in which you received the disputed services, drugs, or supplies or from the year in which you were denied precertification or prior approval. This is the only deadline that may not be extended.

OPM may disclose the information it collects during the review process to support their disputed claim decision. This information will become part of the court record.

You may not sue until you have completed the disputed claims process. Further, Federal law governs your lawsuit, benefits, and payment of benefits. The Federal court will base its review on the record that was before OPM when OPM decided to uphold or overturn our decision. You may recover only the amount the benefits in dispute.

Note: **If you have a serious or life threatening condition** (one that may cause permanent loss of bodily functions or death if not treated as soon as possible), and you did not indicate that your claim was a claim for urgent care, then call us at (800) 245-8327. We will hasten our review (if we have not yet responded to your claim); or we will inform OPM so they can quickly review your claim on appeal. You may call OPM's Health Insurance at (202) 606-0737 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time.

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## Section 9. Coordinating benefits with other coverage

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### **When you have other health coverage**

You must tell us if you or a covered family member has coverage under any other health plan or have automobile insurance that pays health care expenses without regard to fault. This is called “double coverage.”

When you have double coverage, one plan normally pays its benefits in full as the primary payor and the other plan pays a reduced benefit as the secondary payor. We, like other insurers, determine which coverage is primary according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners’ guidelines.

When we are the primary payor, we will pay the benefits described in this brochure.

When we are the secondary payor, we will determine our allowance. After the primary plan pays, we will pay what is left of our allowance, up to our regular benefit. We will not pay more than our allowance.

### **What is Medicare?**

Medicare is a health insurance program for:

- People 65 years of age or older.
- Some people with disabilities under 65 years of age.
- People with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant).

Medicare has four parts:

- Part A (Hospital Insurance). Most people do not have to pay for Part A. If you or your spouse worked for at least 10 years in Medicare-covered employment, you should be able to qualify for premium-free Part A insurance. (If you were a Federal employee at any time both before and during January 1983, you will receive credit for your Federal employment before January 1983.) Otherwise, if you are age 65 or older, you may be able to buy it. Contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (TTY 1-877-486-2048) for more information.
- Part B (Medical Insurance). Most people pay monthly for Part B. Generally, Part B premiums are withheld from your monthly Social Security check or your retirement check.
- Part C (Medicare Advantage). You can enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan to get your Medicare benefits. Please review the information on coordinating benefits with Medicare Advantage plans on the next page.
- Part D (Medicare prescription drug coverage). There is a monthly premium for Part D coverage. If you have limited savings and a low income, you may be eligible for Medicare’s Low-Income Benefits. For people with limited income and resources, extra help in paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan is available. Information regarding this program is available through the Social Security Administration (SSA). For more information about this extra help, visit SSA online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Before enrolling in Medicare Part D, please review the important disclosure notice from us about the FEHB prescription drug coverage and Medicare. The notice is on the first inside page of this brochure. The notice will give you guidance on enrolling in Medicare Part D.

### **• Should I enroll in Medicare?**

The decision to enroll in Medicare is yours. We encourage you to apply for Medicare benefits 3 months before you turn age 65. It’s easy. Just call the Social Security Administration toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to set up an appointment to apply. If you do not apply for one or more Parts of Medicare, you can still be covered under the FEHB Program.

If you can get premium-free Part A coverage, we advise you to enroll in it. Most Federal employees and annuitants are entitled to Medicare Part A at age 65 **without cost**. When you don't have to pay premiums for Medicare Part A, it makes good sense to obtain the coverage. It can reduce your out-of-pocket expenses as well as costs to the FEHB, which can help keep FEHB premiums down.

Everyone is charged a premium for Medicare Part B coverage. The Social Security Administration can provide you with premium and benefit information. Review the information and decide if it makes sense for you to buy the Medicare Part B coverage. If you didn't take Part B at age 65 because you were covered under FEHB as an active employee (or you were covered under your spouse's group health insurance plan and he/she was an active employee), you may sign up for Part B (generally without an increased premium) within 8 months from the time you or your spouse stop working or are no longer covered by the group plan. You also can sign up at any time while you are covered by the group plan.

If you are eligible for Medicare, you may have choices in how you get your health care. Medicare Advantage is the term used to describe the various private health plan choices available to Medicare beneficiaries. The information in the next few pages shows how we coordinate benefits with Medicare, depending on whether you are in the Original Medicare Plan or a private Medicare Advantage plan.

- **The Original Medicare Plan (Part A or Part B)**

The Original Medicare Plan (Original Medicare) is available everywhere in the United States. It is the way everyone used to get Medicare benefits and is the way most people get their Medicare Part A and Part B benefits now. You may go to any doctor, specialist, or hospital that accepts Medicare. The Original Medicare Plan pays its share and you pay your share. Some things are not covered under Original Medicare, such as most prescription drugs (but coverage through private prescription drug plans is available starting in 2006).

