



# 2025 Summary Plan Description

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## **General County Employees Open Option**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## Statement from Plan Sponsor

Clackamas County has designed this Plan in cooperation with Providence Health Plan. The benefits under the Plan are provided by Clackamas County on a self-insured basis. Clackamas County has contracted with Providence Health Plan to process claims and provide customer service to Plan Members. However, Providence Health Plan does not insure or otherwise guarantee any benefits under the Plan.

## **Clackamas County Benefits & Wellness: 503-655-8550**

### **Customer Service Quick Reference Guide:**

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|---|---|
| Medical and prescription drug claims and benefits, and<br>General assistance with your Plan | 503-574-7500 (local / Portland area)<br>800-878-4445 (toll-free)<br>711 (TTY)<br><a href="http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com">ProvidenceHealthPlan.com</a> |
| Mail order prescription drug services   | <a href="http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com">ProvidenceHealthPlan.com</a>  |
| Medical, Mental Health, and Substance Use Disorder<br>Prior Authorization Requests          | 800-638-0449 (toll-free)<br>503-574-6464 (fax)  |
| Providence Nurse Advice Line  | 503-574-6520 (local / Portland area)<br>800-700-0481 (toll-free)  |
| Providence Resource Line<br>To find a care provider or to register for Providence classes   | 503-574-6595  |
| myProvidence Help Desk  | 503-216-6463<br>877-569-7768 (toll-free)  |
| LifeBalance   | 503-234-1375<br>888-754-LIFE (toll-free)<br><a href="http://www.LifeBalanceProgram.com">www.LifeBalanceProgram.com</a>                                  |
| Provider Directory  | <a href="http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider">ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider</a>  |

## 1.1 KEY FEATURES OF YOUR CLACKAMAS COUNTY GENERAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES OPEN OPTION PLAN

- Some capitalized terms have special meanings. Please see section 15, Definitions.
- In this Summary Plan Description, Providence Health Plan and Clackamas County are referred to as “we,” “us,” or “our.” Members enrolled under this Plan are referred to as “you” or “your.”
- Coverage under this Plan is provided through:
  - Our Providence Signature Network of In-Network Providers;
  - Providence Health Plan’s national network of In-Network Providers; and
  - Out-of-Network Providers.
- With this Plan, Members will generally have lower out-of-pocket expenses when obtaining Covered Services from In-Network Providers. Members may, however, obtain most Covered Services from Out-of-Network Providers, but that option will result in higher out-of-pocket expenses. Please see section 3 and your Plan Benefit Summary for additional information.
- Some Services are covered only under your In-Network benefits:
  - Telehealth Services, as specified in section 4.3.2;
  - E-mail Visit Services, as specified in section 4.3.3;
  - Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services, as specified in section 4.12.7;
  - Tobacco Use Cessation Services, as specified in section 4.1.8;
  - Water births, as specified in section 4.8;
  - Human Organ/Tissue Transplant Services, as specified in section 4.13; and
  - Any item listed in your Benefit Summary as “Not Covered” Out-of-Network.
- Coverage is provided in full for most preventive Services when those Services are received from specified In-Network Providers. See your Benefit Summary for additional information.
- Your plan requires assignment of a Primary Care Provider. If you do not select a Primary Care Provider within 90 days of coverage beginning, you will be assigned one in your area.
- A printable directory of In-Network Providers is available at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider). Members without Internet access or who would like a hard copy of our Provider Directory may contact Customer Service for assistance.
- **Certain Covered Services require an approved Prior Authorization, as specified in section 3.5.**
- If there are no In-Network providers in your area, or if you require unique Medically Necessary skills or Services that are not available from any In-Network providers in your area, you may request a Prior Authorization to be seen by an Out-of-Network provider or facility at the cost of your In-Network benefit. Allowable charges are based on Usual, Customary, and Reasonable (UCR) rates. These Services may be subject to review for Medical Necessity.
- Coverage limitations and exclusions apply to certain Services, as stated in sections 3, 4, and 5 and the Benefit Summary.
- Coverage under this Plan is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and during periods of domestic or foreign travel.
- All Covered Services are subject to the provisions, limitations, and exclusions that are specified in Plan documents. You should read the provisions, limitation, and exclusions

before seeking Covered Services because not all health care services are covered by this Plan.

- This Plan consists of this Summary Plan Description plus the Benefit Summary(ies), any Endorsements or amendments that accompany these documents, the agreement between Providence Health Plan and the Plan Sponsor (if any), and those policies maintained by Providence Health Plan which clarify any of these documents. In the event of any conflict between these documents, they are to be interpreted in the following order of priority: (1) Endorsements and amendments, (2) Providence Health Plan/ Plan Sponsor agreement, (3) Summary Plan Description, (4) Benefit Summary(ies), and (5) applicable Providence Health Plan policies.

## 2. WELCOME TO PROVIDENCE HEALTH PLAN

Thank you for choosing Providence Health Plan. We look forward to meeting your health care needs. Providence Health Plan is an Oregon licensed Health Care Services Contractor whose parent company is Providence Health & Services. Our goal is to help improve the health status of individuals in the communities in which we serve. This booklet contains important information about the health plan coverage offered to Clackamas County General County Employees and their Dependents.

### 2.1 CLACKAMAS COUNTY GENERAL COUNTY EMPLOYEES OPEN OPTION PLAN

Your Plan allows you to receive Covered Services from In-Network Providers through what is called your In-Network benefit. You also have the option to receive most Covered Services from Out-of-Network Providers through what is called your Out-of-Network benefit. Generally, your out-of-pocket costs will be less when you receive Covered Services from In-Network Providers. Also, In-Network Providers will work with us to Prior Authorize treatment. If you receive Covered Services from Out-of-In-Network Providers, it is your responsibility to make sure the Services are Prior Authorized by Providence Health Plan before treatment is received.

**It is your responsibility to verify whether or not a physician/provider, Hospital or other facility is participating with Providence Health Plan, and whether or not the health care is a Covered Service even if you have been directed or referred for care by an In-Network Provider.**

If you are unsure about a physician/provider's, Hospital's or other facility's participation with Providence Health Plan, visit our Provider Directory, available online at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider), before you make an appointment. You can also call Customer Service to get information about a provider's participation with Providence Health Plan and your benefits.

#### **Whenever you visit a Provider:**

- Bring your Providence Health Plan Member ID Card with you.
- Be prepared to make a Copayment at the time of visit if the office visit is subject to a Copayment.
- If your office visit is subject to a Coinsurance (a percentage of the amount billed for Services), you will most likely not be able to pay for what you owe at the time of your visit. Your provider's office will send you a bill for what you owe later. Some providers, however, may ask you to pay an estimate of what you may owe at the time you receive services, and bill or credit you for the balance later.

### 2.2 SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

This Summary Plan Description contains important information about the health plan coverage offered to employees of Clackamas County. It is important to read this Summary Plan Description carefully as it explains your Plan benefits and Member responsibilities. If you do not understand a term that is used, you may find it in Definitions, section 15. If you need additional help understanding anything in this Summary Plan Description, please call Customer Service at 503-574-7500 or 800-878-4445. See *section 2.3 for additional information on how to reach Customer Service.*

**This Summary Plan Description is not complete without your:**

- **Clackamas County General County Open Option Medical Benefit Summary** and any other Benefit Summary documents issued with this Plan. These documents are available when you register for a myProvidence account as explained in section 2.4. Benefit Summaries detail your Deductible, Copayments, and Coinsurance for Covered Services and also provide other important information.
- **Provider Directory** which lists In-Network Providers, available online at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider). If you do not have Internet access, please call Customer Service or check with your Employer's human resource department to obtain a hard copy of the directory.

If you need more detailed information for a specific problem or situation, contact your Employer or Customer Service.

## **2.3 CUSTOMER SERVICE**

We want you to understand how to use your Providence Health Plan benefits and to be satisfied with your health plan coverage. Customer Service is available to assist you in understanding your benefits and resolving any problems you may have, including:

- Specific benefit or claim questions.
- Questions or concerns about your health care or service.

### **Contacting Providence Customer Service**

Customer Service representatives are available by phone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, (excluding holidays). **Please have your Member ID Card available when you call:**

- **Members in the Portland-metro area, please call 503-574-7500.**
- **Members in all other areas, please call toll-free 800-878-4445.**
- **Members with hearing impairment, please call the TTY line 711**

You may **access claims and benefit information 24 hours a day, seven days a week** online through your myProvidence account.

## **2.4 REGISTERING FOR A MYPROVIDENCE ACCOUNT**

Members can create a myProvidence account online at [myProvidence.com](https://myProvidence.com). A myProvidence account enables you to view your personal health plan information (including your Summary Plan Description and Benefit Summary), view claims history and benefit payment information, order a replacement Member ID Card, and access other health and wellness tools and services. If you have questions or need assistance registering for or accessing an existing account, contact myProvidence customer service at 877.569.7768.

## **2.5 YOUR MEMBER ID CARD**

Each Member of Providence Health Plan receives a Member ID Card. Your Member ID Card lists information about your health plan coverage, including:

- Your Member number and group number
- Important phone numbers

The Member ID Card is issued by Providence Health Plan for Member identification purposes only. It does not confer any right to Services or other benefits under this Plan.

When scheduling an appointment or receiving health services, identify yourself as a Providence Health Plan Member, present your Member ID Card, and pay your Copayment or Coinsurance.

**Please keep your Member ID Card with you and use it when you:**

- Visit your health care provider or facility.
- Register online for your myProvidence account.
- Call for Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Customer Service.
- Call or correspond with Customer Service.
- Call Providence nurse advice line.
- Visit your pharmacy for prescriptions.
- Receive Immediate, Urgent or Emergency Care Services.

## **2.6 PROVIDENCE NURSE ADVICE LINE**

**503-574-6520; toll-free 800-700-0481; TTY 711**

The Providence nurse advice line is a free medical advice line for Providence Health Plan Members. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, a registered nurse can answer your health-related questions.

Members often call the Providence nurse advice line when they have sick children, or when they have questions about how to treat flus, colds or backaches. After a brief message, a caregiver will ask you a few questions about why you're calling. A registered nurse will call you back to assist after reviewing your answers.

Please have your Member ID Card available when you call.

## **2.7 WELLNESS BENEFITS**

**Providence Resource Line — 800-562-8964**

Providence Resource Line is your connection to information and services on classes, self-help materials, tobacco-use cessation services, and for referrals to Providence Health Plan In-Network Providers and to Providence Health & Services programs and services. Services and health-education vary by geographic service area.

### **Health Education**

Providence Health Plan offers a wide variety of classes to help you achieve healthy lifestyle and wellness goals. We can assist you in learning to eat right and manage your weight, prepare for childbirth and much more. If you have diabetes, health education classes also are available (see section 4.1.6, for further information).

Providence Health Plan Members receive discounts on health education classes. Your costs, services and the health education classes available may vary by geographic-service area. For more information on classes available in your area, call the Providence Resource Line at 800-562-8964 or visit [www.providence.org/classes](http://www.providence.org/classes).

## **Health Coaching**

Providence Health Plan offers Members free coaching support for weight loss, diabetes prevention, nutrition, stress management, exercise, sleep and tobacco cessation. For more information on health coaching, call 503-574-6000 (TTY: 711) or 888-819-8999 or visit [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/healthcoach](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/healthcoach).

## **Providence Health Plan Care Management**

Access to highly skilled care teams who provide personalized education, navigation, and care coordination support for your health conditions, including asthma, cancer, diabetes, Mental Health, and more.

Ready to get started? Call 503-574-7247 or 800-662-1121] (TTY: 711) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (PST) or email [Care.Management@Providence.org](mailto:Care.Management@Providence.org). Learn more at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/CareManagement](http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/CareManagement).

## **Tobacco Use Cessation**

Your Wellness Benefits include access to tobacco-use cessation programs provided through our Providence Health & Services Hospitals as well as through Quit for Life. These programs address tobacco dependence through a clinically proven, comprehensive approach to tobacco-use cessation that treats all three aspects of tobacco use – physical addiction, psychological dependence, and behavioral patterns. (See section 4.1.8 regarding coverage for Tobacco Use Cessation Services).

More information about our Tobacco-Use Cessation programs can be found online at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/member-perks/health-coaching/resources-and-tools](http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/member-perks/health-coaching/resources-and-tools), or by calling 503-574-6595 or 800-562-8964.

Quit for Life can be reached at 866-QUIT-4-LIFE (784-8454), 5 a.m. through 9 p.m. (Pacific Time), seven days a week.

## **Wellness information on our website – [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com)**

Visit Providence Health Plan online at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com) for medical information, class information, information on extra values such as online tools and discounts, and a wide array of other information described with your good health in mind. You also may set up your own myProvidence account to gain access to your specific personal health plan information. See *Registering for a myProvidence account*, section 2.4, for more details.

## **LifeBalance – 503-234-1375 or 888-754-LIFE [www.LifeBalanceProgram.com](http://www.LifeBalanceProgram.com)**

This program offers exclusive discounts to Providence Health Plan Members on a wide variety of health and wellness programs, as well as recreational, cultural and wellness activities. You can save on professional instruction, fitness club memberships, yoga classes, and much more. You also have access to discounted events, such as white-water rafting, ski trips, theater nights, and sporting events.

Learn more by visiting the LifeBalance website at [www.LifeBalanceProgram.com](http://www.LifeBalanceProgram.com) or calling LifeBalance at 503-234-1375 or 888-754-LIFE. Please have your Providence Health Plan Member ID Card ready when you request LifeBalance discounts.



## **Assist America**

Your wellness benefits include access to travel assistance services and identity theft protection services.

Travel Assistance Services include emergency logistical support to members traveling internationally or people traveling 100 miles from home. Learn more by visiting [www.assistamerica.com](http://www.assistamerica.com) or calling Assist America at 609-986-1234 or 800-872-1414.

Assist America also provides identity theft protection services for Providence Health Plan members. Please call 614-823-5227 or 877-409-9597 or visit [www.assistamerica.com/Identity-Protection/Login](http://www.assistamerica.com/Identity-Protection/Login) to sign up for the program. Please have your Providence Health Plan Member ID card ready, and tell them your code is 01-AA-PRV-01193.

## **2.8 PRIVACY OF MEMBER INFORMATION**

At Providence Health Plan, we respect the privacy and confidentiality of your protected health information (PHI). We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information, (commonly called PHI or your personal information) including in electronic format. When we use the term “personal information,” we mean information that identifies you as an individual (such as your name and Social Security Number, as well as financial, health and other information about you that is nonpublic), which we obtain so we can provide you with the benefits and coverage under your Employer's plan. Providence Health Plan maintains policies that protect the confidentiality of personal information, including Social Security numbers, obtained from its Members in the course of its regular business functions.

Members may request to see or obtain their medical records from their provider. Call your physician's or provider's office to ask how to receive a copy.

For more information about uses and disclosures of Member information, including uses and disclosures required by law, please refer to our Notice of Privacy Practices. A copy is available at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/nopp](http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/nopp) or by calling Customer Service.

### **Appointment of Authorized Representative**

You are entitled to appoint an individual to act as your authorized representative to pursue any claim you have for benefits. To ensure privacy and to address other issues, Providence's policy on Appointment of Authorized Member Representatives, and the form for doing so, may be accessed through our website at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/forms](http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/forms). The policy does not apply to an attorney at law retained by you directly to represent your interests with respect to your benefits, but does apply to attorneys who represent a medical service provider whose services are a part of the claim in issue.



### **Confidentiality and your Employer**

In accordance with the federal privacy requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Providence Health Plan will not disclose a Member's protected health information (PHI) to the Employer or any agent of the Employer unless requested for the HIPAA allowed purpose of the Employer's obtaining bids from other health plans for further health coverage or for the Employer's modifying, amending, or terminating any benefit under the health plan.

Providence Health Plan may disclose a Member's PHI to an employer or any agent of the Employer if the disclosure is:

1. In compliance with the applicable provisions of HIPAA; and
2. Due to a HIPAA compliant authorization, the Member has completed to allow the Employer access to the Member's PHI; or
3. Consistent with the HIPAA privacy protections that are contained in the Employer's group health plan documents, as certified in writing to Providence Health Plan by the Employer. The details of this required certification can be reviewed at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/nopp](http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/nopp).

Providence Health Plan will disclose a Member's PHI with whom and in ways permitted by HIPAA. These uses are covered in detail in Providence Health Plan's Notice of Privacy Practices available online, or by mail if you request it.

## 3. HOW TO USE YOUR PLAN

Our goal is maintaining your health by promoting wellness and preventive care. This Plan requires assignment of a Primary Care Provider, who can provide most of your care, suggest specialist care, and arrange for Hospital care or diagnostic testing.

This section describes how to use this Plan and how benefits are applied. The level of benefits for Covered Services is shown in the Benefit Summary and described in section 4 of this Summary Plan Description.

### 3.1 IN-NETWORK PROVIDERS

Providence Health Plan has contractual arrangements with certain physicians/providers, hospitals and facilities. Our agreements with these “In-Network Providers” enable you to receive quality health care for a reasonable cost.

**For Services to be covered using your In-Network benefit, you must receive Services from In-Network Providers. It is your responsibility to verify whether or not a physician/provider, hospital or other facility is an In-Network Provider even if you have been directed or referred for care by an In-Network Provider.**

#### 3.1.1 Nationwide Network of In-Network Providers

Providence Health Plan also has contractual arrangements with certain Qualified Practitioners, Hospitals and facilities nationwide. These arrangements allow you to receive Services when using In-Network Providers, even when you are outside of Oregon and southwest Washington.

#### 3.1.2 Choosing an In-Network Provider

To choose an In-Network Provider, or to verify if a provider is an In-Network Provider, please refer to the Provider Directory, available online at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider). If you do not have access to our website, please call Customer Service to request In-Network Provider Information.

#### Advantages of Using an In-Network Provider

- Your In-Network Provider will work with Providence Health Plan to arrange for any Prior Authorization requirements that may be necessary for certain Covered Services. For more information on Prior Authorization, see section 3.5.
- In most cases when you use In-Network Providers, higher benefit levels will apply and your out-of-pocket expenses will be reduced.
- You will have a wide variety of high quality In-Network Providers to help you with your health care needs.

So remember, it is to your advantage to meet your health care needs by using an In-Network Provider, including an In-Network Primary Care Provider, whenever possible.

### **3.1.3 Indian Health Services Providers**

Native American Indian and Alaskan Native Members may also access Covered Services from Indian Health Services (IHS) facilities at no greater cost than if the Services were accessed from an In-Network Provider. For a list of IHS facilities, please visit the IHS website at [www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov), or contact the regional IHS office at:

Portland Area Indian Health Service  
1414 NW Northrup St., Ste. 800  
Portland, OR 97209  
Telephone: 503-414-5555

## **3.2 THE ROLE OF A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER**

To encourage optimum health, we promote wellness and preventive care. We also believe wellness and overall health is enhanced by working closely with one physician or provider – your Primary Care Provider. Your Primary Care Provider can provide most of your care and, when necessary, coordinate care with other providers in a convenient and cost-effective manner. We recommend you and each of your Family Members choose the In-Network Primary Care Provider that is right for you within 90 days of joining Providence Health Plan. Otherwise, we will assign one based on your location.

### **3.2.1 Primary Care Providers**

A Primary Care Provider is a Qualified Practitioner who specializes in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, or pediatrics; a nurse practitioner; or a physician associate practicing in collaboration with a primary care physician. Members may choose and self-refer to a physician specializing in obstetrics or gynecology, a nurse practitioner, a certified nurse midwife, or a physician associate specializing in women's health care as their Primary Care Provider. Child Members may choose a physician specializing in pediatrics as their Primary Care Provider.

Primary care is the provision of integrated, accessible health care services by clinicians who are accountable for addressing a large majority of personal health care needs, developing a sustained partnership with patients, and practicing in the context of family and community.

Note: Not all Qualified Practitioners are Primary Care Providers. To obtain a listing of In-Network Primary Care Providers, please see the online Provider Directory or call Customer Service.