All physicians and other providers are required by law to file claims directly to Medicare for members with Medicare Part B, when Medicare is primary. This is true whether or not they accept Medicare

When you are enrolled in Original Medicare along with this Plan, you still need to follow the rules in this brochure for us to cover your care.

**Claims process when you have the Original Medicare Plan** – You probably will never have to file a claim form when you have both our Plan and the Original Medicare Plan.

When we are the primary payor, we process the claim first.

When Original Medicare is the primary payor, Medicare processes your claim first. In most cases, your claim will be coordinated automatically and we will then provide secondary benefits for covered charges.

You can find more information about how our plan coordinates benefits with Medicare at [www.chcla.com](http://www.chcla.com).

- **Tell us about your Medicare coverage**

You must tell us if you or a covered family member has Medicare coverage, and let us obtain information about services denied or paid under Medicare if we ask. You must also tell us about other coverage you or your covered family members may have, as this coverage may affect the primary/secondary status of this Plan and Medicare.

- **Medicare Advantage (Part C)**

If you are eligible for Medicare, you may choose to enroll in and get your Medicare benefits from a Medicare Advantage plan. These are private health care choices (like HMOs and regional PPOs) in some areas of the country. To learn more about Medicare Advantage plans, contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), (TTY 1-877-486-2048) or at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

If you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, the following options are available to you:

**This Plan and another plan's Medicare Advantage plan:** You may enroll in another plan's Medicare Advantage plan and also remain enrolled in our FEHB plan. We will still provide benefits when your Medicare Advantage plan is primary, even out of the Medicare Advantage plan's network and/or service area (if you use our Plan providers), but we will not waive any of our copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles. If you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, tell us. We will need to know whether you are in the Original Medicare Plan or in a Medicare Advantage plan so we can correctly coordinate benefits with Medicare.

**Suspended FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan:** If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, eliminating your FEHB premium. (OPM does not contribute to your Medicare Advantage plan premium.) For information on suspending your FEHB enrollment, contact your retirement office. If you later want to re-enroll in the FEHB Program, generally you may do so only at the next Open Season unless you involuntarily lose coverage or move out of the Medicare Advantage plan's service area.

- **Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D)**

When we are the primary payor, we process the claim first. If you enroll in Medicare Part D and we are the secondary payor, we will review claims for your prescription drug costs that are not covered by Medicare Part D and consider them for payment under the FEHB plan.

Medicare always makes the final determination as to whether they are the primary payor. The following chart illustrates whether Medicare or this Plan should be the primary payor for you according to your employment status and other factors determined by Medicare. It is critical that you tell us if you or a covered family member has Medicare coverage so we can administer these requirements correctly. **(Having coverage under more than two health plans may change the order of benefits determined on this chart.)**

<b>Primary Payor Chart</b>		
<b>A. When you - or your covered spouse - are age 65 or over and have Medicare and you...</b>	<b>The primary payor for the individual with Medicare is...</b>	
	<b>Medicare</b>	<b>This Plan</b>
1) Have FEHB coverage on your own as an active employee		✓
2) Have FEHB coverage on your own as an annuitant or through your spouse who is an annuitant	✓	
3) Have FEHB through your spouse who is an active employee		✓
4) Are a reemployed annuitant with the Federal government and your position is excluded from the FEHB (your employing office will know if this is the case) and you are not covered under FEHB through your spouse under #3 above	✓	
5) Are a reemployed annuitant with the Federal government and your position is not excluded from the FEHB (your employing office will know if this is the case) and...		
• You have FEHB coverage on your own or through your spouse who is also an active employee		✓
• You have FEHB coverage through your spouse who is an annuitant	✓	
6) Are a Federal judge who retired under title 28, U.S.C., or a Tax Court judge who retired under Section 7447 of title 26, U.S.C. (or if your covered spouse is this type of judge) and you are not covered under FEHB through your spouse under #3 above	✓	
7) Are enrolled in Part B only, regardless of your employment status	✓ for Part B services	✓ for other services
8) Are a Federal employee receiving Workers' Compensation disability benefits for six months or more	✓ *	
<b>B. When you or a covered family member...</b>		
1) Have Medicare solely based on end stage renal disease (ESRD) and...		
• It is within the first 30 months of eligibility for or entitlement to Medicare due to ESRD <b>(30-month coordination period)</b>		✓
• It is beyond the 30-month coordination period and you or a family member are still entitled to Medicare due to ESRD	✓	
2) Become eligible for Medicare due to ESRD while already a Medicare beneficiary and...		
• This Plan was the primary payor before eligibility due to ESRD <b>(for 30 month coordination period)</b>		✓
• Medicare was the primary payor before eligibility due to ESRD	✓	
3) Have Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) and...		
• Medicare based on age and disability	✓	
• Medicare based on ESRD <b>(for the 30 month coordination period)</b>		✓
• Medicare based on ESRD <b>(after the 30 month coordination period)</b>	✓	
<b>C. When either you or a covered family member are eligible for Medicare solely due to disability and you...</b>		
1) Have FEHB coverage on your own as an active employee or through a family member who is an active employee		✓
2) Have FEHB coverage on your own as an annuitant or through a family member who is an annuitant	✓	
<b>D. When you are covered under the FEHB Spouse Equity provision as a former spouse</b>		
	✓	

\*Workers' Compensation is primary for claims related to your condition under Workers' Compensation.

**TRICARE and  
CHAMPVA**

TRICARE is the health care program for eligible dependents of military persons, and retirees of the military. TRICARE includes the CHAMPUS program. CHAMPVA provides health coverage to disabled Veterans and their eligible dependents. IF TRICARE or CHAMPVA and this Plan cover you, we pay first. See your TRICARE or CHAMPVA Health Benefits Advisor if you have questions about these programs.

**Suspended FEHB coverage to enroll in TRICARE or CHAMPVA:** If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in one of these programs, eliminating your FEHB premium. (OPM does not contribute to any applicable plan premiums.) For information on suspending your FEHB enrollment, contact your retirement office. If you later want to re-enroll in the FEHB Program, generally you may do so only at the next Open Season unless you involuntarily lose coverage under the program.

**Workers' Compensation**

We do not cover services that:

You (or a covered family member) need because of a workplace-related illness or injury that the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) or a similar Federal or State agency determines they must provide; or

OWCP or a similar agency pays for through a third-party injury settlement or other similar proceeding that is based on a claim you filed under OWCP or similar laws.

Once OWCP or similar agency pays its maximum benefits for your treatment, we will cover your care.

**Medicaid**

When you have this Plan and Medicaid, we pay first.

**Suspended FEHB coverage to enroll in Medicaid or a similar State-sponsored program of medical assistance:** If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in one of these State programs, eliminating your FEHB premium. For information on suspending your FEHB enrollment, contact your retirement office. If you later want to re-enroll in the FEHB Program, generally you may do so only at the next Open Season unless you involuntarily lose coverage under the State program.

**When other Government  
agencies are responsible  
for your care**

We do not cover services and supplies when a local, State, or Federal government agency directly or indirectly pays for them.

**When others are  
responsible for injuries**

When you receive money to compensate you for medical or hospital care for injuries or illness caused by another person, you must reimburse us for any expenses we paid. However, we will cover the cost of treatment that exceeds the amount you received in the settlement.

If you do not seek damages you must agree to let us try. This is called subrogation. If you need more information, contact us for our subrogation procedures.

**When you have Federal  
Employees Dental and  
Vision Insurance Plan  
(FEDVIP) Coverage**

Some FEHB plans already cover some dental and vision services. When you are covered by more than one vision/dental plan, coverage provided under your FEHB plan remains as your primary coverage. FEDVIP coverage pays secondary to that coverage. When you enroll in a dental and/or vision plan on BENEFEDS.com, you will be asked to provide information on your FEHB plan so that your plans can coordinate benefits. Providing your FEHB information may reduce your out-of-pocket cost.

Coverage provided under your FEHB plan remains as your primary coverage. FEDVIP coverage pays secondary to that coverage. When you enroll in a dental and/or vision plan on BENEFEDS.com, you will be asked to provide information on your FEHB plan so that your plans can coordinate benefits. Providing your FEHB information may reduce your out-of-pocket cost.

## **Clinical Trials**

If you are a participant in a clinical trial, this health plan will provide related care as follows, if it is not provided by the clinical trial:

- Routine care costs - costs for routine services such as doctor visit, lab tests, x-rays and scans, and hospitalization related to treating the patient's condition, whether the patient is in a clinical trial or is receiving standard therapy. These costs are covered by this plan.
- Extra care costs - costs related to taking part in a clinical trial such as additional tests that a patient may need as part of a clinical trial, but not as a part of the patient's routine care. This plan does not cover these costs.
- Research costs - costs related to conducting the clinical trial such as a research physician, nurse time, analysis of results, and clinical tests performed only for research purposes. These costs are generally covered by the clinical trials, this plan does not cover these costs.