### **3.2.2 Established Patients with Primary Care Providers**

If you and your family already see a provider, you may want to check the provider directory to see if your provider is an In-Network Primary Care Provider for Providence Health Plan. If your provider is participating with us, let their office know you are now a Providence Health Plan Member.

### **3.2.3 Selecting a New Primary Care Provider**

This Plan requires assignment of a Primary Care Provider. If you do not select a Primary Care Provider for you and each of your Family Members within 90 days of coverage beginning, you will be assigned one in your area. To select a new Primary Care Provider, call the provider's office to make sure they are accepting new patients. It is a good idea to have your previous

physician or provider transfer your medical records to your new Primary Care Provider as soon as possible. The first time you make an appointment with your Primary Care Provider, let him or her know you are now a Providence Health Plan Member. On your first visit, make a list of questions or information you would like to discuss with your new Primary Care Provider, including the following:

- What are the office hours?
- How can I get medical advice after hours?
- What do I do in an emergency?

Let your Primary Care Provider know if you are under a specialist's care as well as if you are currently taking any ongoing prescription medications.

### **3.2.4 Changing Your Primary Care Provider**

You are encouraged to establish an ongoing relationship with your Primary Care Provider. If you decide to change your Primary Care Provider, please remember to have your medical records transferred to your new Primary Care Provider.

### **3.2.5 Office Visits**

#### **Primary Care Providers**

We recommend you see your Primary Care Provider for all routine care and call your Primary Care Provider first for urgent or specialty care. If you need medical care when your Primary Care Provider is not available, the physician/provider on call may treat you and/or recommend that you see another provider for treatment.

#### **Specialists**

Your Primary Care Provider will discuss with you the need for diagnostic tests or other specialist services; and may also recommend you see a specialist for treatment.

You also may decide to see a specialist without consulting your Primary Care Provider. Visit the Provider Directory, available online at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/findaprovider](https://www.providencehealthplan.com/findaprovider), or call Customer Service to choose a specialist who is an In-Network Provider with Providence Health Plan.

If you decide to see a specialist on your own, we recommend you let your Primary Care Provider know about your decision. Your Primary Care Provider will then be able to coordinate your care and share important medical information with your specialist. In addition, we recommend you let your specialist know the name and contact information of your Primary Care Provider.

Whenever you visit a specialist:

- Bring your Providence Health Plan Member ID Card.
- Understand that in most cases, your out-of-pocket costs will be a percent of the charges for services. Your provider's office will send you a bill for the amount you owe. Some providers, however, may ask you to pay an estimate of what you may owe at the time you receive services, and will bill or credit you the balance later. (For certain Plans, there is a Member Copayment for specialist visits instead of a Coinsurance. If you are on one of these Plans, you will need to pay your Member

Copayment at the time of your visit. Please check your Benefit Summary for your specific coverage information.)

### **Alternative Care Providers**

This Plan includes coverage for office visits to alternative care providers as listed in your Benefit Summary. See section 15 for the definition of Alternative Care Provider. For coverage of chiropractic manipulation and acupuncture, see sections 4.12.9, 4.12.10 and your Benefit Summary.

## **3.3 SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDERS**

As a Member of this Plan, you may choose to receive Covered Services from Out-of-Network Qualified Practitioners and facilities using your Out-of-Network benefit.

Benefits for Covered Services by an Out-of-Network Provider will be provided as shown in the Benefit Summary. (See section 3.5 for Prior Authorization requirements.)

**Generally, when you receive Services from Out-of-Network Providers, your Copayments and Coinsurance will be higher than when you see In-Network Providers.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Your Plan only pays for Covered Services received from Out-of-Network Providers at Usual, Customary, and Reasonable rates (UCR) (see Section 15, Definitions). If an Out-of-Network Provider charges more than the UCR rates allowed under your Plan, that provider may bill you directly for the additional amount that is not covered by your Plan. That amount is in addition to any Deductible, Copayment, or Coinsurance for which you may be responsible, and does not accrue to your Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

If you choose to receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, those Services are still subject to the terms of this Summary Plan Description. Your Plan will only pay for Medically Necessary Covered Services. No matter what type of provider you see, the treatments, supplies, and medications excluded by this Plan are not covered.

If the provider you choose is Out-of-Network, it is important for you to understand that Providence Health Plan has not assessed the provider's credentials or quality; nor has Providence Health Plan reviewed and verified the Out-of-Network Provider's qualifications and history for information such as: relevant training, licensure, certification, and/or registration to practice in a health care field, and academic background. Additionally, the Out-of-Network Provider will not have been assessed by Providence Health Plan to verify that the provider meets certain criteria relating to professional competence and conduct and as such is not guaranteed to follow your benefit plan, rules, regulations, or guidelines with regard to standards of care nor standards of documentation and billing.

**Some Services are only covered under your In-Network benefit:**

- Telehealth Services (see section 4.3.2).
- E-mail Visits (see section 4.3.3).
- Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services (see section 4.12.7).
- Tobacco Use Cessation Services (see section 4.1.8).

- Retail Health Clinic Visits (see section 4.3.8).
- Human Organ/Tissue Transplants (see section 4.13).
- Any item listed in your Benefit Summary as “Not Covered” under Out-of-Network.

### **Payment for Out-of-Network Physician/Provider Services (UCR)**

After you meet your Deductible, if applicable, and if the Services provided are Medically Necessary Covered Services, we will provide payment to Out-of-Network Providers according to Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) charges. UCR charges do not include sales taxes, handling fees and similar surcharges; such taxes, fees and surcharges are not covered expenses. Charges which exceed UCR are the Member’s responsibility and are not applied to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum. See section 15 for the definition of UCR.

You will be responsible for costs that are not covered or allowed by your Out-of-Network benefits as shown in the following example (amounts shown are only estimates of what may apply).

| <u>Item</u>   | <u>Provider’s Status</u> |                         |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | <u>In-Network</u>        | <u>Out-of-Network</u>   |
| Provider’s standard charges                         | \$100                    | \$100                   |
| Allowable charges under this Plan                   | \$80 (contracted)        | \$80 (if that is UCR)   |
| Plan benefits (for this example only)               | \$64 (if 80% benefit)    | \$56 (if 70% benefit)   |
| Balance you owe                                     | \$16                     | \$24                    |
| Additional amount that the provider may bill to you | \$0-                     | \$20 (\$100 minus \$80) |
| Total amount you would pay                          | \$16                     | \$44 (\$24 plus \$20)   |

Thus, you may incur significantly larger out-of-pocket costs, perhaps a multiple of what would have applied, if you use Out-of-Network Physicians or Providers.

### **Payment for Out-of-Network Provider Services with Network Access Exception**

If there are no In-Network providers in your area, or if you require unique Medically Necessary skills or Services that are not available from any In-Network providers in your area, you may request a Prior Authorization to be seen by an Out-of-Network provider or facility at the cost of your In-Network benefit. Allowable charges are based on UCR rates. These Services may be subject to review for Medical Necessity.

### **Payment for Covered Services Provided Before Disposition of Criminal Charges**

If you are in the custody of an Oregon state or local corrections agency pending the disposition of criminal charges brought by an Oregon county, we will reimburse the custodial county for the costs of Covered Services or supplies rendered before the disposition of charges, in an amount that is no less than 115 percent of the Medicare rate for the service or supply, except for renal dialysis which will be reimbursed in accordance with the terms of the Plan for Out-of-Network dialysis providers.

The following Services and Supplies are excluded from coverage under this section:

- Diagnostic tests or health evaluations required by the corrections agency, as a matter of course, for all individuals who are in the custody of the county pending the disposition of charges;
- Hospital and ambulatory surgical center services, except as rendered by an In-Network provider.

### **3.4 NOTICE OF PROVIDER TERMINATION**

When an In-Network Provider whose contract of participation with us terminates, we will notify those Members who we know are under the care of the terminated provider within 10 days of the termination date or of our knowledge of the termination date.

### **3.5 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

While Prior Authorization is a requirement for coverage of certain Services under this Plan, Prior Authorization is not a treatment directive. The actual course of medical treatment that a Member chooses remains strictly a matter between the Member and the provider and is separate from the Prior Authorization requirements of this Plan. Prior Authorization is not a guarantee of benefit payment under this Plan and a Prior Authorization determination does not supersede other specific provisions of this Plan regarding coverage, limitations, exclusions and Medical Necessity.

#### **Services received from In-Network Providers:**

When Services are received from an In-Network Provider, the In-Network Provider is responsible for obtaining Prior Authorization.

#### **Services received from Out-of-Network Providers:**

When Services are received from an Out-of-Network Provider, the Member is responsible for obtaining Prior Authorization. You or your Out-of-Network provider must contact us to obtain Prior Authorization. See section 3.3 for additional information about Out-of-Network Providers.

#### **Services requiring Prior Authorization:**

A comprehensive list of services and supplies that must be Prior Authorized is available by visiting our website at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/PriorAuthorization](http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/PriorAuthorization). You may also contact Customer Service to inquire whether a service or supply requires Prior Authorization. You or your Provider should submit Prior Authorization requests by following the instructions on our website. We will not require Prior Authorization for services and supplies that by law do not require Prior Authorization, including Emergency Room services.

Providence Health Plan will provide a Prior Authorization form upon oral or written request. If you need information on how to obtain Prior Authorization, please call Customer Service at the number listed on your Member ID Card.

If an Emergency Medical Condition exists which prevents you from obtaining Prior Authorization, Providence Health Plan must be notified within 48 hours following the onset of treatment, or as soon as reasonably possible, to continue coverage of these Services.

#### **Prior Authorization Requests for Out-of-Network Services:**

The Member or the Out-of-Network Provider must call us at 1-800-638-0449 to obtain Prior Authorization. Please have the following information ready when calling to request a Prior Authorization:

- The Member's name and date of birth.
- The Member's Providence Health Plan Member number and Group number (these are listed on your Member ID card).
- The Provider's name, address, and telephone number.

- The name of the Hospital or treatment facility.
- The scheduled date of admission or date Services are to begin.
- The Service(s) to be performed.

#### **Failure to Obtain Prior Authorization:**

If you do not obtain Prior Authorization for Services received from an Out-of-Network Provider, as specified in section 3.3, a 50% **penalty**, not to exceed \$2,500 for each Covered Service, will be applied to the claim.

Should Providence Health Plan determine that we would have covered the Service had Prior Authorization been obtained, benefits will be applied to the remaining claim balance after the Prior Authorization Penalty is assessed. The **penalty** does **NOT** apply to the Deductible, if any, or to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in the Benefit Summary. The penalty also does NOT apply to Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Services.

### **3.6 TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

Subject to Prior Authorization, if you are unable to locate an In-Network Provider to provide Medically Necessary Covered Services for your specific condition within 50 miles of your home, the Plan will reimburse your travel expense to the nearest In-Network Provider within 300 miles of your home. Reimbursement will be based on the federal medical mileage reimbursement rate in effect on the date of service. Travel expense reimbursement is limited to \$1,500 per calendar year. If an overnight stay is required, food and lodging are reimbursable up to \$150 per diem (per day). Per diem expenses apply to the \$1,500 travel expenses reimbursement maximum. (Note: Transplant Covered Services include a separate travel expense benefit; see section 4.13.1).

### **3.7 MEDICAL COST MANAGEMENT**

Coverage under this Plan is subject to the medical cost management protocols established by us to ensure the quality and cost effectiveness of Covered Services. Such protocols may include Prior Authorization, concurrent review, case management and disease management.

The Plan reserves the right to deny payment for Services that are not Medically Necessary in accordance with the criteria maintained by Providence Health Plan. When more than one medically appropriate alternative is available, Providence Health Plan will approve the least costly alternative.

In accordance with Providence Health Plan's medical cost management protocols and criteria specified in this paragraph, Providence Health Plan may approve substitutions for Covered Services under this Plan.

A Substituted Services must:

1. Be Medically Necessary;
2. Have your knowledge and agreement while receiving the Service;
3. Be prescribed and approved by your Qualified Practitioner; and
4. Offer a medically therapeutic value at least equal to the Covered Service that would otherwise be performed or given.



The Plan's coverage of a Substituted Service for any Member does not obligate the Plan to:

- Cover a Substituted Service for any other Member;
- Continue to cover a Substituted Service beyond the term of the agreement between the Plan and the Member; or
- Cover any Substituted Service for the Member, other than as specified in the agreement between the Plan and the member.

Substituted Services that satisfy the requirements of this section are Covered Services for all purposes under this Plan.

A Substituted Service may be disallowed at any time by sending a 30-day advance written notice to you and your Qualified Practitioner.

### **3.7.1 Coverage of New Technology and New Application of Existing Technology**

New technologies and new applications of existing technologies are evaluated and approved for coverage when they provide a demonstrable benefit for a particular illness or disease, are scientifically proven to be safe and most effective, and there is no equally effective or less costly alternative.

Emerging and innovative technologies are monitored by Providence Health Plan through review of trend reports from technology assessment bodies, government publications, medical journals, and information provided by providers and professional societies.

A systematic process for evaluating a new technology or new application of an existing technology is proactively initiated when sufficient scientific information is available.

Providence Health Plan has developed standards to guide the evaluation process and to ensure appropriate coverage determinations. New technology must minimally meet the following guidelines to be approved for coverage:

- Technology must improve health outcomes. The beneficial effects must outweigh any harmful effects on health outcomes. It must improve the length of life, ability to function or quality of life.
- Technology must be as beneficial as any established alternative. It should improve the net health outcome as much, or more, than established alternatives.
- Application of technology must be appropriate, in keeping with good medical standards, and useful outside of investigational settings.
- Technology must meet government approval to market by appropriate regulatory agency as applicable.
- Criteria must be supported with information provided by well-conducted investigations published in peer-reviewed journals. The scientific evidence must document conclusions that are based on established medical facts.
- Opinions and evaluations of professional organizations, panels, or technology assessment bodies are evaluated based on the scientific quality of the supporting evidence.

#### **Technology Evaluation Process**

A committee of medical directors with physician specialist advisors evaluates all new technology and determines coverage based on evidence for safety and efficacy. The

committee relies upon a thorough review of pertinent medical literature and utilizes national technology review services that provide independent analysis of a new technology.

### **Expedited Review**

Requests for coverage of new technology may occur before formal policy has been developed. In these cases, an expedited review is implemented and a decision made on a case-by-case basis. This is separate and distinct from the problem resolution procedure set forth in section 7.

## **3.8 MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES**

We believe our Members are entitled to comprehensive medical care within the standards of good medical practice. Providence Health Plan's medical directors and special committees of In-Network Providers determine which Services are Medically Necessary, as defined in section 15. Services that do not meet Medically Necessary criteria will not be covered.

- **Example:** *Your provider suggests a treatment using a machine that has not been approved for use in the United States. We probably would not pay for that treatment.*
- **Example:** *You go to a hospital emergency room to have stitches removed, rather than wait for an appointment in your doctor's office. The Plan would not pay for that visit.*
- **Example:** *You stay an extra day in the hospital only because the relative who will help you during recovery cannot pick you up until the next morning. We may not pay for the extra day.*

**Although a treatment was prescribed or performed by a Qualified Practitioner, it does not necessarily mean that it is Medically Necessary under our guidelines. Obtaining confirmation of coverage from Providence Health Plan beforehand is always recommended.**

## **3.9 APPROVED CLINICAL TRIALS**

Benefits are provided for Covered Services directly related to a Member's participation in an Approved Clinical Trial. If your Approved Clinical Trial is available through both Network and Out-of-Network providers, the Plan will require you to participate through an In-Network Provider.

Covered Services include the routine patient costs for items and services received in connection with the Approved Clinical Trial, to the extent that the items and services are otherwise Covered Services under the Plan.

The following costs are excluded:

- The cost of the investigational item, device or service;
- The cost of items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in direct clinical management; and
- The cost for a service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis.

The Plan does not discriminate against a Member who participates in a clinical trial, whether or not the trial is an Approved Clinical Trial. The Plan provides benefits for services unrelated to a clinical trial to the extent that the services are otherwise Covered Services under the Plan.

### 3.10 HOW BENEFITS ARE APPLIED

Benefits are subject to the following provisions, if applicable, as specified in the Benefit Summary:

1. The Deductible;
2. The Copayment or Coinsurance amount; and
3. The benefit limits and/or maximums.

### 3.11 DEDUCTIBLES AND OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUMS

Your Plan has a Deductible and an Out-of-Pocket Maximum, as stated in your Benefit Summary.

Deductible amounts apply to Out-of-Pocket Maximums.

#### 3.11.1 Understanding Deductibles

Your Deductible is the dollar amount shown in the Benefit Summary that you are responsible to pay every Calendar Year when receiving most Covered Services before benefits are provided by us. Deductible amounts are payable to your Qualified Practitioner after we have processed your claim.

Certain Covered Services, such as most In-Network preventive care, are covered without a Deductible. Please see your Benefit Summary for information about these Services.

**Common In-Network and Out-of-Network Deductible:** Your Plan has a **Common Deductible**, as listed in your Benefit Summary. **A Common Deductible applies to both In-Network and Out-of-Network benefits.** The Common Deductible can be met by using In-Network or Out-of-Network benefits, or a combination of both.

**Individual Deductible:** An Individual Deductible is the amount shown in the Benefit Summary that must be paid by a Member before the Plan provides benefits for Covered Services for that Member.

**Family Deductible:** The Family Deductible is the amount shown in the Benefit Summary that applies when two or more Family Members are enrolled in this Plan, and is the maximum Deductible that enrolled Family Members must pay. All amounts paid by Family Members toward their Individual Deductibles apply toward the Family Deductible. When the Family Deductible is met, no further Individual Deductibles will need to be met by any enrolled Family Members.

**Note:** No Member will ever pay more than an Individual Deductible before the Plan begins paying for Covered Services for that Member.

**Your Costs that Do Not Apply to Deductibles:** The following out-of-pocket costs do not apply towards Your Individual and Family Deductibles:

- Services not covered by this Plan.
- Services in excess of any maximum benefit limit.
- Fees in excess of the Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) charges.

- Any penalties you must pay if you do not follow Providence Health Plan's Prior Authorization requirements.
- Copayments or Coinsurance specified as not applicable toward the Deductible in any Benefit Summary issued with this Plan.

### **3.11.2 Understanding Out-of-Pocket Maximums**

Out-of-Pocket Maximums are the total amount you will pay out-of-pocket in any Calendar Year for Covered Services received under this Plan. See your Benefit Summary.

**Common In-Network and Out-of-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximums:** Your Plan has a Common In-Network and Out-of-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximum, as listed in your Benefit Summary. The Common Out-of-Pocket Maximum can be met by payments you make for Covered Services using In-Network and Out-of-Network benefits.

**Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum:** Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum means the total amount of Copayments, Coinsurance and Deductible that a Member must pay in a Calendar Year, as shown in the Benefit Summary, before the Plan begins to pay 100% for Covered Services for that Member within that Calendar Year.

**Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum:** Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum means the total amount of Copayments, Coinsurance and Deductible that a family of two or more must pay in a Calendar Year, as shown in the Benefit Summary, before the Plan begins to pay 100% for Covered Services for enrolled Family Members. When the combined Copayment, Coinsurance and Deductible expenses of enrolled Family Members meet the family Out-of-Pocket Maximum, all remaining individual Out-of-Pocket Maximums will be waived for the family for that Calendar Year.

**Note:** Once any Member meets the Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum, the Plan will begin to pay 100% for Covered Services for that Member.

**Your Costs that Do Not Apply to Out-of-Pocket Maximums:** The following out-of-pocket costs do not apply toward your Individual and Family Out-of-Pocket Maximums:

- Services not covered by this Plan;
- Services not covered because Prior Authorization was not obtained, as required in section 3.5;
- Services in excess of any maximum benefit limit;
- Fees in excess of the Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) charges;
- Deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance for a Covered Service if indicated in any Benefit Summary as not applicable to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum; and
- Any penalties you must pay if you do not follow Providence Health Plan's Prior Authorization requirements.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Some Benefits are NOT eligible for 100% benefit coverage. The Copayment or Coinsurance for these Services, as shown in the Benefit Summary, remains in effect throughout the Calendar Year.