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## Section 10. Definitions of terms we use in this brochure

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<b>Calendar year</b>	January 1 through December 31 of the same year. For new enrollees, the calendar year begins on the effective date of their enrollment and ends on December 31 of the same year.
<b>Clinical Trials Cost Categories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Routine care costs - costs for routine services such as doctor visits, lab tests, x-ray and scans, and hospitalizations related to treating the patient's condition whether the patient is in a clinical trial or is receiving standard therapy.</li><li>• Extra care costs - costs related to taking part in a clinical trial such as additional tests that a patient may need as part of the trial, but not as a part of the patient's routine care.</li><li>• Research costs - costs related to conducting the clinical trial such as research physician, nurse time, analysis of results, and clinical tests performed only for research purposes.</li></ul>
<b>Coinsurance</b>	Coinsurance is the percentage of our allowance that you must pay for your care. You may also be responsible for additional amounts.
<b>Copayment</b>	A copayment is a fixed amount of money you pay when you receive covered services.
<b>Cost-sharing</b>	Cost-sharing is the general term used to refer to your out-of-pocket costs (e.g., deductible, coinsurance, and copayments) for the covered care you receive.
<b>Covered services</b>	Care we provide benefits for, as described in this brochure.
<b>Deductible</b>	A deductible is a fixed amount of covered expenses you must incur for certain covered services and supplies before we start paying benefits for those services.
<b>Experimental or investigational service</b>	A health product or service is deemed experimental or investigational and excluded from coverage under this Agreement if one or more of the following conditions are met: (i) any drug not approved for use by the FDA; any drug that is classified as IND (investigational new drug) by the FDA; (ii) any drug requiring pre-authorization that is proposed for off-label prescribing; (iii) any health product or service that is subject to Investigational Review Board (IRB) review or approval; (iv) any health product or service that is subject of a clinical trial that meets criteria for Phase I, II or III as set forth by FDA regulations; or (v) any health product or service that does not have a demonstrated value based on clinical evidence reported by peer-review medical literature and by generally recognized academic experts.
<b>Group health coverage</b>	<p>If you leave the FEHB Program, we will give you a Certificate of Group Health Plan Coverage that indicates how long you have been enrolled with us. You can use this certificate when getting health insurance or other health care coverage. You must arrange for the other coverage within 63 days of leaving this Plan. Your new plan must reduce or eliminate waiting periods, limitations or exclusions for health related conditions based on the information in the certificate.</p> <p>If you have been enrolled with us for less than 12 months, but were previously enrolled in other FEHB plans, you may request a certificate from them, as well.</p>
<b>Health care professional</b>	A physician or other health care professional licensed, accredited, or certified to perform specified health services consistent with state law.
<b>Plan allowance</b>	Plan allowance is the amount we use to determine our payment and your coinsurance for covered services. Plans determine their allowances in different ways. We determine our allowance as follows:

<b>Post-service claims</b>	Any claims that are not pre-service claims. In other words, post service claims are those claims where treatment has been performed and the claims have been sent to us in order to apply for benefits.
<b>Pre-service claims</b>	Those claims (1) that require precertification, prior approval, or a referral and (2) where failure to obtain precertification, prior approval, or a referral results in a reduction of benefits.
<b>Urgent care claims</b>	<p>A physician or other health care professional licensed, accredited, or certified to perform specified health services consistent with state law.</p> <p>A claim for medical care or treatment is an urgent care claim if waiting for the regular time limit for non-urgent care claims could have one of the following impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting could seriously jeopardize your life or health</li> <li>• Waiting could seriously jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function; or</li> <li>• In the opinion of a physician with knowledge of your medical condition, waiting would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or the treatment that is the subject of the claim.</li> </ul> <p>Urgent care claims largely involve claims for access to care rather than claims for care that has already been rendered. We will judge whether a claim is an urgent care claim by applying the judgement of a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine.</p> <p>If you believe your claim qualifies as an urgent care claim, you should notify us when you submit the claim. You may also prove that your claim is an urgent claim by providing evidence that a physician with knowledge of your medical condition has determined that your claim involves urgent care.</p>
<b>Us/We</b>	Us and We refer to Coventry Health Care of Louisiana, Inc.
<b>You</b>	You refers to the enrollee and each covered family member.

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## Section 11. FEHB Facts

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### Coverage information

- **No pre-existing condition limitation**

We will not refuse to cover the treatment of a condition you had before you enrolled in this Plan solely because you had the condition before you enrolled.

- **Where you can get information about enrolling in the FEHB Program**

See [www.opm.gov/insure/health](http://www.opm.gov/insure/health) for enrollment information as well as:

- Information on the FEHB Program and plans available to you
- A health plan comparison tool
- A list of agencies who participate in Employee Express
- A link to Employee Express
- Information on and links to other electronic enrollment systems

Also, your employing or retirement office can answer your questions, and give you a *Guide to Federal Benefits*, brochures for other plans, and other materials you need to make an informed decision about your FEHB coverage. These materials tell you:

- When you may change your enrollment
- How you can cover your family members
- What happens when you transfer to another Federal agency, go on leave without pay, enter military service, or retire
- What happens when your enrollment ends
- When the next open season for enrollment begins.

We don't determine who is eligible for coverage and, in most cases, cannot change your enrollment status without information from your employing or retirement office. For information on your premium deductions, you must also contact your employing or retirement office.

- **Types of coverage available to you and your family**

Self Only coverage is for you alone. Self and Family coverage is for you, your spouse, and your dependent children, including any foster children your employing or retirement office authorizes coverage for. Under certain circumstances, you may also continue coverage for a disabled child 26 years of age or older who is incapable of self-support.

If you have a Self Only enrollment, you may change to a Self and Family enrollment if you marry, give birth, or add a child to your family. You may change your enrollment 31 days before to 60 days after that event. The Self and Family enrollment begins on the first day of the pay period in which the child is born or becomes an eligible family member. When you change to Self and Family because you marry, the change is effective on the first day of the pay period that begins after your employing office receives your enrollment form; benefits will not be available to your spouse until you marry.

Your employing or retirement office will **not** notify you when a family member is no longer eligible to receive benefits, nor will we. Please tell us immediately of changes in family member status, including your marriage, divorce, annulment, or when your child reaches age 26.

**If you or one of your family members is enrolled in one FEHB plan, that person may not be enrolled in or covered as a family member by another FEHB plan.**

If you or one of your family members is enrolled in one FEHB plan, that person may not be enrolled in or covered as a family member by another FEHB plan.

• **Family member coverage**

Family members covered under your Self and Family enrollment are your spouse (including a valid common law marriage) and children as described in the chart below.

<b>Children</b>	<b>Coverage</b>
Natural, adopted children, and stepchildren	Natural, adopted children and stepchildren are covered until their 26th birthday.
Foster Children	Foster children are eligible for coverage until their 26th birthday if you provide documentation of your regular and substantial support of the child and sign a certification stating that your foster child meets all the requirements. Contact your human resources office or retirement system for additional information.
Children Incapable fo Self-Support	Children who are incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical disability that began before age 26 are eligible to continue coverage. Contact your human resources office or retirement system for additional information.
Married Children	Married children (but <b>NOT</b> their spouse or their own children) are covered until their 26th birthday.
Children with or eligible for employer-provided health insurance	Children who are eligible for or have their own employer-provided health insurance are covered until their 26th birthday.

You can find additional information at [www.opm.gov/insure](http://www.opm.gov/insure).

• **Children’s Equity Act**

OPM has implemented the Federal Employees Health Benefits Children’s Equity Act of 2000. This law mandates that you be enrolled for Self and Family coverage in the FEHB Program, if you are an employee subject to a court or administrative order requiring you to provide health benefits for your child(ren).

If this law applies to you, you must enroll for Self and Family coverage in a health plan that provides full benefits in the area where your children live or provide documentation to your employing office that you have obtained other health benefits coverage for your children. If you do not do so, your employing office will enroll you involuntarily as follows:

- If you have no FEHB coverage, your employing office will enroll you for Self and Family coverage in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan’s Basic Option;
- If you have a Self Only enrollment in a fee-for-service plan or in an HMO that serves the area where your children live, your employing office will change your enrollment to Self and Family in the same option of the same plan; or
- If you are enrolled in an HMO that does not serve the area where the children live, your employing office will change your enrollment to Self and Family in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan’s Basic Option.

As long as the court/administrative order is in effect, and you have at least one child identified in the order who is still eligible under the FEHB Program, you cannot cancel your enrollment, change to Self Only, or change to a plan that doesn't serve the area in which your children live, unless you provide documentation that you have other coverage for the children. If the court/administrative order is still in effect when you retire, and you have at least one child still eligible for FEHB coverage, you must continue your FEHB coverage into retirement (if eligible) and cannot cancel your coverage, change to Self Only, or change to a plan that doesn't serve the area in which your children live as long as the court/administrative order is in effect. Contact your employing office for further information.

- **When benefits and premiums start**

The benefits in this brochure are effective January 1. If you joined this Plan during Open Season, your coverage begins on the first day of your first pay period that starts on or after January 1. **If you changed plans or plan options during Open Season and you receive care between January 1 and the effective date of coverage under your new plan or option, your claims will be paid according to the 2012 benefits of your old plan or option.** However, if your old plan left the FEHB Program at the end of the year, you are covered under that plan's 2011 benefits until the effective date of your coverage with your new plan. Annuitants' coverage and premiums begin on January 1. If you joined at any other time during the year, your employing office will tell you the effective date of coverage.