### **3.12 UNDERSTANDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS**

When you get emergency care or get treated by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Hospital, Independent Freestanding Emergency Department or Ambulatory Surgical Center, you are protected by federal law from surprise billing or balance billing.

#### **What is “balance billing” (sometimes called “surprise billing”)?**

When you see a doctor or other health care provider, you may owe certain out-of-pocket costs, such as a Copayment, Coinsurance, and/or a Deductible. You may have other costs or have to pay the entire bill if you see a provider or visit a health care facility that isn't in your health plan's network.

“Out-of-Network” describes providers and facilities that haven't signed a contract with your health plan. Out-of-Network Providers may be permitted to bill you for the difference between what your plan agreed to pay and the full amount charged for a service. This is called “balance billing.” This amount is likely more than In-Network costs for the same service and might not count toward your annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

“Surprise billing” is an unexpected balance bill. This can happen when you cannot control who is involved in your care—like when you have an emergency or when you schedule a visit at an In-Network facility but are unexpectedly treated by an Out-of-Network Provider.

#### **You are protected from balance billing for:**

##### Emergency Services

If you have an emergency medical condition and get Emergency Services from an Out-of-Network Provider or facility, the most the Provider or facility may bill you is your plan's In-Network cost-sharing amount (such as Deductibles, Copayments and Coinsurance). You cannot be balance billed for these Emergency Services. This includes services you may get after you're in stable condition, unless you give written consent and give up your protections not to be balance billed for these post-stabilization services.

##### Certain services at an In-Network Hospital, Independent Freestanding Emergency Department or Ambulatory Surgical Center

When you get services from an In-Network Hospital, Independent Freestanding Emergency Department or Ambulatory Surgical Center, certain Providers there may be Out-of-Network. In these cases, the most those Providers may bill you is your plan's In-Network cost-sharing amount. This applies to emergency medicine, anesthesia, pathology, radiology, laboratory, neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These Providers cannot balance bill you and may not ask you to give up your protections not to be balance billed.

If you get other services at these In-Network facilities, Out-of-Network Providers cannot balance bill you, unless you give written consent and give up your protections.

You're never required to give up your protections from balance billing. You also aren't required to get care Out-of-Network. You can choose a Provider or facility in your plan's network.

**When balance billing isn't allowed, you also have the following protections:**

You are only responsible for paying your share of the cost (like the Copayments, Coinsurance, and Deductibles that you would pay if the provider or facility was In-Network). Your health plan will pay Out-of-Network Providers and facilities directly.

Your health plan generally must:

- Cover Emergency Services without requiring you to get approval for services in advance (Prior Authorization).
- Cover Emergency Services by Out-of-Network Providers.
- Base what you owe the Provider or facility (cost-sharing) on what it would pay an In Network Provider or facility and show that amount in your explanation of benefits.
- Count any amount you pay for Emergency Services or Out-of-Network services toward your Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

If you believe you've been wrongly billed, you may contact Providence Health Plan Customer Service from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST at 503-574-7500 or 1-800-888-8888, for hearing impaired call 711. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and file a complaint by calling 800-985-3059 (toll-free) or going to

<https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises/consumers>.

## 4. COVERED SERVICES

This section describes Services that, when Medically Necessary and not otherwise excluded or limited, are covered under this Plan.

Please refer to your Benefit Summary for details of your specific coverage. You can view your Member materials by registering for a myProvidence account on our website at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com) (see section 2.4). If Clackamas County modifies your benefits, you will be notified in writing of the changes.

Benefits are provided for preventive care and for the treatment of illness or injury when such treatment is Medically Necessary and provided by a Qualified Practitioner as described in this section and shown in the Benefit Summary.

### 4.1 PREVENTIVE SERVICES

Preventive Services are covered as shown in the Benefit Summary. For Women's Preventive Health Care Services, see section 4. 2.

In accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and related legislation, your Plan covers the following Services in full when received from In-Network Providers:

- Services rated "A" or "B" by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation-topics/uspstf-a-and-b-recommendations>;
- Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- Preventive care and screenings for infants, children and adolescents as supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and
- Preventive care and screenings for women as supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, <http://www.hrsa.gov/womens-guidelines>.

Note: Additional Plan provisions apply to some Services (e.g., to be covered in full, routine physical examinations and well-baby care must be received from an In-Network Provider, see section 4.1.1). If you need assistance understanding coverage for preventive Services under your Plan, please contact Customer Service at 503-574-7500.

#### 4.1.1 Physical Examinations and Well-Baby Care

**Periodic health exams and well-baby care Services are covered in full only when received In-Network.** These services are covered as stated in your Benefit Summary. Your provider will determine which tests are necessary for your physical exam according to your medical history and your current health status. More frequent exams will be covered if your provider determines that they are necessary. Vision and hearing screening services are covered when performed during a periodic health examination or well-baby care examination, and as indicated in section 4.1.9. In order for a child to be eligible for benefits for routine newborn baby care, the child must be properly enrolled as outlined in section 8. Ancillary Services, such as immunizations, are covered at the specified benefit level when billed by the provider.

**Recommended Guidelines:****Infants up to 30 months:**

Up to 12 well-baby visits.

**Children and Adolescents:**

3 years through 21 years:

One exam every year.

**Adults:**

22 years through 29 years:

One exam every five years.

30 years through 49 years:

One exam every two years.

50 years and older:

One exam every year.

If, at the time of your routine physical examination or well-child care, you need paperwork completed for a third party, such as school, camp, team sports, etc., your provider may charge you a fee to complete the paperwork. The Plan will not cover this additional fee.

Covered Services do **NOT** include the following:

1. Services for laser surgery, radial keratotomy and any other surgery to correct myopia, hyperopia or stigmatic error, vision therapy, orthoptic treatment (eye exercises);
2. Services for routine eye and vision care, refractive disorders, eyeglass frames and lenses, contact lenses; and
3. Hearing aids, including all Services related to the examination and fitting of hearing aids; except as specified in section 4.12.14.

**4.1.2 Immunizations and Vaccinations**

Benefits for immunizations and vaccinations are provided in accordance with accepted medical practice. Visits to your Qualified Practitioner's office or Participating Pharmacy for immunizations or injections are subject to the Copayment or Coinsurance shown in the Benefit Summary. Some immunizations may require Prior Authorization, as listed in the Medical benefit drug prior authorization list available on our website at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](https://www.providencehealthplan.com/pharmacy) or by calling Customer Service.

Covered Services do not include immunizations or vaccinations for insurance, employment, licensing purposes, or solely for the purpose of participating in camps, sports activities, recreation programs, college entrance or for the purpose of traveling or obtaining a passport for foreign travel.

**4.1.3 Prostate Cancer Screening Exams**

Benefits for prostate cancer screening examinations include a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen test, biennially for men 50 and older, or as recommended by your Qualified Practitioner for men designated as high risk.

**4.1.4 Colorectal Cancer Screening Exams**

Benefits for colorectal cancer screening examinations include:

- One fecal occult blood test per year, plus one sigmoidoscopy every five years; or
- One colonoscopy every 10 years; or
- One double contrast barium enema every five years.



Screening examinations and lab tests for Members designated as high risk are covered as recommended by your Qualified Practitioner.

For Members age 45 and older:

- In-Network: All Services for colorectal cancer screenings and exams are covered in full, including prescription drug bowel prep kits as listed in our Formulary.
- Out-of-Network: All colonoscopy and sigmoidoscopy Services are covered under the Outpatient Surgery Benefit. Fecal occult blood test and double contrast barium enemas are covered under the Lab Services benefit.

For Members under age 45:

- In-Network and Out-of-Network: All colonoscopy and sigmoidoscopy Services are covered under the Outpatient Surgery Benefit. Fecal occult blood tests and double contrast barium enemas are covered under the Lab Services benefit.

#### **4.1.5 Preventive Services for Members with Diabetes**

Preventive Covered Services for Members diagnosed with either insulin dependent or non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus include:

- A dilated retinal exam by a qualified eye care specialist every Calendar Year;
- A glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) test, a urine test to test kidney function, blood test for lipid levels as appropriate, a visual exam of mouth and teeth (dental visits are not covered), foot inspection, and influenza vaccine by a Qualified Practitioner every Calendar Year; and
- A pneumococcal vaccine every five years.

#### **4.1.6 Diabetes Self-Management Education Program**

Benefits are paid in-full for diabetes self-management education programs associated with the treatment of insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using diabetes, gestational diabetes, and noninsulin-using diabetes as prescribed by a Qualified Practitioner. "Diabetes self-management program" means one program of assessment and training after diagnosis as well as assessment and training upon a material change of condition, medication or treatment. All services must be received from licensed providers and facilities, practicing within scope of license.

#### **4.1.7 Nutritional Counseling**

Nutritional counseling is covered when Medically Necessary, as shown in your Benefit Summary. Fasting and rapid weight loss programs are not covered.

#### **4.1.8 Tobacco Use Cessation Services**

Coverage is provided for participation in a Providence Health Plan-approved, physician-recommended tobacco use cessation program that follows the United States Public Health Service guidelines. "Tobacco use cessation program" includes educational and medical treatment components such as, but not limited to, counseling, classes, nicotine replacement therapy, and prescription drugs designed to assist Members in ceasing the use of tobacco products. A list of Providence Health Plan-approved programs is available online at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com) (select "search" and enter "tobacco cessation") or by calling Customer Service at 503-574-7500 or 800-878-4445.

## **4.2 WOMEN'S PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

Women may choose to receive Women's Preventive Health Care Services from a Primary Care Provider or a Women's Health Care Provider without a referral. Women's Health Care Providers include physicians specializing in obstetrics, some Primary Care Providers and naturopaths (if they are licensed to provide the services), physician associates and advanced registered nurse practitioners specializing in women's health care, certified nurse midwives, and licensed direct entry midwives.

### **4.2.1 Gynecological Examinations**

Benefits for gynecological examinations include breast, pelvic and Pap examinations once every Calendar Year or more frequently for women who are designated high risk. Family planning Services are separate (see section 4.2.4). Benefits also include follow-up exams for any medical conditions discovered during an Annual gynecological exam that require additional treatment.

### **4.2.2 Mammograms**

Mammograms are covered for women over 40 years of age once every Calendar Year. If the Member is designated high risk, mammograms are covered as recommended by the Qualified Practitioner or Women's Health Care Provider. See section 4.4.3 for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations.

### **4.2.3 Breastfeeding Counseling and Support**

Coverage for lactation counseling is provided when Medically Necessary and performed by one of the following licensed providers: **Nurse Practitioner (NP), Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Naturopath (ND), Lactation Consultants, or Physicians Assistant (PA)**. Lactation Counseling Services must be received from licensed providers. Benefits include coverage in full for breast pump equipment and supplies when rented or purchased through Network Medical Equipment Providers. Out-of-Network, coverage is subject to your Durable Medical Equipment (DME) benefits.

### **4.2.4 Family Planning Services**

Benefits include counseling, exams, and services for voluntary family planning.

**Services and supplies are covered as required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and related legislation; and include, but are not limited to:**

- Intrauterine device (IUD) insertion and removal;
- Medical exams and consultation for family planning;
- Depo-Provera to prevent pregnancy;
- Diaphragm devices;
- Removal of implantable contraceptives;
- Oral contraceptives (birth control pills) listed in our Formulary. FDA-approved women's prescription contraceptives: up to 3 months initial dispensing, then up to 12 months subsequent dispensing at any Network Pharmacy; and
- Over-the-counter contraceptive drugs, devices, and products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

All Covered Services must be received from Qualified Practitioners and Facilities or purchased from Participating Pharmacies.

- In-Network: Services are covered in full.
- Out-of-Network: Services are covered subject to the provisions of the applicable Out-of-Network benefit, e.g. IUDs and diaphragms are covered under your medical supply benefit.

If you self-pay (without insurance) for over-the-counter contraceptives, you can submit a request for reimbursement. Please visit [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy) for more information.

For coverage of tubal ligation, see Elective Sterilization, section 4.12.13.

## **4.3 PROVIDER SERVICES**

### **4.3.1 Office Visits, Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Visits, and Home Visits**

Office visits, inpatient and outpatient Hospital visits and home visits with a Qualified Practitioner are covered as shown in your Benefit Summary. Copayments and Coinsurances, as shown in your Benefit Summary, apply to all provider visits except those that: (a) are part of a course of maternity care; (b) are for conditions for which this Plan contains a separate and specific Copayment or Coinsurance amount; or (c) are ancillary to the visit and are billed by the Qualified Practitioner. Some services provided by your Qualified Practitioner during your visit may result in additional Member financial responsibility.

**For example** – You see your Primary Care Provider for an office visit and during your visit your provider swabs your throat for a throat culture. You would pay your office visit Copayment or Coinsurance and would also need to pay the Laboratory Services Copayment or Coinsurance for the throat culture. See your Benefit Summary for details.

Your Benefit Summary also lists different Copayments or Coinsurance that may apply for other specific services, such as allergy shots, maternity care, and diagnostic services. See your Benefit Summary for details.

If you are unable to keep a scheduled office appointment with your provider, please try to notify that office in advance. If not, you may be charged for the missed appointment. Providence Health Plan will not cover this expense.

### **4.3.2 Telehealth Services**

Telehealth services are services delivered through a variety of web-based or telecommunication technologies. The plan covers Telehealth services, when medically necessary and generally accepted healthcare practices and standards determine they can be safely and effectively provided using web-based or telecommunication technologies.

#### **4.3.2.1 On-Demand Virtual Visits**

Visits using a dedicated branded, web-based platform (such as Providence ExpressCare Virtual) through a tablet, smartphone, or computer for same-day appointments with a healthcare provider. Benefits will apply, as shown in your Benefit Summary.

#### **4.3.2.2 Office Visits Virtually**

Scheduled visits with the member's PCP or Specialist using a teleconferencing application such as Zoom. Benefits will apply, as shown in your Benefit Summary.

#### **4.3.2.3 Telemedicine Services**

Telemedicine Services are covered at the applicable benefit level for the Covered Service, as shown in the Benefit Summary, had the Service been received in person provided that the Service:

- Is Medically Necessary;
- Does not duplicate or supplant a Service that is available to the patient in person;
- Is provided by a Qualified Practitioner;
- Originates at a qualified site, such as a Hospital, rural health clinic, federally qualified health center, physician's office, community mental health center, skilled nursing facility, renal dialysis center, or public health services center;
- Is delivered through a two-way communication that allows the Qualified Practitioner to interact with the Member receiving the Service who is at an originating site.

For Members utilizing Telemedicine Services for the treatment of diabetes where one of the participants is a representative of an academic health center, coverage is provided when Services are delivered through a two-way electronic communication. This includes, but is not limited to, video, audio, Voice over Internet Protocol, or transmission of telemetry, that allows a health professional to interact with the Member, a parent or guardian of a Member or another health professional on a Member's behalf, who is at an originating site.

#### **4.3.3 E-mail Visits**

E-mail Visits are covered in full and must be received from In-Network Providers. Not all In-Network Providers offer E-mail Visits. Medical doctors (M.D.), doctors of osteopathy (D.O.), nurse practitioners (N.P.) and physician associates (P.A.) are the only categories of providers who may be approved for E-mail Visits. In-Network Providers who are authorized to provide E-mail Visits have agreed to use Internet security technology approved by us to protect your information from unauthorized access or release. To be eligible for the E-mail Visit benefit, you must have had at least one prior office visit with your In-Network Provider within the last 12 months.

Covered E-mail Visits include, but are not limited to:

- Communications of a new or existing diagnosis or treatment when the equivalent service received through an office visit would have led to a claims submission to be covered by the Plan;
- Communications by the In-Network Provider about the management of complex chronic conditions that require extensive education and ongoing monitoring;
- Communications of treatment for relapses of a previous condition that involve extended dialogue and significant physician time and judgment;
- Discussion of lab results that require significant changes in medication or further testing; and
- Extended counseling when person-to-person contact would involve an unwise delay.

Examples of e-mail communications that do not qualify as E-mail Visits include, but are not limited to:

- Renewing prescriptions;
- Scheduling tests;
- Scheduling appointments;
- Reporting normal test results;
- Recommending a referral to another physician;
- A consultative message exchange from a patient who is seen in-person immediately afterward as a result of the consultative message;
- A brief follow-up of an office visit, medical procedure or other treatment to confirm stable condition;
- A brief discussion to confirm stability of a chronic problem and continuity of present management of the problem; and
- All communications in connection with Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Covered Services (as provided in section 4.10).

#### **4.3.4 Telephone Visits**

Plan covers scheduled audio-only Office Visits for patients with an In-network Provider.

#### **4.3.5 Allergy Shots and Allergy Serums**

Allergy shots and allergy serums received in your Provider's office are covered as shown in your Benefit Summary. Therapy and testing for treatment of allergies including, but not limited to, Services related to clinical ecology, environmental allergy and allergic immune system dysregulation and sublingual antigen(s), extracts, neutralization tests and/or treatment are covered only when such therapy or testing is approved by the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology, or the Department of Health and Human Services or any of its offices or agencies.

#### **4.3.6 Injectable and Infused Medications**

Injectable and infused medications received in your Provider's office are covered, as shown in your Benefit Summary. Some injectable medications may require Prior Authorization, as listed in the Medical benefit drug Prior Authorization list available at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy) or by calling Customer Service. Some injectable and infused medications may be required to be supplied by a contracted Specialty Pharmacy. See section 4.7.1 for coverage of infusion at Outpatient Facilities.

#### **4.3.7 Administration of Anesthesia and Surgical Procedures**

Benefits include the administration of anesthesia and surgical procedures, including assistant surgeon and post-operative care.

#### **4.3.8 Immediate Care**

Immediate Care is an extension of your Primary Care Provider's office, and provides additional access to treatment you need right away for an illness or injury that is not life threatening. This includes, but is not limited to, minor sprains, minor cuts and burns, and ear, nose, and throat infections. Routine care, like periodic health exams and well-baby care, should be delayed until you can be seen by your Primary Care Provider.

Whenever you need immediate care, call your Primary Care Provider first. Your Primary Care Provider or the provider-on-call is always available, day or night. They may either suggest that you be seen at your Primary Care Provider's office, or direct you to an immediate care center, Urgent Care, or emergency care facility. See section 4.5 for coverage of Emergency Care and Urgent Care Services.

Please be prepared to pay the Copayment/Coinsurance, as shown in your Benefit Summary, at the time you receive care. You are also responsible for the applicable Copayment/Coinsurance shown in the Benefit Summary for any ancillary Services received, such as lab tests and X-rays, billed by the Immediate Care Provider.

#### **4.3.9 Retail Health Clinics**

Coverage is provided as shown in the Benefit Summary for Covered Services obtained at Retail Health Clinics. Retail Health Clinics can provide diagnosis and treatment services for uncomplicated minor illnesses and injuries, like sore throats, ear aches, and sprains. Routine care, like periodic health exams and well-baby care, should be delayed until you can be seen by your Primary Care Provider. All Covered Services must be Medically Necessary and appropriate and received from Qualified Practitioners. Not all services are available at Retail Health Clinics.

### **4.4 DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES**

Coverage is provided as shown in your Benefit Summary for Diagnostic Services.

#### **4.4.1 Diagnostic Pathology, Radiology Tests, High Tech Imaging and Diagnostic Procedures**

Benefits are as shown in the Benefit Summary and include inpatient and outpatient diagnostic pathology (lab), high tech imaging (such as PET, CT, MRI and MRA), radiology (X-ray) tests, echocardiography, and other Medically Necessary diagnostic procedures. Covered Services include contrast materials (dyes) that may be required for a diagnostic procedure.

#### **4.4.2 Sleep Study Services**

Benefits include coverage of Medically Necessary polysomnography (PSG). PSG is an overnight sleep test performed at home or in a sleep laboratory. The test is used to confirm a sleep disorder and to determine the appropriate treatment. Services must be Prior Authorized.

The following diagnostics are excluded: actigraphy, daytime nap polysomnography, cephalographic or tomographic X-rays for diagnosis or evaluation of an oral device, and acoustic pharyngometry.