If your enrollment continues after you are no longer eligible for coverage (i.e. you have separated from Federal service) and premiums are not paid, you will be responsible for all benefits paid during the period in which premiums were not paid. You may be billed for services received directly from your provider. You may be prosecuted for fraud for knowingly using health insurance benefits for which you have not paid premiums. It is your responsibility to know when you or a family member are no longer eligible to use your health insurance coverage.

- **When you retire**

When you retire, you can usually stay in the FEHB Program. Generally, you must have been enrolled in the FEHB Program for the last five years of your Federal service. If you do not meet this requirement, you may be eligible for other forms of coverage, such as Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC).

### **When you lose benefits**

- **When FEHB coverage ends**

You will receive an additional 31 days of coverage, for no additional premium, when:

- Your enrollment ends, unless you cancel your enrollment, or
- You are a family member no longer eligible for coverage.

Any person covered under the 31 day extension of coverage who is confined in a hospital or other institution for care or treatment on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of the temporary extension is entitled to continuation of the benefits of the Plan during the continuance of the confinement but not beyond the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the end of the 31 day temporary extension.

You may be eligible for spouse equity coverage or Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC), or a conversion policy (a non-FEHB individual policy.)

- **Upon divorce**

If you are divorced from a Federal employee or annuitant, you may not continue to get benefits under your former spouse's enrollment. This is the case even when the court has ordered your former spouse to provide health coverage for you. However, you may be eligible for your own FEHB coverage under either the spouse equity law or Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC). If you are recently divorced or are anticipating a divorce, contact your ex-spouse's employing or retirement office to get RI 70-5, the *Guide to Federal Benefits for Temporary Continuation of Coverage and Former Spouse Enrollees*, or other information about your coverage choices. You can also download the guide from OPM's Web site, [www.opm.gov/insure](http://www.opm.gov/insure).

- **Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC)**

If you leave Federal service, or if you lose coverage because you no longer qualify as a family member, you may be eligible for Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC). For example, you can receive TCC if you are not able to continue your FEHB enrollment after you retire, if you lose your Federal job, if you are a covered dependent child and you turn 26.

You may not elect TCC if you are fired from your Federal job due to gross misconduct.

**Enrolling in TCC.** Get the RI 79-27, which describes TCC, and the RI 70-5, the *Guide to Federal Benefits for Temporary Continuation of Coverage and Former Spouse Enrollees*, from your employing or retirement office or from [www.opm.gov/insure](http://www.opm.gov/insure). It explains what you have to do to enroll.

- **Converting to individual coverage**

You may convert to a non-FEHB individual policy if:

- Your coverage under TCC or the spouse equity law ends (If you canceled your coverage or did not pay your premium, you cannot convert);
- You decided not to receive coverage under TCC or the spouse equity law; or
- You are not eligible for coverage under TCC or the spouse equity law.

If you leave Federal service, your employing office will notify you of your right to convert. You must apply in writing to us within 31 days after you receive this notice. However, if you are a family member who is losing coverage, the employing or retirement office will **not** notify you. You must apply in writing to us within 31 days after you are no longer eligible for coverage.

Your benefits and rates will differ from those under the FEHB Program; however, you will not have to answer questions about your health, and we will not impose a waiting period or limit your coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

- **Getting a Certificate of Group Health Plan Coverage**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a Federal law that offers limited Federal protections for health coverage availability and continuity to people who lose employer group coverage. If you leave the FEHB Program, we will give you a Certificate of Group Health Plan Coverage that indicates how long you have been enrolled with us. You can use this certificate when getting health insurance or other health care coverage. Your new plan must reduce or eliminate waiting periods, limitations, or exclusions for health related conditions based on the information in the certificate, as long as you enroll within 63 days of losing coverage under this Plan. If you have been enrolled with us for less than 12 months, but were previously enrolled in other FEHB plans, you may also request a certificate from those plans.

For more information, get OPM pamphlet RI 79-27, *Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) under the FEHB Program*. See also the FEHB Web site at [www.opm.gov/insure/health](http://www.opm.gov/insure/health); refer to the “TCC and HIPAA” frequently asked questions. These highlight HIPAA rules, such as the requirement that Federal employees must exhaust any TCC eligibility as one condition for guaranteed access to individual health coverage under HIPAA, and information about Federal and State agencies you can contact for more information.

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## Section 12. Other Federal Programs

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### Important information about three Federal programs that complement the FEHB Program

First, the **Federal Flexible Spending Account Program**, also known as **FSAFEDS**, lets you set aside pre-tax money from your salary to reimburse you for eligible dependent care and health care expenses. You pay less in taxes and save money. The result can be a discount of 20% to more than 40% on services/products you routinely pay for out-of-pocket.

Second, the **Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP)**, provides comprehensive dental and vision insurance at competitive group rates. There are several plans from which to choose. Under **FEDVIP** you may choose self only, self plus one, or self and family coverage for yourself and any eligible dependents.

Third, the **Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP)** helps cover long term care costs, which are not covered under the FEHB Program.

### The Federal Flexible Spending Account Program – *FSAFEDS*

#### What is an FSA?

It is an account where you contribute money from your salary **BEFORE** taxes are withheld, then incur eligible expenses and get reimbursed. You pay less in taxes so you save money. **Annuitants are not eligible to enroll.**

There are three types of FSAs offered by FSAFEDS. Each type has a minimum annual election of \$250 and a maximum annual election of \$5,000.

- **Health Care FSA (HCFSA)** – Reimburses you for eligible health care expenses (such as copayments, deductibles, insulin, products, physician prescribed over-the-counter medications, vision and dental expenses, and much more) for you and your dependents, which are not covered or reimbursed by FEHBP or FEHVIP coverage or other insurance.
- **Limited Expense Health Care FSA (LEX HCFSA)** – Designed for employees enrolled in or covered by a High Deductible Health Plan with a Health Savings Account. Eligible expenses are limited to dental and vision care expenses for you and your dependents which are not covered or reimbursed by FEHBP or FEDVIP coverage or other insurance.
- **Dependent Care FSA (DCFSA)** – Reimburses you for eligible **nonmedical** day care expenses for your child(ren) under age 13 and/or for any person you claim as a dependent on your Federal Income Tax return who is mentally or physically incapable of self-care. You (and your spouse if married) must be working, looking for work (income must be earned during the year), or attending school full-time to be eligible for a DCFSA.
- If you are a new or newly eligible employee you have 60 days from your hire date to enroll in an HCFSA or LEX HCFSA and/or DCFSA, but you must enroll before October 1. If you are hired or become eligible on or after October 1 you must wait and enroll during the Federal Benefits Open Season held each fall.

#### Where can I get more information about FSAFEDS?

Visit [www.FSAFEDS.com](http://www.FSAFEDS.com) or call an FSAFEDS Benefits Counselor toll-free at 1-877-FSAFEDS (1-877-372-3337), Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., Eastern Time. TTY: 1-800-952-0450.

### The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program – *FEDVIP*

**Important Information** The Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) is separate and different from the FEHB Program, and was established by the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Benefits Enhancement Act of 2004. This program provides comprehensive dental and vision insurance at competitive group rates with no pre-existing condition limitations for enrollment.

FEDVIP is available to eligible Federal and Postal service employees, retirees, and their eligible family members on an enrollee-pay-all basis. Employee premiums are withheld from salary on a pre-tax basis.

**Dental Insurance** All dental plans provide a comprehensive range of services, including:

- Class A (Basic) services, which include oral examinations, prophylaxis, diagnostic evaluations, sealants and x-rays.
- Class B (Intermediate) services, which include restorative procedures such as fillings, prefabricated stainless steel crowns, periodontal scaling, tooth extractions, and denture adjustments.
- Class C (Major) services, which include endodontic services such as root canals, periodontal services such as gingivectomy, major restorative services such as crowns, oral surgery, bridges and prosthodontic services such as complete dentures.
- Class D (Orthodontic) services with up to 24-month waiting period for dependent children up to age 19.

**Vision Insurance** All vision plans provide comprehensive eye examinations and coverage for lenses, frames and contact lenses. Other benefits such as discounts on LASIK surgery may also be available.

**Additional Information** You can find a comparison of the plans available and their premiums on the OPM website at [www.opm.gov/insure/vision](http://www.opm.gov/insure/vision) and [www.opm.gov/insure/dental](http://www.opm.gov/insure/dental) . These sites also provide links to each plan's website, where you can view detailed information about benefits and preferred providers.

**How do I enroll?** You enroll on the Internet at [www.BENEFEDS.com](http://www.BENEFEDS.com). For those without access to a computer, call 1-877-889-3337 (TTY 1-877-889-5680).

### **The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program – *FLTCIP***

**It's important protection** The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP) can help pay for the potentially high cost of long term care services, which are not covered by FEHB plans. Long term care is help you receive to perform activities of daily living – such as bathing or dressing yourself - or supervision you receive because of a severe cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's disease. For example, long term care can be received in your home from a home health aide, in a nursing home, in an assisted living facility or in adult day care. To qualify for coverage under the FLTCIP, you must apply and pass a medical screening (called underwriting). Federal and U.S. Postal Service employees and annuitants, active and retired members of the uniformed services, and qualified relatives, are eligible to apply. Certain medical conditions, or combinations of conditions, will prevent some people from being approved for coverage. You must apply to know if you will be approved for enrollment. For more information, call 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) (TTY 1-800-843-3557) or visit [www.ltcfeds.com](http://www.ltcfeds.com).