#### **4.4.3 Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Examinations**

Coverage is provided for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations. Diagnostic breast exams are used to evaluate an abnormality of the breast that is detected or suspected from a screening examination for breast cancer or by any other means of examination using diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound.

Supplemental breast examinations include breast magnetic resonance imaging or a breast ultrasound. These exams are used to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality

seen or suspected but there is an increased risk of breast cancer based on personal or family medical history or other factors.

See section 4.2.2 for annual preventive mammograms.

## **4.5 EMERGENCY CARE AND URGENT CARE SERVICES**

Benefits for Emergency Care and Urgent Care Services are provided as described below and shown in your Benefit Summary. Emergency Care Services are provided both in and out of the Service Area. If an emergency situation should occur, you should take immediate action and seek prompt medical care. You should call 911, or the emergency number listed in the local telephone directory or go to the nearest Hospital emergency department.

### **4.5.1 Emergency Care**

A medical emergency is a sudden unexpected illness or injury that you believe would place your life in danger or cause serious damage to your health if you do not seek immediate medical treatment. Medical emergencies include, but are not limited to:

- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Poisoning
- Loss of consciousness
- Medically necessary detoxification
- Acute abdominal pain
- Severe chest pain
- Serious burn
- Bleeding that does not stop
- Unexpected premature childbirth

Coverage is provided without Prior Authorization for Emergency Medical Screening Exams and stabilization of an Emergency Medical Condition. Hospitalization for an Emergency Medical Condition requires notification to Providence Health Plan within 48 hours, or as soon as reasonably possible following the onset of treatment, in order for coverage to continue.

#### **Definitions:**

***“Emergency Medical Condition”*** is a medical condition or behavioral health condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including, but not limited to severe pain, that a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of health and medicine, would reasonably expect that failure to receive immediate medical or behavioral health attention would:

- Result in serious impairment to bodily functions;
- Result in serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part;
- Place the health of a person, or an unborn child in the case of a pregnant woman, in serious jeopardy;
- With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, for which there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery or for which transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child; or
- That is a behavioral health crisis.

***“Emergency Services”*** means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition:

- A medical screening exam or behavioral health assessment that is within the capability of the emergency department of a hospital or of an Independent

Freestanding Emergency Department, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such Emergency Medical Condition;

- Such further medical examination and treatment as are required under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (42 U.S.C. 1395dd) to stabilize a patient, to the extent the examination and treatment are within the capability of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital or Independent Freestanding Emergency Department; and
- Covered Services provided by staff or facilities of a Hospital or Independent Freestanding Emergency Department after the Member is stabilized and as part of outpatient observation or an inpatient or outpatient stay, including post-stabilization services for medical or behavioral health conditions that is Medically Necessary to avoid placing the health of the individual, or with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

Your Plan covers Emergency Services in the emergency room of any Hospital or Independent Freestanding Emergency Department.

If you or a Family Member believes that immediate assistance is needed for an Emergency Medical Condition, **call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room**. Tell the emergency personnel the name of your Primary Care Provider and show them your Member ID Card.

Call your Primary Care Provider any time, any day of the week. Your Primary Care Provider or the provider-on-call will tell you what to do and where to go for the most appropriate care.

Please be prepared to pay your Copayment/Coinsurance, as shown in your Benefit Summary, at the time you receive care. You are responsible for the Copayment/Coinsurance for each Hospital emergency room visit.

If you are admitted to the Hospital from the emergency room, your emergency Services Copayment/Coinsurance does not apply and all Services are subject to the Inpatient Services benefit shown in your Benefit Summary.

When you are admitted to an Out-of-Network Hospital from the emergency room, your Inpatient Services are covered under your In-Network benefit until your condition becomes stable. Once your condition is stabilized, Providence Health Plan will work with you to arrange transfer to an In-Network facility. This process is called “repatriation.”

Costs for non-emergency medical transport to facilitate repatriation to an In-Network facility are covered in full.

If you decline transfer to an In-Network facility once we have determined that repatriation is medically appropriate, the additional days spent at the Out-of-Network Hospital will be subject to your Out-of-Network benefits.

The Plan does not pay for emergency room treatment for medical conditions that are not medical emergencies. Do not go to the emergency room for care that should take place in your provider's office. Routine care for sore throats, common colds, follow-up care, and prescription drug requests are not considered to be emergencies.



#### **4.5.2 Emergency Medical Transportation**

Benefits include Services for emergency medical transportation by state certified ambulance and certified air ambulance transportation. Ambulance Services are provided for transportation to the nearest facility capable of providing the necessary emergency care or to a facility specified by Providence Health Plan. Air ambulance transportation is only covered for a life-threatening medical emergency, or when ground ambulance is either not available or would cause an unreasonable risk of harm because of increased travel time. Ambulance transportation solely for personal comfort or convenience is not covered.

#### **4.5.3 Emergency Eye Care Services**

Covered Services include the initial care for Emergency Medical Conditions resulting from an injury to or illness of the eye(s). Members may receive Services directly from an optometrist or ophthalmologist or from a Hospital emergency room.

#### **4.5.4 Emergency Detoxification Services**

Medically Necessary detoxification will be treated as an Emergency Medical Condition when the Member is not enrolled in a Substance Use Disorder treatment program, as stated in section 4.10.3, at the time Services are received. Prior Authorization is not required for emergency treatment; however, Providence Health Plan must be notified within 48 hours following the onset of treatment, or as soon as reasonably possible, in order for coverage to continue. If a Member is to be transferred to an In-Network Provider for continued inpatient care, the cost of Medically Necessary transportation will be covered.

#### **4.5.5 Urgent Care**

Urgent Care is treatment you need right away for an illness or injury that is not life threatening. This includes, but is not limited to, minor sprains, minor cuts and burns, and ear, nose, and throat infections. Routine care that can be delayed until you can be seen by a physician or provider in their office is not Urgent Care.

Whenever you need urgent care, call your Primary Care Provider first. Your Primary Care Provider or the provider-on-call is always available, day or night. They may either suggest that you come to the office or go to an emergency room or Urgent Care center. If you can be treated in your provider's office or at an In-Network Urgent Care center your out-of-pocket expense will usually be lower.

Please be prepared to pay the Copayment/Coinsurance, as shown in your Benefit Summary, at the time you receive care. You are also responsible for the applicable Copayment/Coinsurance shown in the Benefit Summary for any ancillary Services received, such as lab tests and X-rays, billed by the Qualified Provider.

If you are admitted to an Out-of-Network Hospital, you, or a relative, should call Providence Health Plan within 48 hours or as soon as reasonably possible.

When you are admitted to an Out-of-Network Hospital from an Urgent Care facility, your Inpatient Services are covered under your In-Network benefit until your condition becomes stable. Once your condition is stabilized, Providence Health Plan will work with you to arrange transfer to an In-Network facility. This process is called "repatriation."

Costs for non-emergency medical transport to facilitate repatriation to an In-Network facility are covered in full.

If you decline transfer to an In-Network facility once we have determined that repatriation is medically appropriate, the additional days spent at the Out-of-Network Hospital will be subject to your Out-of-Network benefits.

Not all Out-of-Network facilities will file a claim on a Member's behalf. If you receive urgent care Services from an Out-of-Network facility, you must submit a claim if the facility or provider does not submit it for you. See section 6.1.1.

## **4.6 INPATIENT HOSPITAL AND SKILLED NURSING FACILITY SERVICES**

Coverage is provided as shown in your Benefit Summary for Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility Services. Providence Health Plan must be notified as soon as reasonably possible following the onset of treatment for coverage to continue.

Covered Services do NOT include care received that consists primarily of:

- Room and board and supervisory or custodial Services.
- Personal hygiene and other forms of self-care.

In all cases, the following are specifically excluded from the Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility benefit:

- Private duty nursing or a private room unless prescribed as Medically Necessary or otherwise Prior Authorized.
- Take-home medications, supplies and equipment.
- Personal items such as telephone, radio, television and guest meals.

### **4.6.1 Inpatient Hospital Services**

Benefits are provided as shown in your Benefit Summary.

**In-Network Benefit:** When your In-Network Provider and Providence Health Plan determine you need hospitalization, arrangements will be made for you to be admitted to an In-Network Hospital.

**Out-of-Network Benefit:** You are responsible for making sure inpatient hospitalization services are Prior Authorized by Providence Health Plan before receiving this care from an Out-of-Network Hospital.

Only Medically Necessary hospital services are covered. Covered inpatient Services received in a Hospital are:

- Acute (inpatient) care;
- A semi-private room (unless a private room is Medically Necessary);
- Coronary care and intensive care;
- Isolation care; and
- Hospital services and supplies necessary for treatment and furnished by the Hospital, such as use of the operating and recovery rooms, anesthesia, dressings, medications, whole blood and blood products, oxygen, X-ray, and laboratory Services

during the period of inpatient hospitalization. (Personal items such as guest meals, slippers, etc., are not covered.)

Providence Health Plan employs professional clinical staff who may review services you receive in the Hospital. They may review your care to determine Medical Necessity, to make sure that you had quality care, and to ensure that you will have proper follow-up care.

Your provider will determine your medically appropriate length of stay. If you choose to stay in the Hospital longer than your physician advises, you will be responsible for the cost of additional days in the Hospital.

#### **4.6.2 Skilled Nursing Facility**

Benefits are provided as shown in the Benefit Summary for Covered Services from a Skilled Nursing Facility. Services must be prescribed by your Qualified Practitioner in order to limit Hospital Confinement by providing convalescent skilled medical and nursing Services which cannot be adequately provided through a home health program. Benefits are subject to the durational limits stated in your Benefit Summary.

#### **4.6.3 Inpatient Rehabilitative Care**

Benefits are provided for physical, occupational and speech therapy Covered Services as shown in the Benefit Summary for inpatient rehabilitative care to restore or improve lost function following illness or injury. If a Member is hospitalized when rehabilitative Services begin, rehabilitative benefits will begin on the day treatment becomes primarily rehabilitative. Benefits are limited to Covered Services that can be expected to result in the measurable improvement of a Member's condition. Benefits are subject to the durational limits stated in the Benefit Summary. Limits do not apply to Mental Health Covered Services. (See section 4.7.2 for coverage of Outpatient Rehabilitative Services.)

#### **4.6.4 Inpatient Habilitative Care**

Coverage is provided, as shown in the Benefit Summary, for Medically Necessary inpatient habilitative care. If a Member is hospitalized when habilitative Services begin, habilitative benefits will begin on the day treatment becomes primarily habilitative. All Services must be received at Qualified Facilities and from Qualified Practitioners practicing within their scope of license. Services are limited to those that result in measurable development. Coverage is provided at the same benefit level as Inpatient Rehabilitative Care listed in your Benefit Summary. Limits do not apply to Mental Health Covered Services. (See section 4.7.3 for coverage of Outpatient Habilitative Services.)

#### **4.6.5 Observation Care**

Benefits are provided, as shown in the Benefit Summary, for Covered Services provided by the Hospital or the Qualified Practitioner while you are held in the Hospital for observation. Observation care includes the use of a bed and periodic monitoring which are reasonable and necessary to evaluate your condition as an outpatient or determine the need for possible admission to the hospital as an inpatient. In general, the duration of observation care does not exceed 24 - 48 hours. Observation care for greater than 48 hours without inpatient admission is generally considered not Medically Necessary and may be subject to medical review.

## **4.7 OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

### **4.7.1 Outpatient Services: Surgery, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Dialysis, Infusion, Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy**

Benefits are provided as shown in the Benefit Summary and include Services at a Hospital-based Outpatient Surgical Facility or an Ambulatory Surgery Center. See section 4.3.5 regarding injectable or infused medications received in a Provider's office. Covered Services include, but are not limited to, Services for invasive and non-invasive surgical procedure, outpatient cardiac rehabilitation, and regularly scheduled therapy such as dialysis, infusion (including infused medications), chemotherapy, inhalation therapy, radiation therapy, and therapeutic procedures as ordered by your Qualified Practitioner. The Plan may require that you obtain a second opinion for some procedures. If you do not obtain a second opinion when requested, Providence Health Plan will not Prior Authorize the Services. For additional information about Prior Authorization, see section 3.5.

Injectable or infused medications may require a Prior Authorization. For additional information about Prior Authorization, see section 3.5. Some injectable medication may be required to be supplied by a contracted Specialty Pharmacy. Infused medications may need to be administered at a designated location or a preferred site of care (refer to Infusion Therapy Site of Care Policy and Drug List, which can be found at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy)) or may need to be self-administered. A list of drugs, the Self-Administered Drug List, is available at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy). After a transition period, the member will need to self-administer at home and the prescription drug benefit applies. For more information, see section 13.1. Member may use home infusion for most therapies. Home Infusion services are available and are usually necessary for total parenteral nutrition (TPN).

Covered Services under these benefits do not include Services for Outpatient Rehabilitative Services. See section 4.7.2 for those Services.

### **4.7.2 Outpatient Rehabilitative Services**

Benefits are included for outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy, subject to the following limitations:

- Services must be Medically Necessary;
- Services must be provided by a physician or licensed/registered therapist, as stated in the Benefit Summary, to restore or improve lost function following illness or injury.
- Prior Authorization must be received by Providence; and
- Benefits are limited to Covered Services that can be expected to result in the measurable improvement of a Member's condition and are subject to the visit benefit maximum stated in the Benefit Summary. Limits do not apply to Mental Health Covered Services. A visit is considered a treatment with one provider (e.g., if you see a physical therapist and a speech therapist the same day at the same facility, it counts as two visits, as you have received treatment from two providers).

Exclusions to outpatient Services:

- Chiropractic adjustments and manipulations of any spinal or bodily area;
- Exercise programs;
- Rolting, polarity therapy and similar therapies; and
- Rehabilitation services provided under an authorized home health care plan as stated in section 4.11.

Providers make notifications for outpatient rehabilitation services through an authorizing agent. A notification is the initial request submitted to the authorizing agent to inform Providence Health Plan that you are starting physical therapy and/or occupational therapy services. The authorizing agent determines if the requests are approved or require medical necessity review. For more information, visit our website at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/OutpatientRehab](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/OutpatientRehab).

#### **4.7.3 Outpatient Habilitative Services**

Coverage is provided, as shown in the Benefit Summary, for Medically Necessary outpatient habilitative Services. All Services are subject to review for Medical Necessity and must be received at Qualified Facilities and from Qualified Practitioners practicing within their scope of license. Services are limited to those that result in measurable development. Coverage is provided at the same benefit level as Outpatient Rehabilitative Care listed in your Benefit Summary. Limits do not apply to Mental Health Covered Services. (See section 4.6.4 for coverage of Inpatient Habilitative Services.)

### **4.8 MATERNITY SERVICES**

Your benefits include coverage for comprehensive maternity care.

Your Benefit Summary lists your Member costs (Deductible, Copayment and/or Coinsurance) per pregnancy for prenatal office visits, postnatal office visits, and delivery Provider Services. These Member costs do not apply to other Covered Services, such as lab and imaging, which you may receive for your maternity care. The specific Coinsurance or Copayment for each of these services will apply instead. Please refer to your Benefit Summary for details.

Women may choose to receive Maternity Services from a Primary Care Provider or a Women's Health Care Provider. Women's Health Care Providers include physicians specializing in obstetrics, some Primary Care Providers and naturopaths (if they are licensed to provide obstetrical services), physician associates and advanced registered nurse practitioners specializing in women's health care, certified nurse midwives, and licensed direct entry midwives.

#### **Covered Services include:**

- Prenatal care.
- Delivery at an approved facility or birthing center\*.
- Postnatal care, including complications of pregnancy and delivery.
- Emergency treatment for complications of pregnancy and unexpected pre-term birth.
- Newborn nursery care\*\*.
- Newborn nurse home visits\*\*\*.

\*If you are diverted to an Out-of-Network health care facility due to an ongoing state or federally declared public health emergency, delivery services will be covered under your In-Network benefits.

\*\*Newborn nursery care is a facility Service covered under the Hospital Services benefit. All other Services provided to a newborn, including Physician/Provider Services, are covered under the applicable benefit level shown in the Benefit Summary. For instance, visits made to a hospitalized newborn by a Qualified Practitioner are covered under the Provider Inpatient visit benefit.

\*\*\*Newborn nurse home visits are provided for newborns up to 6 months of age, including foster and newly adopted newborns, for Oregon members residing in a community where the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Program is operating. Newborn nurse home visits are covered without member cost-share (unless required for the Plan to maintain HSA-qualified status) under the newborn's In-Network benefits and must be received from nurses certified by OHA to provide the services.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Newborn nursery care, newborn nurse home visits, and any other Services provided to your newborn are covered only when the newborn child is properly enrolled under this Plan within time frames outlined in Newborn Eligibility and Enrollment, section 8.2.4.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Maternity Services for a Member who is serving as a surrogate parent are covered, except to the extent that such services are payable under the surrogate parenting contract or agreement.

**The services of a lay, unlicensed direct entry, certified professional, or any other unlicensed midwife are not covered.**

**Water births, regardless of location, will only be covered when performed by a licensed In Network Provider. No coverage will be provided for water births performed by Out of Network Providers.**

***Length of maternity hospital stay:*** Your services include a hospital stay of a minimum of 48 hours for a normal vaginal delivery, and a minimum of 96 hours for a Caesarean delivery. You will not be discharged from the hospital sooner than these guidelines, unless you choose to be. You and your physician/provider will determine the length of your hospital stay and follow-up care based on accepted medical practice.

***Maternity support services:*** Members may attend a class to prepare for childbirth. The classes are held at In-Network Hospitals. Call the Providence Resource Line at 503-574-6595 or visit [www.providence.org/classes](http://www.providence.org/classes) for information on classes, specific dates, locations, registration and prices. Classes vary by geographic area. In addition, you can partner with Providence Health Plan Care Management from preconception to pregnancy. Licensed clinical caregivers provide support with high-risk pregnancies, fertility health services, postpartum and more. To learn more, call Care Management at 503-574-7247 or 800-662-1121 (TTY: 711) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (PST) or email [Care.Management@Providence.org](mailto:Care.Management@Providence.org).

**Diabetes coverage during pregnancy:** During pregnancy through six weeks postpartum, the Plan provides coverage in full for diabetes services, medications, and supplies when received In-Network.

**Donor breast milk coverage:** For infants medically or physically unable to receive maternal human milk or participate in chest feeding, or whose parent is medically or physically unable to produce maternal human milk in sufficient quantities or caloric density or participate in chest feeding, the Plan provides coverage for medically necessary donor human milk for inpatient use, when ordered by a licensed health care provider with prescriptive authority, or by an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners.

#### **4.9 MEDICAL SUPPLIES, MEDICAL APPLIANCES, PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES, AND DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)**

Benefits for medical supplies, medical appliances, prosthetic and orthotic devices and Durable Medical Equipment (DME) are provided as shown in the Benefit Summary when required for the standard treatment of illness or injury. Providence Health Plan may authorize the purchase of an item if they determine the cost of purchasing an item would be less than the overall rental of the item. Services must be prescribed by a Qualified Practitioner.

The reasonable cost of repairing an item is covered as long as this cost does not exceed the purchase of a new piece of equipment or device. Items that are replaced due to loss or negligence are not covered. Items that are replaced due to the availability of a newer or more efficient model are not covered unless Medically Necessary. Repair or replacement is covered if due to normal growth processes or to a change in your physical condition due to illness or injury.

##### **4.9.1 Medical Supplies (including Diabetes Supplies)**

Benefits are shown in the Benefit Summary for the following medical supplies and diabetes supplies:

1. Medically Necessary supplies as ordered by your Qualified Practitioner, including, but not limited to, ostomy supplies, prescribed needles, syringes and chem strips. Non-sterile examination gloves used by you or your caregiver are NOT a covered medical supply.
2. Diabetes supplies, such as needles, syringes, continuous glucose monitors and blood glucose monitors, lancets and test strips, may be purchased through Providence Health Plan In-Network medical supply providers under your DME benefit. See section 4.14.1 for coverage of select diabetes supplies and formulary insulin pumps under your prescription benefit. Formulary, Prior Authorization, and quantity limits may apply – please see your Formulary for details. See section 4.9.4 for coverage of diabetic equipment such as insulin pump devices.
3. Medically Necessary medical foods for supplementation or dietary replacement including non-prescription elemental enteral formula for home use, when determined to be Medically Necessary for the treatment of severe intestinal malabsorption and a physician has issued a written order for the formula and the formula comprises the sole source, or an essential source, of nutrition. Medical foods are also covered for the treatment of Inborn Errors of Metabolism, as described in section 4.12.2.