### **Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program (PCIP)**

**Do you know someone who needs health insurance but can't get it? The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) may help.**

An individual is eligible to buy coverage in PCIP if:

- He or she has a pre-existing medical condition or has been denied coverage because of the health condition;
- He or she has been without health coverage for at least the last six months. (If the individual currently has insurance coverage that does not cover the pre-existing condition or is enrolled in a state high risk pool, then that person is not eligible for PCIP).;
- He or she is a citizen or national of the United States or resides in the U.S. legally.

The Federal government administers PCIP in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming. To find out about eligibility, visit [www.pcip.gov](http://www.pcip.gov) and/or [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) or call 1-866-717-5826 (TTY): 1-866-561-1604).

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## Summary of benefits for the High Option of Coventry Health Care of Louisiana 2012

- **Do not rely on this chart alone.** All benefits are provided in full unless indicated and are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure. On this page we summarize specific expenses we cover; for more detail, look inside.
- If you want to enroll or change your enrollment in this Plan, be sure to put the correct enrollment code from the cover on your enrollment form.
- We only cover services provided or arranged by Plan physicians, except in emergencies.
- Below, some services indicate deductible applies to the \$500 per person and \$1,000 family calendar year deductible.

High Option Benefits	You pay	Page
<b>Medical services provided by physicians:</b>		
Diagnostic and treatment services provided in the office	Office visit copay: \$25 primary care; \$45 specialist	19
<b>Services provided by a hospital:</b>		
• <b>Inpatient</b>	\$100 copayment per hospital admission after the calendar year deductible.	37
• <b>Outpatient</b>	\$50 copayment for the facility charge after the calendar year deductible.	38
<b>Emergency benefits:</b>		
• <b>In-area</b>	\$250 per Emergency Room visit/\$75 per Urgent Care Center visit	41
• <b>Out-of-area</b>	\$250 per Emergency Room visit/\$75 per Urgent Care Center visit	41
<b>Mental health and substance abuse treatment:</b>		
	Regular cost-sharing	42
<b>Prescription drugs:</b>		
• Retail pharmacy	\$5 generic, \$40 brand name, \$75 non-formulary	
• Self-administered injectable drugs	\$75 per formulary, \$100 per non-formulary	xxx
• Mail order	\$12.50 generic, \$100 brand name, \$187.50 non-formulary  Self-administered injectables are not covered in mail order	xxx
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## Summary of benefits for the Standard Option of Coventry Health Care of Louisiana 2012

- Do not rely on this chart alone. All benefits are provided in full unless indicated and are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure. On this page we summarize specific expenses we cover; for more detail, look inside.
- If you want to enroll or change your enrollment in this Plan, be sure to put the correct enrollment code from the cover on your enrollment form.
- We only cover services provided or arranged by Plan physicians, except in emergencies.
- Below, an asterisk (\*) means the item is subject to the \$1,000 self only and \$2,000 family calendar year deductible.

Standard Option Benefits	You Pay	Page
<b>Medical services provided by physicians:</b>		
Diagnostic and treatment services provided in the office	Office visit copay: \$30 primary care; \$55 specialist	17
<b>Services provided by a hospital:</b>		
• Inpatient	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance	34
• Outpatient	Deductible applies, then 30% coinsurance	35
<b>Emergency benefits:</b>		
• In-area	\$250 per Emergency Room visit/\$75 per Urgent Care Center visit	38
• Out-of-area	\$250 per Emergency Room visit/\$75 per Urgent Care Center visit	38
<b>Mental health and substance abuse treatment:</b>	Regular cost-sharing	39
<b>Prescription drugs:</b>		
• Retail pharmacy	\$5 generic, \$40 brand name, \$75 non-formulary	42
• Self-administered injectable drugs	\$75 per formulary, \$100 per non-formulary	42
• Mail order	\$12.50 generic, \$100 brand name, \$187.50 non-formulary  Self-administered injectables are not covered in mail order	42
<b>Dental care:</b>	No benefit	43
<b>Vision care through Avesis:</b>	\$15 copay	44
<b>Special features:</b>	24 hour nurse line; Coventry WellBeing; Flexible benefits option; My Online Services	44
<b>Protection against catastrophic costs (out-of-pocket maximum):</b>	Nothing after \$4,000/Self Only or \$8,000 Family enrollment per year  Some costs do not count toward this protection	13

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## 2012 Rate Information

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For 2012 health premium information, please see <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/tribes/rates/> or contact your tribe's Human Resources department.