Medical foods do not include total parenteral nutrition (TPN), which is covered under section 4.7.1.

#### **4.9.2 Medical Appliances**

Benefits are provided as shown in the Benefit Summary for the following medical appliances:

1. Casts, braces and supportive devices when used in the treatment of medical or surgical conditions in acute or convalescent stages or as immediate post-surgical care.
2. Initial and replacement contact lenses, intraocular lenses, prescription lenses or standard frame glasses, when required as a result of injury, illness or surgery, such as, but not limited to, cataract, corneal transplant surgery or for the treatment of keratoconus.
3. Rental of an oxygen unit used in the home for Members with significant hypoxemia who are unresponsive to other forms of treatment. The benefit is limited to three months from the initial date of Service unless there is clinical evidence of the need to continue.
4. Removable custom orthotic shoe inserts when required as a result of surgery, congenital defect or diabetes.
5. Medical devices that are surgically implanted into the body to replace or aid function (including bilateral cochlear implants). If you receive a procedure to implant a medical device, you will be responsible for any Copayment or Coinsurance for the medical device in addition to any Copayment or Coinsurance for the procedure.
6. Other Medically Necessary appliances, including Hearing Aids and Hearing Assistance Technology (HAT), as ordered by your Qualified Practitioner.

#### **4.9.3 Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices**

Benefits are provided for prosthetic and orthotic devices as shown in the Benefit Summary. Coverage is limited to those prosthetic and orthotic devices that are Medically Necessary and included in the Medicare fee schedule for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies. Covered Services include rigid or semi-rigid devices used for supporting a weak or deformed leg, foot, arm, hand, back or neck, or restricting or eliminating motion in a diseased or injured leg, foot, arm, hand, back or neck; or an artificial limb device or appliance designed to replace in whole or in part an arm or a leg; breast implants following mastectomy; artificial eyes; and maxillofacial prosthetic devices for the restoration and management of head and facial structures. (For coverage of removable custom shoe orthotics, see section 4.9.2).

#### **4.9.4 Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

Benefits are provided for DME as shown in the Benefit Summary. Covered Services may include Medically Necessary equipment such as a hospital bed, non-motorized wheelchair, ventilator, insulin pump devices, and similar equipment as approved by Providence Health Plan.

Covered Services for DME do not include items that are primarily and customarily used for a non-medical purpose or which are used for environmental control or enhancement (whether or not prescribed by a physician).



## **4.10 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES**

This Plan complies with Oregon and Federal Mental Health Parity.

### **4.10.1 Mental Health Services**

Benefits are provided for Mental Health Services at the same level as, and subject to limitations no more restrictive than, those imposed on coverage or reimbursement for Medically Necessary treatment for other medical conditions.

Covered Services include diagnostic evaluation, individual and group therapy, inpatient hospitalization as stated in section 4.6.1, residential, day, intensive outpatient, or partial hospitalization Services. For inpatient, residential, day, intensive outpatient, or partial hospitalization treatment services; Providence Health Plan must be notified as soon as reasonably possible following the onset of treatment for coverage to continue.

In an emergency situation, go directly to a Hospital emergency room. You do not need Prior Authorization for emergency treatment; however, Providence Health Plan must be notified within 48 hours following the onset of treatment, or as soon as reasonably possible, in order for coverage to continue.

### **4.10.2 Applied Behavior Analysis**

Benefits are provided for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders, subject to the following limitations:

- Services must be Medically Necessary;
- The initial screening and an individualized treatment plan must be provided by a licensed neurologist, pediatric neurologist, developmental pediatrician, psychiatrist or psychologist, who has experience or training the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder;
- Prior authorization is received by us;
- Benefits include coverage of any other non-excluded mental health or medical services identified in the individualize treatment plan;
- Treatment must be provided by a health care professional licensed to provide ABA Services; and
- Treatment may be provided in the Member's home or in a licensed health care facility.

An approved ABA treatment plan is subject to review by us and may be modified or discontinued if review shows that the Member receiving treatment is not making measurable clinical progress toward the goals identified in the treatment plan.

Exclusions to ABA Services:

- Services provided by a family or household member;
- Services that are custodial in nature, or that constitute marital, family, or training services;
- Services that are educational or correctional that are provided by a school or halfway house or received as part of an education or training program;
- Custodial or respite care, creative arts therapy, wilderness or adventure camps, social counseling, music therapy, chelation or hyperbaric chambers;

- Services provided under an individual education plan in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
- Services provided through community or social programs; and
- Services provided by the Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health authority, other than employee benefit plans offered by the department and the authority.

#### **4.10.3 Substance Use Disorder Services**

Benefits are provided for Substance Use Disorder Services at the same level as, and subject to limitations no more restrictive than, those imposed on coverage or reimbursement for Medically Necessary treatment for other medical conditions.

Covered Services include diagnostic evaluation, detoxification, individual and group therapy, inpatient hospitalization as stated in section 4.6.1, residential, day, intensive outpatient, or partial hospitalization Services when they are Medically Necessary as determined by Providence Health Plan.

For inpatient, residential, day, intensive outpatient, or partial hospitalization treatment services; Providence Health Plan must be notified as soon as reasonably possible following the onset of treatment for coverage to continue.

Common formulations of medications for medication-assisted treatment such as buprenorphine and naltrexone are a covered benefit when Medically Necessary. Benefits are provided as shown in the Benefit Summary. Treatments involving the use of methadone are a Covered Service only when such treatment is part of a medically-supervised treatment program that has been Prior Authorized.

Prior Authorization is not required for medications used to treat Substance Use Disorders, including opiate addiction and withdrawal. Additionally, if your Substance Use Disorder medication has been lost, stolen, or destroyed, you are entitled to up to three early refills of your medication. If you need a refill of your Substance Use Disorder medication and your prescription has expired in the last 12 months, you are entitled to one refill of your medication without a current prescription.

In an emergency situation, go directly to a Hospital emergency room. You do not need Prior Authorization for emergency treatment; however, Providence Health Plan must be notified within 48 hours following the onset of treatment, or as soon as reasonably possible, in order for coverage to continue.

### **4.11 HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOSPICE CARE**

#### **4.11.1 Home Health Care**

Benefits for home health care Covered Services are shown in the Benefit Summary and are described below. The Plan will provide benefits for home health care as an alternative to hospitalization with consent of the Member. A Home Health Provider must provide Services at your home under a home health care plan. Nothing in this provision will increase benefits to cover home health care Services that are not otherwise covered under this Plan.

Any visit by a person providing Services under a home health care plan, or evaluating the need for or developing a plan is considered one home health care visit. Up to four consecutive hours in a 24-hour period of home health care Service is considered one home health care visit. A home health care visit of more than four hours is considered one visit for every four hours or part thereof.

Home health care will not be reimbursed unless your Qualified Practitioner certifies that the home health care Services will be provided or coordinated by a state-licensed or Medicare-certified Home Health Agency or certified rehabilitation agency. If you were hospitalized immediately prior to the commencement of home health care, the home health care plan must be initially approved by the Qualified Practitioner who was the primary provider of Services during the hospitalization.

If the above criteria are not met, **NO** benefits will be provided under this Plan for home health care.

Rehabilitation services provided under an authorized home health care plan will be covered as home health care Services.

Home health care benefits do **NOT** include:

1. Charges for mileage or travel time to and from your home;
2. Wage or shift differentials for Home Health Providers; or
3. Charges for supervision of Home Health Providers.

#### **4.11.2 Hospice Care**

Benefits are included for hospice care as shown in the Benefit Summary and as stated in this section. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

1. Your Qualified Practitioner certifies that you have a terminal illness with a life expectancy not exceeding six months; and
2. The Covered Services provided are reasonable and necessary for the condition and symptoms being treated.

When the above criteria are met, the Plan will provide benefits for a full range of Covered Services which a certified hospice care program is required to include. Covered Services include the following:

- Nursing care provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse;
- Medical social services provided by a medical social worker who is working under the direction of a physician, including counseling for the purpose of helping you and your caregivers adjust to the approaching death;
- Services provided by your Qualified Practitioner or a physician associated with the hospice program;
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME), medical supplies and devices, including medications used primarily for the relief of pain and control of symptoms related to the terminal illness;
- Home health aide Services for personal care, maintenance of a safe and healthy environment and general support to the goals of the plan of care;
- Rehabilitation therapies provided for purposes of symptom control or to enable you to maintain activities of daily living and basic functional skills; and

- Continuous home care during a period of crisis in which you require skilled intervention to achieve palliation or management of acute medical symptoms. Respite care is not covered.

## **4.12 OTHER COVERED SERVICES**

### **4.12.1 Genetic Testing and Counseling Services**

Genetic testing and counseling are covered under the applicable benefit level when there is a medical condition that requires genetic testing to make a certain diagnosis or to aid in planning a treatment course. Identification of a genetic disorder should result in medical interventions and solutions that are corrective or therapeutic in nature. Select genetic testing requires Prior Authorization. For more information, see section 3.5.

All Direct to Consumer genetic tests are considered investigational and are not covered.

### **4.12.2 Inborn Errors of Metabolism**

The Plan will provide benefits for Covered Services as shown in the Benefit Summary based upon the type of Services received for diagnosing, monitoring and controlling inborn errors of metabolism, including, but not limited to: phenylketonuria (PKU); homocystinuria; citrullinemia; maple syrup disease; and pyruvate dehydrogenase deficiency; that involve amino acid, carbohydrate and fat metabolism for which medically standard methods exist, including quantification of metabolites in blood, urine, spinal fluid or enzyme or DNA confirmation in tissues. Covered Services include clinical visits, biochemical analysis and medical foods used in the treatment of such disorders. For coverage of medical foods, see section 4.9.1.

### **4.12.3 Podiatry/Foot Services**

Benefits include Covered Services of a podiatrist or other Qualified Practitioner and are provided as shown in the Physician/Provider Services section of the Benefit Summary. Covered Services include, but are not limited to, the fitting and follow up exam for removable custom orthotic shoe inserts when required as a result of surgery, congenital defect or diabetes. Removable custom orthotic shoe inserts are covered as stated in section 4.9.2 (Medical Appliances). Covered Services do not include routine foot care and the removal of corns or calluses, unless you have diabetes.

### **4.12.4 Reconstructive Surgery**

Reconstructive Surgery is covered for conditions resulting from congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors or disease. Reconstructive surgery may be performed to correct a functional impairment in which the special, normal or proper action of any body part or organ is damaged; when necessary because of accidental injury or to correct scars or defects from accidental injury; or when necessary to correct scars or defects to the head or neck resulting from covered surgery. Benefits are covered as those Services listed in the Benefit Summary based upon the type of Services received. For Restoration of Head or Facial Structures; Limited Dental Services, see section 4.12.6. This exclusion does not apply to Mental Health or Substance Use Disorders.

#### **4.12.5 Reconstructive Breast Surgery**

Members who have undergone mastectomy are entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). "Mastectomy" means the surgical removal of breast tissue and breast lumps due to malignancy or suspected malignancy.

Benefits for Reconstructive Surgery of the breast are covered as those Services listed in the Benefit Summary based upon the type of Services received. Reconstructive Surgery of the breast is covered for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the involved breast following a mastectomy;
- Surgery and construction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

This exclusion does not apply to Mental Health or Substance Use Disorders. If you have additional questions about your WHCRA benefits, please contact Customer Service.

#### **4.12.6 Restoration of Head/Facial Structures; Limited Dental Services**

Covered Services are limited to those Services that are Medically Necessary for the purpose of controlling or eliminating infection, controlling or eliminating pain, or restoring facial configuration or functions such as speech, swallowing or chewing but not including cosmetic services to improve on the normal range of conditions. Medically Necessary Covered Services include restoration and management of head and facial structures, including teeth, dental implants and bridges, that cannot be replaced with living tissue and that are defective because of trauma, disease or birth or developmental deformities, not including overbite, crossbite, malocclusion or similar developmental irregularities of the teeth or jaw.

Benefits are covered as those Services listed in the Benefit Summary based upon the type of Services received.

Exclusions that apply to Covered Services include:

- Cosmetic Services not considered Medically Necessary;
- Services rendered to improve a condition that falls within the normal range of such conditions;
- Routine Orthodontia;
- Services to treat tooth decay, periodontal conditions and deficiencies in dental hygiene;
- Removal of impacted teeth;
- The making or repairing of dentures;
- Orthognathic surgery to treat developmental maxillofacial conditions that result in overbite, crossbite, malocclusion or similar developmental irregularities of the teeth; and
- Services to treat temporomandibular joint syndrome, including orthognathic surgery, except as provided in section 4.12.7.

#### **Outpatient Hospitalization and Anesthesia for Limited Dental Services**

Benefits for outpatient hospitalization and anesthesia for dental Services are covered as those Services listed in the Benefit Summary based upon the type of Services received and

will only be provided for Members with complicating medical conditions. Examples of these conditions include, but are not limited to:

- Developmental disabilities;
- Physical disabilities; or
- A combination of medical conditions or disabilities which cannot be managed safely and efficiently in a dental office.

Dental Services are excluded.

#### **4.12.7 Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Services**

Benefits are provided for TMJ Services using your In-Network benefits as shown in the Benefit Summary. Covered Services include:

1. A diagnostic examination including a history, physical examination and range of motion measurements, as necessary;
2. Diagnostic X-rays;
3. Physical therapy of necessary frequency and duration;
4. Therapeutic injections;
5. Therapy utilizing an appliance/splint which does not permanently alter tooth position, jaw position or bite. Benefits for this therapy will be based on the use of a single appliance/splint, regardless of the number of appliances/splints used in treatment. Coverage of the appliance/splint is under the provisions of this section and coverage is not applicable under section 4.9.2 (Medical Appliances). The benefit for the appliance splint therapy will include an allowance for diagnostic Services, office visits and adjustments; and
6. Surgical Services.

TMJ Services are covered as shown in your Benefit Summary; limits may apply.

Out-of-Network benefits do not apply to TMJ Services.

Covered Services for TMJ conditions do not include dental or orthodontia Services.

#### **4.12.8 Self-Administered Chemotherapy**

Self-administered chemotherapy agents, including oral medications and injectable medications, are covered when received from a Participating retail or specialty Pharmacy.

Self-administered chemotherapy is covered under your Outpatient Chemotherapy benefit. Self-administered chemotherapy is covered under your Prescription Drug benefit when that coverage results in a lower out-of-pocket expense to the Member (See section 4.14).

#### **4.12.9 Chiropractic Manipulation**

Coverage is provided for chiropractic manipulation as stated in the Benefit Summary. To be eligible for coverage, all chiropractic manipulation Services must be Medically Necessary and within the Qualified Practitioner's scope of license.

#### **4.12.10 Acupuncture**

Coverage is provided for acupuncture as stated in the Benefit Summary. To be eligible for coverage, all acupuncture Services must be Medically Necessary and within the Qualified Practitioner's scope of license.

#### **4.12.11 Massage Therapy**

Coverage is provided for massage therapy as stated in the Benefit Summary. To be eligible for coverage, all massage therapy Services must be Medically Necessary and within the Qualified Practitioner's scope of license.

#### **4.12.12 Gender Dysphoria**

Benefits are provided for gender affirming services for the treatment of Gender Dysphoria as determined by our medical policy. Covered Services include, but are not limited to, Mental Health, Prescription Drug, and select surgical procedures. Coverage is provided at the applicable benefit level for the type of Covered Services received, as shown in your Benefit Summary. For example, surgical procedures are subject to your provider surgical benefit and applicable inpatient or outpatient facility benefit. Surgical treatment of Gender Dysphoria is subject to Medical Necessity, as set forth in our medical policy, and must be received from licensed providers and facilities. Prior Authorization may apply to certain inpatient procedures. Please see section 3.5 for more information on services requiring Prior Authorization.

#### **4.12.13 Elective Sterilization**

Coverage is provided, as stated below, for voluntary sterilization (tubal ligation and vasectomy).

All Covered Services must be received from Qualified Providers and Facilities.

- In-Network: Services are covered in full.
- Out-of-Network: Services are covered subject to the provisions of the applicable Out-of-Network benefit, e.g., your Inpatient or Outpatient Surgery benefit.

**Please note:** Providence Health Plan is a Catholic-sponsored health plan, and, as a matter of conscience, Providence Health & Services facilities do not offer these Services. Services are available at other In-Network facilities.

#### **4.12.14 Hearing Loss Services**

##### **Definitions:**

##### **Cochlear Implant**

Cochlear Implant means a device that can be surgically implanted under the skin in the bony area behind the ear (the cochlea) to stimulate hearing.

##### **Hearing Aid**

Hearing Aid means any non-disposable, wearable instrument or device designed to aid or compensate for impaired human hearing and any necessary ear mold, part, attachments, batteries or accessory for the instrument or device, except cords.

**Covered Services:**

The following hearing loss services are covered under this Plan as described below. Benefits for such services are provided at the applicable benefit level for that particular type of service, as listed in your Benefit Summary.

All Covered Services must be Medically Necessary and appropriate, and prescribed, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed audiologist, hearing aid/instrument specialist, or other Qualified Practitioner.

**Cochlear implants:**

Cochlear implants for one or both ears, including fitting, programming, reprogramming, replacement and repair. Cochlear Implants require Prior Authorization. The devices are covered under the Surgery and applicable Facility benefit. These services and devices are not subject to your Deductible in-network.

**Hearing aids & related accessories:**

Medically Necessary external hearing aids and devices, as prescribed, fitted, and dispensed by a licensed audiologist or a hearing aid/instrument specialist. Hearing aids and devices are covered under the Medical Appliances benefit. This benefit is available for one hearing aid per ear every three Calendar Years for all Members. Hearing aid batteries are covered for one box per hearing aid per Calendar Year. These services and devices are not subject to your Deductible in-network.

**Diagnostic & Treatment Services:**

Medically Necessary diagnostic and treatment services, including office visits for hearing tests appropriate for member's age or development need, hearing aid checks, and aided testing. Services are covered under the applicable benefit level for the service received. For example, office visits with an audiologist are covered under the Specialist office visit benefit. These services and devices are not subject to your Deductible in-network.

**Hearing Assistance Technology:**

- Bone conduction sound processor headbands and prosthetic parts, if necessary for appropriate amplification of hearing loss. This benefit is available once every three Calendar Years for all Members.
- Hearing assistive technology systems, if necessary, for appropriate amplification of hearing loss. This benefit is available once every three Calendar Years for all Members.
- Necessary repair or replacement of such devices when the cost is not covered by a warranty.
- These services and devices are not subject to your Deductible in-network.

**Limits to Hearing Loss Services**

Coverage for hearing loss services are provided in accordance with state and federal law.

**4.12.15 Wigs**

The Plan will provide coverage for one wig every calendar year for Members who have undergone chemotherapy or radiation therapy or are experiencing pharmaceutical drug-induced Alopecia at the Medical Equipment, Supplies and Devices benefit level listed in your



Benefit Summary. A wig is a full cranial hair prosthesis to use as a hair loss solution or hair replacement. Wigs may be purchased from any wig supplier. Wig suppliers may require Members to pay for items and submit the paid receipt to Providence Health Plan for reimbursement. For information about submitting claims, see section 6.1.1.

#### **4.12.16 Biofeedback**

Coverage is provided, as shown in the Benefit Summary for biofeedback to treat migraine headaches or urinary incontinence. Services must be Medically Necessary and within the Qualified Practitioner's scope of license.

#### **4.12.17 Fertility Preservation Services**

The Plan covers Fertility Preservation for members with sickle cell disease or where treatment related to cancer conditions may cause irreversible infertility, as recommended by clinical evidence-based guidelines such as those of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and as outlined in our medical policy.

Covered Services include the following:

- Office visits, counseling and procedures related to Fertility Preservation;
- Retrieval and storage of eggs and sperm;
- Drugs related to retrieval and storage of eggs and sperm for Fertility Preservation.

Examples include medications used to stimulate the ovaries for oocyte (egg) retrieval.

Infertility treatment, including in-vitro fertilization, is NOT covered as part of this benefit.

#### **4.12.18 Vision Therapy**

Coverage is provided, as shown in the Benefit Summary for Vision Therapy to treat Convergence Insufficiency. Services must be Medically Necessary and within the Qualified Practitioner's scope of license.

#### **4.12.19 Other Medical Services and Devices**

This Plan covers support for implantable and external medical devices that are vital to your well-being. Coverage for initial device setup, device training, and evaluation of device functionality is provided when performed by a Qualified Practitioner. This coverage is subject to your In-Network and Out-of-Network coinsurance, as shown in your Benefit Summary. Coverage includes, but is not limited to, cardiac rhythm management devices, eye tracking devices for amblyopia, and both speech and non-speech generating devices.

### **4.13 HUMAN ORGAN/TISSUE TRANSPLANTS**

A transplant is defined as a procedure or series of procedures by which an organ or tissue is either:

- Removed from the body of one person (the donor) and implanted in the body of another person (the recipient who is a Member); or
- Removed from and replaced in the same person's body (a self-donor who is a Member).

The term transplant does not include Services related to the transfusion of blood or blood derivatives (except hematopoietic stem cells) or replacement of a cornea. Corneal replacement is covered under the applicable provider and facility surgical benefits.

#### **4.13.1 Covered Services**

Covered Services for transplants are limited to Services that:

1. Are determined by Providence Health Plan to be Medically Necessary and medically appropriate according to national standards of care;
2. Are provided at a facility approved by us or under contract with Providence Health Plan (the Out-of-Network benefit does NOT apply to transplant Services);
3. Involve one or more of the following organs or tissues:
  - Heart
  - Lung
  - Liver
  - Kidney
  - Pancreas
  - Small bowel
  - Autologous hematopoietic stem cell/bone marrow
  - Allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell/bone marrow; and
4. Are directly related to the transplant procedure, including Services that occur before, during and after the transplant procedure.

Covered Services for transplant recipients include medical Services, Hospital Services, medical supplies, medications and prescription drugs while hospitalized, diagnostic modalities, prosthesis, high dosage chemotherapy for stem cell/bone marrow transplants, and travel expenses. Travel expenses are subject to a \$5,000 per transplant benefit maximum for transportation, food and lodging. Food and lodging is subject to a \$300 per diem. Per diem expenses apply to the \$5,000 travel expenses per transplant benefit maximum. (Note: Travel expenses are not covered for donors.)

Services for donors are covered when the donor is not eligible for coverage of donation Services under any other Health Benefit Plan or government funding program. Covered Services for donors include:

1. Initial evaluation of the donor and related program administration costs;
2. Preserving the organ or tissue;
3. Transporting the organ or tissue to the transplant site;
4. Acquisition charges for cadaver or live donor;
5. Services required to remove the organ or tissue from the donor; and
6. Treatment of medical complications directly resulting from the surgery performed to obtain the organ or tissue for a period of time not to exceed 30 consecutive days following that surgery.

#### **4.13.2 Benefits for Transplant Facility Services Provided to the Organ Recipient**

The Member/recipient is responsible for the Deductible, Coinsurance or Copayment amounts for pre-transplant services and post-transplant services at the applicable Inpatient Hospital Services and Outpatient Facility Services benefit.

The transplant procedure and related inpatient services are billed at a Global Fee. The Global Fee can include facility, professional, organ acquisition, and inpatient day charges. It does not include pre-transplant and post-transplant services. The Member/recipient is

responsible for the Deductible, Coinsurance or Copayment amounts for the Global Fee at the applicable Inpatient Hospital Service benefit.

The Global Fee and the pre-transplant and post-transplant Services will apply to the Member's Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

#### **4.13.3 Benefits for Outpatient Medications**

Outpatient prescription medications for transplant-related Services, including anti-rejection (immunosuppressive) drugs, are not eligible for reimbursement under the medical benefits of this Plan. Benefits for outpatient prescription drugs are provided under this Plan's Prescription Drug Benefit and those benefits are subject to the terms and limitations of that Benefit.

#### **4.13.4 Benefits for Physician/Provider Services Provided to the Organ Recipient**

Benefits for physician/provider Services are provided as shown in the Benefit Summary. The Member/recipient is responsible for the Deductible, Coinsurance or Copayment amounts for those Services, as shown in the Benefit Summary, unless those Services are billed as a global fee with the facility Services, and those amounts will apply to the Member's Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

#### **4.13.5 Transplant Prior Authorization**

(See also section 3.5.)

To qualify for coverage under this Plan, all transplant-related Services, procedures, treatment protocols and facilities must be Prior Authorized, including:

- Initial consultation;
- Evaluation;
- Transplant facilities;
- Donor evaluation;
- Donor Services;
- High-dose chemotherapy administered prior to the transplant;
- HLA typing;
- Travel expenses;
- Pre-transplant care;
- Self-donation Services;
- Transplant Services; and
- Follow-up treatment.

#### **4.13.6 Transplant Exclusions**

In addition to the exclusions listed in section 5, the following exclusions apply to human organ/tissue transplants:

- Any transplant procedure performed at a transplant facility that has not been approved by us;
- Any transplant that is Investigational, as determined by Providence Health Plan;
- Services or supplies for any transplant that are not specified as Covered Services in section 4.13, such as transplantation of animal organs or artificial organs;

- Services related to organ/tissue donation by a Member if the recipient is not a Member or the Member/recipient is not eligible for transplant benefits under this Plan; and
- Transplant-related travel expenses for the donor and the donor's and recipient's family members.

#### **4.14 PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT**

The Prescription Drug Benefit provides coverage for self-administered prescription drugs which are Medically Necessary for the treatment of a covered illness or injury and which are dispensed by a Participating Pharmacy pursuant to a prescription ordered by a Qualified Practitioner for use on an outpatient basis, subject to your Plan's benefits, limitations and exclusions.

##### **Self-Administered Prescription Drug Definition**

Self-Administered Prescription Drugs mean medicinal substances designated by the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee for self-administration and dispensed from a Participating Retail, Mail Order or Specialty Pharmacy and labeled for self-administration.

The following are considered "Prescription Drugs":

1. Any medicinal substance which bears the legend, "RX ONLY" or "Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription";
2. Any medicinal substance of which at least one ingredient is a federal legend drug in a therapeutic amount;
3. Any medicinal substance that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reviews for safety and benefit. Products labeled "Not evaluated by the FDA" are excluded;
4. Any compounded drug product prepared using pharmaceutical grade active ingredients, which are reviewed by the FDA for safety and benefit;
5. Insulin; and
6. Any medicinal substance which has been approved by Oregon's Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) as effective for the treatment of a particular indication.

Prescription Drugs, including oral, topical and injectable medications delivered, injected or administered to you by a physician, other provider, or trained person in a Provider's office or other facility are not covered under your Prescription Drug Benefit. Prescription drugs administered in a Provider's office or other facility are subject to the applicable benefit. For example, Prescription Drugs delivered in a Provider's Office may be subject to your Allergy Shots and Allergy Serums benefit (see section 4.3.5). For details about Injectable and Infused Medications, refer to sections 4.3.6, 4.7.1, and 4.14.1.

Select self-administered injectable medications are medications which have been identified as being medically appropriate for administration by a patient or their caregiver, safely and effectively, without medical supervision. Certain medications considered to be usually self-administered by the patient or their caregiver are excluded from coverage under the medical benefit without Prior Authorization. A transition period may be allowed for a member to receive the drug at the Provider's office, clinic, or facility. A list of these drugs, the Self-Administered Drug List, can be found on the Providence Pharmacy Resource website at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy). After this transition period, the member will need to self-administer at home and your Prescription Drug Benefit applies.

#### **4.14.1 Using Your Prescription Drug Benefit**

Your Prescription Drug Benefit requires that you fill your prescriptions at a Participating Pharmacy.

You have access to Providence Health Plan's nationwide broad pharmacy network as published in our pharmacy directory.

Providence Health Plan Participating Pharmacies are those pharmacies that maintain all applicable certifications and licenses necessary under state and federal law of the United States and have a contractual agreement with us to provide Prescription Drug Benefits.

Participating Pharmacies are designated as retail, preferred retail, specialty and mail-order Pharmacies. To view a list of Participating Pharmacies, visit our website at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](http://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy). You also may contact Customer Service at the telephone number listed on your Member ID Card.

- Please present your Member ID Card to the Participating Pharmacy at the time you request Services. If you have misplaced or do not have your Member ID Card with you, please ask your pharmacist to call us.
- All covered Services are subject to the Copayments or Coinsurance listed in your Benefit Summary.
- The amount paid by a manufacturer discount and/or copay assistance programs will apply towards your Calendar Year Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Maximums, except for amounts paid under the Specialty Pharmacy Variable Copay Program.
- Participating Pharmacies may not charge you more than your Copayment or Coinsurance. Please contact Customer Service if you are asked to pay more or if you, or the pharmacy, have questions about your Prescription Drug Benefit or need assistance processing your prescription.
- Copayments or Coinsurance are due at the time of purchase. If the cost of your Prescription Drug is less than your Copayment, you will only be charged the cost of the Prescription Drug.
- You may be assessed multiple Copayments for a multi-use or unit-of-use container or package depending on the medication and the number of days supplied.
- You may purchase up to a 90-day supply of each maintenance drug at one time using a Participating mail service or preferred retail Pharmacy. Not all drugs are covered for more than a 30-day supply, including compounded medications, drugs obtained from specialty pharmacies, and limited distribution pharmaceuticals. To obtain prescriptions by mail, your physician or provider can call in the prescription or you can mail your prescription along with your Providence Health Plan Member ID number to one of our Participating mail-order Pharmacies. To find our Participating mail-order Pharmacies, please visit our website at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com). (Not all prescription drugs are available through our mail-order pharmacies.)
- Diabetes supplies and inhalation extender devices may be obtained at your Participating Pharmacy. Refer to your formulary for a list of diabetes supplies that may be covered under your prescription benefit when obtained at a pharmacy. All other continuous glucose monitors, insulin pumps, and all diabetic supplies obtained at a DME provider are considered medical supplies and devices.

- Select self-administered injectable medications are not covered when supplied in a provider's office, clinic or facility. Medications listed on the Self-Administered Drug list may be administered by a healthcare provider in a provider's office, clinic, or facility for a transition period, and benefits in section 4.3.6 apply. Please refer to the Providence Pharmacy Resource website at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy) for the Self-Administered Drug list. After this transition period, you will need to self-administer at home and your prescription drug benefit applies.
- Injectable medications received in your Provider's office are covered under section 4.3.5.
- Infusions, including infused medications, received at Outpatient Facilities are covered under section 4.7.1.
- Some prescription drugs require Prior Authorization or an exception to the Formulary in order to be covered. These may include select formulary agents, non-formulary agents, step therapy, and/or quantity limits as listed in the Providence Health Plan Prescription Drug Formulary available on our website at [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy) or by contacting Customer Service.
- Providence Health Plan will provide Members prescription synchronization services for maintenance medications. Upon Member or provider request, the Plan will coordinate with Members, providers, and the dispensing pharmacy to synchronize maintenance medication refills so Members can pick up maintenance medications on the same date. Members will be responsible for applicable Copayments, Coinsurances, and Deductibles.

#### **4.14.2 Use of Out-of-Network Pharmacies**

On rare occasions, such as urgent or emergency situations, you may need to use an Out-of-Network Pharmacy. If this happens, you will need to pay full price for your prescription at the time of purchase.

To request reimbursement, you will need to fill out and submit to Providence Health Plan a Prescription Drug Reimbursement form. This form is available on our website or by contacting Customer Service. When you submit the completed Prescription Drug Reimbursement form, include any itemized pharmacy receipts, along with an explanation as to why you used an Out-of-Network Pharmacy. Submission of a claim does not guarantee payment.

If your claim is approved, the Plan will reimburse you the cost of your prescription up to our Participating Pharmacy contracted rates, less your Copayment or Coinsurance if applicable. Reimbursement is subject to your Plan's limitations and exclusions. You are responsible for any amounts above our contracted rates.

International prescription drug claims will only be covered when prescribed for emergent conditions and will be subject to your medical Emergency Services benefit and any applicable Plan limitations and exclusions.

#### **4.14.3 Prescription Drug Formulary**

The Formulary is a list of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved prescription drugs. It is designed to offer drug treatment choices for covered medical conditions. Formulary status is given to drugs which meet evidence-based assessment of therapeutic effectiveness,

safety, pharmacoeconomic value and offer an important advantage to existing Formulary alternatives.

The Formulary can help you and your Qualified Practitioner choose effective medications that are less costly and minimize your out-of-pocket expense. There are effective generic drug choices that treat most medical conditions.

Not all FDA-approved drugs are covered by Providence Health Plan. Non-formulary drug requests require a formulary exception, must be FDA-approved, Medically Necessary, and require by law a prescription to dispense. See Section 6.1 under Claims Involving Prior Authorization and Formulary Exception.

Newly approved FDA drugs will be reviewed by the Oregon Region Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for safety and Medical Necessity within 12 months after the drug becomes available on the market. In the case of an urgent situation, you may request coverage of a newly approved FDA drug through the Prior Authorization process during our review period.

To access the Formulary for your Plan, visit [ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy](https://ProvidenceHealthPlan.com/pharmacy).

#### **4.14.4 Prescription Drugs**

##### **Generic and Brand-Name Prescription Drugs**

Both generic and brand-name drugs are covered benefits subject to the terms of your Benefit Summary. In general, generic drugs are subject to lower Copayments or Coinsurances than brand-name drugs. Please refer to your Benefit Summary for your Copayment or Coinsurance information.

If you request a brand-name drug, regardless of the reason or Medical Necessity, you will be responsible for the difference in cost between the brand-name and generic drug, in addition to the brand-name drug Copayment or Coinsurance indicated on the Benefit Summary. Your total cost, however, will never exceed the actual cost of the drug. The difference in cost between the brand-name and generic drug will not be applied toward your Out-of-Pocket Maximum, and you will continue to be responsible for the difference in cost after your Out-of-Pocket Maximum is met.

If a generic equivalent exists or becomes available, or if the cost of a brand-name drug changes, the tier placement of the brand-name drug may change or require a formulary exception (which is a form of Prior Authorization). The brand-name drug may also no longer be covered. If your brand-name drug is authorized through formulary exception and our formulary includes a generic equivalent, you will be responsible for the difference in cost between the brand-name and the generic drug and the difference in cost will apply toward your Calendar Year Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

##### **Affordable Care Act Preventive Drugs**

In accordance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) your plan covers, at no cost to you, certain preventive medications, including contraceptives, both prescription and Over-the-counter, when these medications are purchased from Participating Pharmacies. ACA preventive drugs your Plan covers are listed on your Formulary. Over-the-counter ACA preventive drugs received from Participating Pharmacies will not be covered in full under the ACA preventive

benefit without a written prescription from your Qualified Practitioner. However, over-the-counter contraceptives do not require a written prescription pursuant to Oregon state law.

#### **4.14.5 Prescription Drug Quantity**

Prescription dispensing limits, including refills, are as follows:

1. Topicals, up to 60 grams;
2. Liquids, up to eight ounces;
3. Tablets or capsules, up to 100 dosage units;
4. Multi-use or unit-of-use, up to one container or package; as prescribed, not to exceed a 30-consecutive-day supply, whichever is less;
5. FDA-approved women's prescription contraceptives: up to 3-months initial dispensing, then up to 12-months subsequent dispensing at any of our Participating Pharmacies; and
6. Opioids up to 7 days initial dispensing.

Other dispensing limits may apply to certain medications requiring limited use, as determined by our Oregon Region Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Prior Authorization is required for amounts exceeding any applicable medication dispensing limits.

#### **4.14.6 Participating Mail-Order and Preferred Retail Pharmacies**

Up to a 90-day supply of prescribed maintenance drugs (drugs you have been on for at least 30 days and that you anticipate continuing on in the future) purchased from a Participating mail-order or preferred retail Pharmacy will be covered subject to the following specific provisions:

1. Qualified drugs under this program will be determined by us. Not all prescription drugs are available through mail-order pharmacy.
2. Not all maintenance prescription drugs are available in 90-day allotments.
3. Copayment(s) will be applied to the quantity stated on your Benefit Summary. (Some quantity limitations and Copayments for unit of use packaging may apply).

When using a mail-order pharmacy, payment is required prior to processing your order. If Providence Health Plan removes a pharmacy from its network, we will notify you of this change at least 30 days in advance. Notification may be done via the online directory or letter depending on the circumstance.

#### **4.14.7 Prescription Drug Limitations**

Prescription drug limitations are as follows:

1. All drugs must be Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved, Medically Necessary and require by law a prescription to dispense. Not all FDA-approved drugs are covered by Providence Health Plan. Newly approved drugs will be reviewed for safety and Medical Necessity within 12 months after the drug becomes available on the market for Formulary consideration.
2. Certain drugs require Prior Authorization for Medical Necessity, place of therapy, length of therapy, step therapy, number of doses or dispensing limits. Step therapy uses our pharmacy claims history to confirm if certain drugs have been tried first by a Member. If a drug has not been tried first, cannot be tried first, or if the drug history is not available, Prior Authorization is required. For some drugs, Providence Health Plan limit the amount of the drug the Plan will cover. You or your Qualified



Practitioner can contact Providence Health Plan directly to request Prior Authorization. If you have questions regarding a specific drug, please call Customer Service.

3. Specialty drugs are injectable, infused, oral, topical, or inhaled therapies that often require specialized delivery, handling, monitoring and administration and are generally high cost. These drugs must be purchased through a Providence Health Plan designated specialty pharmacy. Due to the nature of these medications, specialty drugs are limited to a 30-day supply. Specialty drugs are listed in the Formulary. In rare circumstances specialty medications may be filled for greater than a 30-day supply; in these cases, additional specialty cost share(s) may apply.
4. Self-injectable medications are only covered when they are being self-administered and labeled by the FDA for self-administration; in some cases, a Prior Authorization may be required for the drug. Documentation of self-administration may also be required. Drugs labeled for self-administration that are being administered by a provider will fall to the Member's medical benefit.
5. Compounded prescriptions are subject to clinical review for Medical Necessity and Plan and benefit limitations. They are not guaranteed for payment. Compound drugs prepared using pharmaceutical-grade active ingredients may be approved. The product must be prescribed in a therapeutic amount, must meet our Medical Necessity criteria, and must be purchased at a Participating Pharmacy. Products with the disclaimer that the drug/product has not been reviewed by the FDA will not be covered. Inactive ingredients (e.g., fillers) used in the compound of the product that have been deemed not safe and/or beneficial by the FDA will not be covered.
6. In accordance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), your Plan covers, at no cost to you, certain preventive medications, including contraceptives, both prescription and Over-the-counter, when these medications are purchased from Participating Pharmacies. Not all preventive medications are required to be covered in full though. The ACA allows Plans to use reasonable medical management to select medications that are covered in full (for example, when there is a generic medication available, the brand name may not be covered in full). If your Provider does not feel that the medications covered in full by your Plan are the right ones for you, you may request coverage for a similar medication at \$0 Cost-Share by submitting a Prior Authorization.
7. Vacation supply medication refill overrides are limited to a 30-day.
8. A 30 day supply medication refill override may be granted if you are out of medication and have not yet received your drugs from a participating mail order pharmacy.

#### **4.14.8 Prescription Drug Exclusions**

In addition to the Exclusions listed in section 5, Prescription Drug Exclusions are as follows:

1. Drugs or medicines delivered, injected or administered to you by a physician or other provider or another trained person (see section 4.3.5);
2. Drugs prescribed that do not relate to the prevention or treatment of a covered illness or injury;
3. Drugs used for the treatment of fertility/infertility, except when used in the treatment of Fertility Preservation for oncological conditions and sickle cell disease as outlined in Section 4.12.17;
4. Fluoride, for Members over 16 years of age;
5. Drugs that are not provided in accordance with our formulary management program or are not provided according to our medical policy;

6. Drugs used in the treatment of fungal nail conditions;
7. Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs or vitamins that may be purchased without a provider's written prescription, except as required by federal or Oregon state law;
8. Prescription drugs, including prescription combination drugs, that contain OTC products or are available in an OTC therapeutically similar form;
9. Drugs dispensed from pharmacies outside the United States, except when prescribed for Urgent Care and Emergency Medical Conditions or as required by federal or Oregon state law;
10. Drugs, which may include prescription combination drugs, placed on a prescription-only status as required by state or local law;
11. Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged medication;
12. Any packaging, such as blister or bubble repackaging, other than the dispensing pharmacy's standard packaging for the place of service submitted;
13. Drugs or medicines used to treat sexual dysfunction (this exclusion does not apply to Mental Health Covered Services);
14. Drugs dispensed or compounded by a pharmacist that do not have at least one FDA-approved medication in therapeutic amount;
15. Drugs used for cosmetic purposes;
16. Drugs used for weight loss;
17. Drugs used to treat hair loss;
18. Drug kits unless the product is available solely as a kit. Kits typically contain a pre-packaged drug along with items associated with the administration of the drug (e.g., gloves, shampoo);
19. Drugs that are not FDA-approved or are designated as "less than effective" by the FDA (also known as "DESI" drugs);
20. Vaccines and medications solely for the purpose of preventing travel related diseases as defined by the CDC;
21. Early refill of eye drops, except when there is a change in directions by your provider, or if synchronizing your prescription refills. This exclusion does not apply to eye drops prescribed for the treatment of glaucoma; and
22. For drugs obtained at in-network pharmacies without using your pharmacy benefit, reimbursement is limited to our in-network contracted rates, except in the case of Urgent/Emergent situations. This means you may not be reimbursed the full cash price you pay to the pharmacy. Drugs obtained from out-of-network pharmacies are not eligible for reimbursement, except in the case of Urgent/Emergent situations.

#### **4.14.9 Prescription Drug Disclaimer**

Providence Health Plan is not liable for any claim, injury, demand, or judgment based on tort or other grounds (including, but not limited to, warranty or merchantability) arising out of or in any connection with the sale, compounding, dispensing, manufacturing, or use of any prescription drug covered under this Plan.

#### **4.14.10 Specialty Pharmacy Variable Copay Program**

Many specialty medications have manufacturer programs which provide financial assistance to patients in the purchase of the medication. When a financial assistance program is available from a prescription drug manufacturer for a specialty medication, Clackamas County requires that you participate in the program. Failure to complete the enrollment process for participation will result in a higher copayment/coinsurance and/or penalty, which can exceed the regular plan benefit cost shares. Manufacturer-funded financial

assistance will not be considered true out of pocket costs for plan participants and will not apply to out of pocket deductible maximums. Only your actual out-of-pocket payments will count toward your deductible or out-of-pocket maximum. For medications not subject to this program, regular plan benefits will apply. Due to federal regulation, Health Savings Account (HSA) plans are not eligible for this program.

#### **4.15 GENE AND ADOPTIVE CELLULAR THERAPY**

Gene and Adoptive Cellular Therapies are techniques that replace or modify a person's genes or cells to treat or cure some cancers and genetic diseases. Coverage is provided for Gene and/or Adoptive Cellular Therapy for Medically Necessary infusion benefits. Services are subject to Prior Authorization.

Coverage is also provided for travel expenses for Gene and Adoptive Cellular Therapy. These travel expenses are subject to a \$7,500 per calendar year maximum for transportation, food, and lodging. Deductible applies before reimbursement on HSA plans. Food and lodging is subject to a \$300 per diem. Per Diem expenses apply to the \$7,500 per calendar year benefit maximum.

## 5. EXCLUSIONS

In addition to those Services listed as not covered in section 4, the following are specifically excluded from coverage under this Plan.

### General Exclusions:

**The Plan does not cover Services and supplies which:**

- Are not provided;
- Are provided without charge or for which you would not be required to pay if you did not have this coverage;
- Are received before the Effective Date of Coverage;
- Are not a Covered Service or relate to complications resulting from a Non-Covered Service, except for Services provided as Emergency Care as described in section 4.5;
- Are not furnished by a Qualified Practitioner or Qualified Treatment Facility;
- Are provided by or payable under any health plan or program established by a domestic or foreign government or political subdivision, unless such exclusion is prohibited by law;
- Are provided while you are confined in a Hospital or institution owned or operated by the United States Government or any of its agencies, except to the extent provided by 38 U.S.C. § 1729 as it relates to non-military Services provided at a Veterans Administration Hospital or facility;
- Are provided while you are in the custody of any law enforcement authorities or while incarcerated, except as provided in section 3.3;
- Are provided for convenience, educational or vocational purposes including, but not limited to, videos, books and educational programs to which drivers are referred by the judicial system, and volunteer mutual support groups;
- Are provided to yield primarily educational outcomes, unless Medically Necessary or as otherwise covered under the Preventive Services benefit described in section 4.1. An outcome is “primarily educational” if the outcome’s fundamental, first, or principal character is to provide you with enduring knowledge, skill, or competence through a process of repetitive positive reinforcement over an extended length of time. An outcome is “enduring” if long-lasting or permanent;
- Are performed in association with a Service that is not covered under this Plan, except Emergency Services;
- Are provided for any injury or illness that is sustained by any Member that arises out of, or as the result of, any work for wage or profit when coverage under any Workers’ Compensation Act or similar law is required for the Member. This exclusion also applies to injuries and illnesses that are the subject of a claim settlement or claim disposition agreement under a Workers’ Compensation Act or similar law. This exclusion does not apply to Members who are exempt under any Workers’ Compensation Act or similar law;
- Are payable under any automobile medical, personal injury protection (PIP), automobile no-fault, homeowner, commercial premises coverage, or similar contract or insurance, when such contract or insurance makes benefits or Services available to you, whether or not you make application for such benefits or Services and whether or not you are refused payment for failure to satisfy any term of such coverage. If such coverage is required by law and you unlawfully fail to obtain it, benefits will be deemed to have been payable to the extent of that requirement. This

exclusion also applies to charges applied to the deductible of such contract or insurance. Any benefits or Services provided under this Plan that are subject to this exclusion are provided solely to assist you and such assistance does not waive our right to reimbursement or subrogation as specified in section 6.3. This exclusion also applies to Services and supplies after you have received proceeds from a settlement as specified in section 6.3.3;

- Are provided in a facility that specializes in treatment of developmental disabilities, except as provided in section 4.10.2;
- Are provided for treatment or testing required by a third party or court of law which is not Medically Necessary;
- Are Investigational;
- Are determined by us not to be Medically Necessary for diagnosis and treatment of an injury or illness;
- Are received by a Member under the Oregon Death with Dignity Act;
- Have not been Prior Authorized as required by this Plan; and
- Relate to any condition sustained by a Member as a result of engagement in an illegal occupation or the commission or attempted commission of an assault or other illegal act by the Member, if such Member is convicted of a crime on account of such illegal engagement or act. For purposes of this exclusion, “illegal” means any engagement or act that would constitute a felony or misdemeanor punishable by up to a year’s imprisonment under applicable law if such Member is convicted for the conduct. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to exclude Covered Services for a Member for injuries resulting from an act of domestic violence or a medical condition (i.e., a physical or mental health condition). This exclusion does not apply to Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Services.

**The Plan does not cover:**

- Charges that are in excess of the Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) charges;
- Custodial Care;
- Transplants, except as provided in section 4.13;
- Services for Medical Supplies, Medical Appliances, Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices, and Durable Medical Equipment (DME), except as described in section 4.9;
- Charges for Services that are primarily and customarily used for a non-medical purpose or used for environmental control or enhancement (whether or not prescribed by a physician) including, but not limited to, air conditioners, air purifiers, vacuum cleaners, motorized transportation equipment, escalators, elevators, tanning beds, ramps, waterbeds, hypoallergenic mattresses, cervical pillows, swimming pools, whirlpools, spas, exercise equipment, gravity lumbar reduction chairs, home blood pressure kits, personal computers and related equipment or other similar items or equipment;
- Physical therapy and rehabilitative Services, except as provided in sections 4.6.3 and 4.7.2;
- “Telephone visits” by a physician or “environment intervention” or “consultation” by telephone for which a charge is made to the patient, except as provided in section 4.3.2.
- “Get acquainted” visits without physical assessment or diagnostic or therapeutic intervention provided and online treatment sessions;
- Missed appointments;

- Non-emergency medical transportation;
- Allergy shots and allergy serums, except as provided in section 4.3.5;
- All Services and supplies related to the treatment of obesity or morbid obesity, except as provided in section 4.1 and 4.10.1;
- Services for dietary therapy including medically supervised formula weight-loss programs, unsupervised self-managed programs and over-the-counter weight loss formulas, except as provided in section 4.1.6;
- Transportation or travel time, food, lodging accommodations and communication expenses except as provided in sections 3.6 and 4.13 and with our prior approval;
- Charges for health clubs or health spas, aerobic and strength conditioning, work-hardening programs, and all related material and products for these programs;
- Biofeedback, except as provided in section 4.12.16;
- Thermography;
- Homeopathic procedures;
- Comprehensive digestive stool analysis, cytotoxic food allergy test, dark-field examination for toxicity or parasites, EAV and electronic tests for diagnosis and allergy, fecal transient and retention time, Henshaw test, intestinal permeability, Loomis 24-hour urine nutrient/enzyme analysis, melatonin biorhythm challenge, salivary caffeine clearance, sulfate/creatinine ratio, urinary sodium benzoate, urine/saliva pH, tryptophan load test, and zinc tolerance test;
- Chiropractic manipulation and acupuncture, except as provided in sections 4.12.9 and 4.12.10;
- Light therapy for seasonal affective disorder, including equipment;
- Any vitamins, dietary supplements, and other non-prescription supplements, except as required by federal or Oregon state law;
- Services for genetic testing are excluded, except as provided in section 4.12.1. Genetic testing is not covered for screening, to diagnose carrier states, or for informational purposes in the absence of disease;
- Services to modify the use of tobacco and nicotine, except as provided in section 4.1.8 or when provided as Extra Values or Discounts (see our website at [www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com](http://www.ProvidenceHealthPlan.com)), where available;
- Cosmetic Services including supplies and drugs not considered Medically Necessary;
- Services, including routine physical examination, immunizations and vaccinations for insurance, employment, licensing purposes, or solely for the purpose of participating in camps, sports activities, recreation programs, college entrance or for the purpose of traveling or obtaining a passport for foreign travel;
- Non-sterile examination gloves;
- Sales taxes, handling fees and similar surcharges, as explained in the definition of UCR;
- Air ambulance transportation for non-emergency situations is not covered, except as provided in section 4.5.2;
- Treatments that do not meet the national standards for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder professional practice;
- Services provided under a court order or as a condition of parole or probation or instead of incarceration, unless Medically Necessary;
- Personal growth services such as assertiveness training or consciousness raising;

- School counseling and support services, peer support services, tutor and mentor services; independent living services, household management training, and wraparound services that are provided by a school or halfway house and received as part of an educational or training program;
- Recreation services, therapeutic foster care, wraparound services, emergency aid for household items and expenses; services to improve economic stability, and interpretation services;
- Evaluation or treatment for education, professional training, employment investigations, and fitness for duty evaluations;
- Community Care Facilities that provide 24-hour non-medical residential care;
- Counseling related to family, marriage, sex and career including, but not limited to, counseling for adoption, custody, family planning or pregnancy. This exclusion does not apply to Mental Health or Substance Use Disorders;
- Neurological Services and tests including, but not limited to, EEGs, PET, CT, MRA and MRI imaging Services, and beam scans (except as provided in section 4.4.1);
- Vocational, pastoral or spiritual counseling;
- Viscosupplementation (i.e., hyaluronic acid/hyaluronan injection);
- All Direct-to-Consumer testing products; and
- Dance, poetry, music or art therapy, except as part of an approved treatment program.

**Exclusions that apply to Provider Services:**

- Services of homeopaths; faith healers; or lay, unlicensed direct entry, and certified professional midwives; and
- Services of any unlicensed providers.

**Exclusions that apply to Reproductive Services:**

- All services related to sexual disorders or dysfunctions regardless of gender or cause, except as provided in section 4.12.6. This exclusion does not apply to Mental Health Covered Services);
- All of the following services, except as described in section 4.12.17::
  - All services related to surrogate parenting, except Maternity Services as described in section 4.8;
  - All services related to in vitro fertilization, including charges for egg/semen harvesting and storage;
  - All services related to artificial insemination, including charges for semen harvesting and storage;
  - All services and prescription drugs related to Fertility Preservation;
  - Diagnostic testing and associated office visits to determine the cause of infertility;
  - All of the following services when provided for the sole purpose of diagnosing and treating an infertile state or artificial reproduction:
    - Physical examination;
    - Related laboratory testing;
    - Instruction;
    - Medical and surgical procedures, such as hysterosalpingogram, laparoscopy, or pelvic ultrasound; and
    - Related supplies and prescriptions.

For the purpose of this exclusion:

- Infertility or infertile means the failure to become pregnant after a year of unprotected intercourse or the failure to carry a pregnancy to term as evidenced by three consecutive spontaneous abortions.
- Artificial reproduction means the creation of new life other than by the natural means.
- Termination of pregnancy, unless there is a severe threat to the mother, or if the life of the fetus cannot be sustained;
- Reversal of voluntary sterilization;
- Male condoms and other over-the-counter birth control products for men; and
- Services provided in a premenstrual syndrome clinic or holistic medicine clinic.

**Exclusions that apply to Vision Services:**

- Surgical procedures which alter the refractive character of the eye, including, but not limited to, laser eye surgery, radial keratotomy, myopic keratomileusis and other surgical procedures of the refractive keratoplasty type, the purpose of which is to cure or reduce myopia, hyperopia or astigmatism; and
- Vision training, except as provided in section 4.12.18; and
- Services for routine eye care and vision care, vision exams/screenings, refractive disorders, eyeglass frames and lenses, contact lenses, except as provided in sections 4.1.1, 4.1.5, 4.5.3 and 4.9.2.

**Exclusions that apply to Hearing Services:**

- Replacement of lost or broken hearing aids are generally not covered, except for one time if a loss or damage claim is made within the first year of purchase;
- Repair of hearing aids outside of the warranty period are not covered. Repair needs during your warranty period should be discussed with your provider;
- Hearing aids prescribed and ordered prior to coverage, or prescribed or ordered after termination of coverage, whichever occurs first; and
- Hearing aids, hearing therapies and/or devices, except as provided in section 4.12.13.

**Exclusions that apply to Dental Services:**

- Oral surgery (non-dental or dental) or other dental services (all procedures involving the teeth; wisdom teeth; areas surrounding the teeth; dental implants), except as approved by us and described in sections 4.12.6;
- Services for orthognathic surgery, except as approved by us and described in section 4.12.6;
- Services to treat temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ), except as provided in section 4.12.7; and
- Dentures and orthodontia, except as provided in sections 4.12.6.

**Exclusions that apply to Foot Care Services:**

- Routine foot care, such as removal of corns and calluses, except for Members with diabetes; and
- Services for orthotics, insoles, arch supports, heel wedges, lifts and orthopedic shoes, except as described in section 4.9.3.



**Exclusions that apply to Prescription Drugs, Medicines and Devices:**

- In addition to the exclusions listed in section 4.14.8; any drug, medicine, or device that does not have the United States Food and Drug Administration formal market approval through a New Drug Application, Pre-market Approval, or 510K.

## 6. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

This section explains how the Plan treats various matters having to do with administering your benefits and/or claims, including situations that may arise in which your health care expenses are the responsibility of a source other than this Plan.

### 6.1 CLAIMS PAYMENT

The Plan's payments for most Services are made directly to the providers of Services. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Plan, if you are billed directly and pay for benefits which are covered by this Plan, reimbursement from the Plan will be made only upon your written notice to the Plan of the payment. Payment will be made to the Subscriber, subject to written notice of claim, or, if deceased, to the Subscriber's estate, unless payment to other parties is authorized in writing by you.

#### **Explanation of Benefits (EOB)**

You will receive an EOB from Providence Health Plan after your claim has been processed. An EOB is not a bill. An EOB explains how Providence Health Plan processed your claim, and will assist you in paying the appropriate Member responsibility to your provider. Copayment or Coinsurance amounts, Deductible amounts, services or amounts not covered and general information about our processing of your claim are explained on an EOB.

#### **Time Frames for Processing Claims**

If your claim is denied under the Plan, Providence Health Plan will send an EOB to you with an explanation of the denial within 30 days after your claim is received. If additional time is needed to process your claim for reasons beyond Providence Health Plan's control, you will be sent a notice of delay explaining those reasons within 30 days after your claim is received. The processing will then be completed and you will be sent an EOB within 45 days after your claim is received. If additional information is needed from you to complete the processing of your claim, you will be sent a separate request for the information and you will have 45 days to submit the additional information. Once the additional information from you is received, Providence Health Plan will complete the processing of the claim within 30 days.

#### **Claims Involving Prior Authorization and Formulary Exception (Pre-Service Claims)**

- **For Prior Authorization services that do not involve urgent medical conditions:** You and your provider will be notified of Providence Health Plan's decision within two business days after the Prior Authorization request is received. If additional information is needed to process the request, Providence Health Plan will provide written notice to the Member and the provider within two business days of receiving the Prior Authorization request. The Member and the provider will have 15 days to submit the additional information. Within two business days of receipt of the additional information, Providence Health Plan will complete their review and provide written notice of its decision to the Member and the provider. If the information is not received within 15 days, the request will be denied.

- **For Prior Authorization of services that involve urgent medical conditions:** You and your provider will be notified of Providence Health Plan's decision within 72 hours after the Prior Authorization request is received. If additional information is needed to complete the review, the requesting provider or you will be notified within 24 hours after the request is received. The requesting provider or you will then have 48 hours to submit the additional information. The review will then be completed and the requesting provider or you will be notified of Providence Health Plan's decision by the earlier of, (a) 48 hours after the additional information is received or, (b) if no additional information is provided, 48 hours after the additional information was due.
- **For Formulary exceptions:** For standard requests, Providence Health Plan will notify your provider or you of its decision within 72 hours after receipt of the request. For expedited requests, Providence Health Plan will notify your provider or you of its decision within 24 hours after receipt of the request. To qualify for expedited review, the request must be based upon exigent circumstances.

**Claims Involving Concurrent Care Decisions.** If an ongoing course of treatment for you has been approved under the Plan and it is determined through Concurrent Review procedures to reduce or terminate that course of treatment, Providence Health Plan will provide advance notice to you of that decision. You may request a reconsideration of the decision by submitting an oral or written request at least 24 hours before the course of treatment is scheduled to end. You will then be notified of Providence Health Plan's reconsideration decision within 24 hours after your request is received.

### **6.1.1 Timely Submission of Claims**

The Plan will make no payments for claims received more than 365 days after the date of Service. Exceptions will be made if Providence Health Plan receives documentation that you lacked legal capacity during that period. Payment of claims submitted by the Oregon state Medicaid agency or a prepaid managed care health services organization described in ORS 414.651 (i.e., a Coordinated Care Organization) will be made in accordance with ORS 743B.470, which establishes payment requirements for claims submitted by the Oregon state Medicaid agency.

Payment of all claims will be made within the time limits required by OAR 836-080-0235, the Oregon insurance Division's administrative rule setting standards for prompt payment. Please send all claims to:

Providence Health Plan  
Attn: Claims Dept.  
P.O. Box 3125  
Portland, OR 97208-3125

### **6.1.2 Right of Recovery**

The Plan has the right, upon demand, to recover from a recipient the value of any benefit or claim payment that exceeded the benefits available under this Plan. This right of recovery applies to any excess benefit, including (but not limited to) benefits obtained through fraud, error, or duplicate coverage relating to any Member. If timely repayment is not made, the Plan has the right, in addition to any other lawful means of recovery, to deduct the value of the excess benefit from any future benefit that otherwise would have been available to the affected Member(s) from the Plan under any contract.

## 6.2 COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

This Coordination of Benefits (COB) section applies when a Member has health care coverage under more than one Plan. The term “Plan” is defined below for the purposes of this COB section. The order of benefit determination rules govern the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits. The Plan that pays first is called the Primary plan. The Primary plan must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses. The Plan that pays after the Primary plan is the Secondary plan. The Secondary plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

### 6.2.1 Definitions Relating to Coordination of Benefits

#### Plan

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

1. Plan includes: group and individual health insurance contracts, health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts, closed panel plans or other forms of group or group-type coverage (whether insured or uninsured); medical care components of group long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; and Medicare or any other federal governmental plan, as permitted by law and group and individual insurance contracts and Subscriber contracts that pay or reimburse for the cost of dental care.
2. Plan does not include: hospital indemnity coverage or other fixed indemnity coverage; accident only coverage; specified disease or specified accident coverage; school accident type coverage; benefits for non-medical components of group long-term care policies; Medicare Supplement policies; Medicaid policies; or coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law.

Each contract for coverage listed under (1) or (2) above is a separate Plan. If a Plan has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate Plan.

#### This Plan

This Plan means, as used in this COB section, the part of this contract providing health care benefits to which this COB section applies and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of this contract providing health care benefits is separate from This Plan. A contract may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, such as dental benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another COB provision to coordinate other benefits.

The order of benefit determination rules listed in section 6.2.2 determine whether This Plan is a Primary plan or Secondary plan when a Member has health care coverage under more than one Plan.

When This Plan is primary, Providence Health Plan determines payment for benefits first before those of any other Plan without considering any other Plan's benefits. When This Plan is secondary, Providence Health Plan determines benefits after those of another Plan and

may reduce the benefits payable so that all Plan benefits do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

### **Allowable expense**

Allowable expense means a health care expense, including Deductibles, Coinsurance and Copayments, that is covered at least in part by any Plan covering a Member. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an Allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any Plan covering a Member is not an Allowable expense. In addition, any expense that a provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging a Member is not an Allowable expense.

The following are examples of expenses that are NOT Allowable expenses:

1. The difference between the cost of a semi-private hospital room and a private hospital room is not an Allowable expense, unless one of the Plans provides coverage for private hospital room expenses.
2. If the Member is covered by two or more Plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an Allowable expense.
3. If the Member is covered by two or more Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an Allowable expense.
4. If the Member is covered by one Plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary plan's payment arrangement shall be the Allowable expense for all Plans. However, if the provider has contracted with the Secondary plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the Primary plan's payment arrangement and if the provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment shall be the Allowable expense used by the Secondary plan to determine its benefits.
5. The amount of any benefit reduction by the Primary plan because the Member has failed to comply with the Plan provisions is not an Allowable expense. Examples of these types of plan provisions include second surgical opinions, precertification of admissions, and preferred provider arrangements.

### **Closed panel plan**

A Closed panel plan is a Plan that provides health care benefits to Members primarily in the form of services through a panel of providers that has contracted with or is employed by the Plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.

### **Custodial parent**

A Custodial parent is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, is the parent with whom the Dependent child resides more than one half of the Calendar Year excluding any temporary visitation.

### 6.2.2 Order of Benefit Determination Rules

When a Member is covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are as follows:

- A. The Primary plan pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits of any other Plan.
  - 1. Except as provided in Paragraph (2) below, a Plan that does not contain a COB provision that is consistent with the State of Oregon's COB regulations is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying Plan is primary.
  - 2. Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage shall be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are superimposed over base plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a Closed panel plan to provide out-of-network benefits.
- B. A Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another Plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other Plan.
- C. Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:
  - 1. Non-Dependent or Dependent. The Plan that covers a Member other than as a Dependent, for example, as an employee, Subscriber or retiree is the Primary plan and the Plan that covers the Member as a Dependent is the Secondary plan. However, if the Member is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the Plan covering the Member as a Dependent; and primary to the Plan covering the Member as other than a Dependent (e.g., a retired employee); then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed so that the Plan covering the Member as an employee, subscriber or retiree is the Secondary plan and the other Plan is the Primary plan.
  - 2. Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Plan. Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, when a Member is a Dependent child covered by more than one Plan the order of benefits is determined as follows:
    - a) For a Dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
      - i. The Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the Calendar Year is the Primary plan; or
      - ii. If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered the parent the longest is the Primary plan.
    - b) For a Dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
      - i. If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. This rule applies to plan years commencing after the Plan is given notice of the court decree;
      - ii. If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care

- coverage, the provisions of Subparagraph (a) above shall determine the order of benefits;
- iii. If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the Dependent child, the provisions of Subparagraph (a) above shall determine the order of benefits; or
  - iv. If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the Dependent child are as follows:
    - The Plan covering the Custodial parent, first;
    - The Plan covering the spouse of the Custodial parent, second;
    - The Plan covering the non-custodial parent, third; and then
    - The Plan covering the Dependent spouse of the non-custodial parent, last.
- c) For a Dependent child covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the Dependent child, the provisions of Subparagraph (a) or (b) above shall determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the Dependent child.
- d) For a Dependent child:
- i. Who has coverage under either or both parents' plans and also has coverage as a Dependent under a spouse's plan, the rule in paragraph (5) applies.
  - ii. In the event the Dependent child's coverage under the spouse's plan began on the same date as the Dependent child's coverage under either or both parents' plans, the order of benefits shall be determined by applying the birthday rule in Subparagraph (a) to the Dependent child's parent(s) and the Dependent's spouse.
3. Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee. The Plan that covers a Member as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the Primary plan. The Plan covering that same Member as a retired or laid-off employee is the Secondary plan. The same would hold true if a Member is a Dependent of an active employee and that same Member is a Dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled D(1) can determine the order of benefits.
4. COBRA or State Continuation Coverage. If a Member whose coverage is provided pursuant to COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another Plan, the Plan covering the Member as an employee, subscriber or retiree or covering the Member as a Dependent of an employee, Subscriber or retiree is the Primary plan and the COBRA or state or other federal continuation coverage is the Secondary plan. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not

agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule labeled D(1) can determine the order of benefits.

5. Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage. The Plan that covered the Member the longer period of time is the Primary plan and the Plan that covered the Member the shorter period of time is the Secondary plan.
6. If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the Allowable expenses shall be shared equally between the Plans meeting the definition of Plan. In addition, this Plan will not pay more than would have paid had This Plan been the Primary plan.

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

When This Plan is secondary, benefits may be reduced so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans during a plan year are not more than the total Allowable expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the Secondary plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage and apply that calculated amount to any Allowable expense under its Plan that is unpaid by the Primary plan. The Secondary plan may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the Primary plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans for the claim do not exceed the total Allowable expense for that claim. In addition, the Secondary plan shall credit to its plan Deductible any amounts it would have credited to its Deductible in the absence of other health care coverage.

If a Member is enrolled in two or more Closed panel plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of services by a non-panel provider, benefits are not payable by one Closed panel plan, COB shall not apply between that Plan and other Closed panel plans.

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

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply this COB section and to determine benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans. Providence Health Plan may get the facts needed from, or give them to, other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying this section and determining benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans covering a Member claiming benefits. Providence Health Plan need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each Member claiming benefits under This Plan must give us any facts Providence Health Plan needs to apply this section and determine benefits payable.

### **6.2.5 Facility of Payment**

A payment made under another Plan may include an amount that should have been paid under This Plan. If it does, this Plan may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under This Plan. This Plan will not have to pay that amount again. The term “payment made” includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case “payment made” means the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

### **6.2.6 Right of Recovery**

If the amount of the payments made by This Plan is more than what should have paid under this COB section, this Plan may recover the excess from one or more of the persons This Plan paid or for whom This Plan have paid; or any other person or organization that may be



responsible for the benefits or services provided for the Member. The “amount of the payments made” includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

### **6.2.7 Coordination with Medicare**

In all cases, coordination of benefits with Medicare will conform with federal statutes and regulations. Medicare means Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as enacted or amended. Medicare eligibility and how This Plan determines benefit limits are affected by disability and employment status. Please contact Customer Service if you have questions.

In accordance with the “working aged” provisions of the Medicare Secondary Payer Manual, when the Employer Group’s size is less than 20 employees, for Members who are entitled to and enrolled in Medicare Part A, enrollment in Medicare Part B will be assumed and Medicare will be the primary payer and This Plan will coordinate benefits as the secondary payer even if the Medicare-eligible Member has not elected Medicare Part B.

When the Employer Group’s size is 20 individuals or more, Medicare will be considered the secondary payer if the Member is enrolled in Medicare.

Counting individuals for the Employer size:

- Employees counted in the Employer size include the total number of nationwide full-time employees, part-time employees, seasonal employees, and partners who work or who are expected to report for work on a particular day.
- Those not counted in the Employer size include retirees, COBRA-qualified beneficiaries and individuals on other continuation options, and self-employed individuals who participate in the Employer’s group health plan.

**Medicare disabled and end-stage renal disease (ESRD) patients:** The rules above may not apply to disabled people under 65 and ESRD patients enrolled in Medicare; please see the Medicare website, [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov), for more information.

## **6.3 THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY/SUBROGATION**

The following provisions will apply when you or any other Member has received Services for a condition for which one or more third parties may be responsible. “Third party” means any person other than the Member (the first party to the provisions of this Plan), and Providence Health Plan (the second party), and includes any insurance carrier providing liability or other coverage potentially available to the Member. For example, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage, no-fault medical payments (auto, homeowners or otherwise), or other group insurance (including student plans) whether under the Member’s policy or not, are subject to recovery by us as a third-party recovery. Failure by the Member to comply with the terms of this section will be a basis for the Plan to deny any claims for benefits arising from the condition or to terminate the Member’s coverage under this Plan as specified in section 9.4. In addition, you or the Member must execute and deliver to the Plan and to other parties any document requested by us which may be appropriate to confirm or secure the rights and obligations of the Member and the Plan under these provisions.

### **6.3.1 Third-Party Liability/Subrogation and How It Affects You**

Third-party liability refers to claims that are in whole or part the responsibility of someone besides the Plan or the Member. Examples of third-party liability are motor vehicle accidents, workplace injury or illness, and any other situation involving injury or illness, including wrongful death, in which the Member or the Member's heirs, beneficiaries or relatives have a basis to bring a lawsuit or to make a claim for compensation against any person or for which the Member or the Member's heirs, beneficiaries or relatives may receive a settlement. Once it has been established that the third party is responsible to pay and is capable of paying for the expenses for the Services caused by that third party, the Plan will not provide benefits for the Services arising from the condition caused by that third party. Such benefits are specifically excluded from coverage under this Plan.

If the Plan makes claim payments on any Member's behalf for any condition for which a third party is responsible, the Plan is entitled to be repaid promptly for those payments, directly out of any recovery from the third party, including any settlement, award, verdict, payment or other monetary recovery.

"Subrogation" means that the Plan may collect directly from the third party to the extent the Plan has paid for third-party liabilities. Because the Plan has paid for the Member's injuries, the Plan, rather than the Member, is entitled to recover those expenses. Prior to accepting any settlement of the Member's claim against a third party, the Member must notify the Plan in writing of any terms or conditions offered in settlement and must notify the third party of the Plan's interest in the settlement established by this provision.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, the Plan is subrogated to the Member's rights against any third party who is responsible for the condition, have the right to sue any such third party in the Member's name, and has a security interest in and lien upon any recovery to the extent of the amount of benefits paid by the Plan and for the Plan's expenses in obtaining a recovery. If the Member should either decline to pursue a claim against a third party that the Plan believes is warranted or refuse to cooperate with the Plan in any third party claim that the Member does pursue, the Plan has the right to pursue such claim directly, including commencing a legal action against such third party or intervening in any action that the Member may have commenced.

To accomplish this process, the Plan needs detailed information from you or from the Member. A questionnaire will be sent to the Member for this information. It should be completed and returned to Providence Health Plan as soon as possible to minimize any claim review delay. If you or the Member has any questions or concerns regarding the questionnaire, please contact Providence Health Plan office. A Providence Health Plan employee who specializes in third-party liability/subrogation can discuss these procedures and what you or the Member needs to do.

### **6.3.2 Proceeds of Settlement or Recovery**

Subject to paragraph 6.3.4 below, if for any reason the Plan is not paid directly by the third party, the Plan is entitled to reimbursement from the Member or the Member's heirs, legal representatives, beneficiaries or relatives, and the Plan may request refunds from the medical providers who treated the Member, in which case those providers will bill the Member for their Services. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Plan is entitled to the proceeds of any settlement, award, verdict, or other payment that results in a monetary

recovery from a third party, whether or not responsibility is accepted or denied by the third party for the condition, whether or not such monetary recovery is described by any person as something other than a recovery of medical expenses incurred by the Plan, and whether or not the Member is alleged to have any fault, under principles of comparative negligence or otherwise. With respect to any workers' compensation recovery, the Plan is entitled to the proceeds whether or not the loss is deemed to be compensable under the workers' compensation laws. The Plan is entitled to recover up to the full value of the benefits provided by the Plan for the condition, calculated using the Plan's UCR charges for such Services, less the Plan's pro-rata share of the Member's out-of-pocket expenses and attorney fees incurred in making the recovery. The Plan is entitled to such recovery regardless of whether the Member has been fully compensated or "made whole" for the loss caused by the third party, and regardless of whether the Member has been partially compensated for such loss. The Plan is entitled to first priority in repayment, over the Member and over any other person, for such charges.

By accepting benefits under this Plan, the Member acknowledges the Plan's first priority to this repayment and assigns to us any benefits the Member may have from other sources. The Member must cooperate fully with the Plan and Providence Health Plan in recovering amounts paid by the Plan. If any Member seeks damages against the third party for the condition and retains an attorney or other agent for representation in the matter, that Member agrees to require the Member's attorney or agent to reimburse the Plan directly from the settlement or recovery in the amount provided by this section.

The Member must complete the Plan's trust agreement, by which the Member and any Member's attorney (or other agent) must confirm the obligation to reimburse the Plan directly from any settlement or recovery. The Plan may withhold benefits for the Member's condition until a signed copy of this agreement is delivered to the Plan. The agreement must remain in effect and the Plan may withhold payment of benefits if, at any time, the Member's confirmation of the obligations under this section should be revoked. While this document is not necessary for the Plan to exercise the Plan's rights under this section, it serves as a reminder to the Member and directly obligates any Member's attorney to act in accord with the Plan's rights.

### **6.3.3 Suspension of Benefits and Reimbursement**

Subject to paragraph 6.3.4 below, after the Member has received proceeds of a settlement or recovery from the third party, the Member is responsible for payment of all medical expenses for the continuing treatment of the illness or injury that the Plan would otherwise be required to pay under this Plan until all proceeds from the settlement or recovery have been exhausted. If the Member has failed to reimburse the Plan as required by this section, the Plan is entitled to offset future benefits otherwise payable under this Plan, or under any future contract or plan with Clackamas County, to the extent of the value of the benefits advanced under this section.

If the Member continues to receive medical treatment for the condition after obtaining a settlement or recovery from one or more third parties, the Plan is not required to provide coverage for continuing treatment until the Member proves to the Plan's satisfaction that the total cost of the treatment is more than the amount received in settlement or recovered from the third party, after deducting the cost of obtaining the settlement or recovery. The Plan will only cover the amount by which the total cost of benefits that would otherwise be

covered under this Plan, calculated using the Plan's UCR charges for such Services, exceeds the amount received in settlement or recovery from the third party. The Plan is entitled to suspend such benefits even if the total amount of such settlement or recovery does not fully compensate the Member for other damages, particularly including lost wages or pain and suffering.

Any settlement arising out of an injury or illness covered by this Plan will be deemed first to compensate you for your medical expenses, regardless of any allocation of proceeds in any settlement document that the Plan has not approved in advance. In no event shall the amount reimbursed to the Plan be less than the maximum permitted by law.

#### **6.3.4 Special Rules for Motor Vehicle Accident Cases**

If the third party recovery is payable to you or any enrolled Family Member as the result of a motor vehicle accident or by a motor vehicle liability or underinsured insurer, the rules in paragraphs 6.3.2 and 6.3.3 above are modified as provided below.

Before the Plan will be entitled to recover from under a settlement or recovery, you or your enrolled Family Member must first have received full compensation for your injuries. The Plan's entitlement to recover will be payable only from the total amount of the recovery in excess of the amount that fully compensates for the injured person's injuries.

The Plan will not deny or refuse to provide benefits otherwise available to you or your enrolled Family Member because of the possibility that a third party recovery may potentially be available against the person who caused the accident or out of motor vehicle liability or underinsurance coverage.

## 7. PROBLEM RESOLUTION

### 7.1 INFORMAL PROBLEM RESOLUTION

All employees of Providence Health Plan share responsibility for assuring Member satisfaction. If you have a problem or concern about your coverage, including benefits or Services by In-Network Providers or payment for Services by Out-of-Network Providers, please ask for Providence Health Plan's help. Your Customer Service representative is available to provide information and assistance. You may call or meet with Providence Health Plan at the phone number and address listed on your Member ID Card. If you have special needs, such as a hearing impairment, Providence Health Plan will make efforts to accommodate your requirements. Please contact Customer Service for help with whatever special needs you may have.

### 7.2 MEMBER GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL

#### Definitions:

#### Adverse Benefit Determination

An Adverse Benefit Determination means a:

- Denial of eligibility for or termination of enrollment in this Plan;
- Rescission or cancellation of coverage under this Plan;
- Source-of injury exclusion, network exclusion, Annual benefit limit or other limitation on otherwise Covered Services;
- Determination that a health care item or service is Investigational or not Medically Necessary; or
- Determination that a course or plan of treatment that a Member is undergoing is an active course of treatment for purposes of continuity of care.

#### Appeal

A type of Grievance that is a written request from a Member or an Authorized Representative of the Member requesting further consideration of an Adverse Benefit Determination.

#### Authorized Representative

An individual who by law or by the authorization of a Member may act on behalf of the Member.

#### Concurrent Care

An approved ongoing course of treatment to be provided over a period of time or for a specified number of treatments.

## **Grievance**

A communication from a Member or an Authorized Representative of a Member expressing dissatisfaction with an Adverse Benefit Determination, without specifically declining any right to Appeal or review, that is:

- In writing, for an internal Appeal or an external review; or in writing or orally, for an expedited response or an expedited external review; or
- A written complaint submitted by a Member or an Authorized Representative of a Member regarding the:
  - Availability, delivery or quality of a health care service;
  - Claims payment, handling or reimbursement for health care services and, unless the Member has not submitted a request for an internal Appeal, the complaint is not disputing an Adverse Benefit Determination; or
  - Matters pertaining to the contractual relationship between a Member and Providence Health Plan.

### **7.2.1 Your Grievance and Appeal Rights**

If you disagree with Providence Health Plan's decision about your medical bills or health care services, you have the right to an internal review. You may request review if you have received an Adverse Benefit Determination. You may also file a quality of care or general complaint or grievance with Providence Health Plan. You may appoint an Authorized Representative to act on your behalf during your Grievance or Appeal. Please include as much information as possible including the date of the incident, the names of individuals involved, and the specific circumstances.

In filing a Grievance or Appeal:

- You can submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to your Grievance or Appeal and Providence Health Plan will consider that information in the review process.
- You can be represented by anyone of your choice at all levels of Appeal.

Request for Claim/Appeal File and Additional Information:

- You can, upon request and free of charge, have reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to our decision at any time before, during, or after the appeal process. This includes the specific internal rule, guidelines, protocol, or other similar criterion relied upon to make the Adverse Benefit Determination, as well as a copy of your claim or appeal file as applicable.
- You also have the right to request free of charge, at any time, the diagnostic and treatment codes and their meanings that are the subject of your claim or appeal.

Filing a Grievance or Appeal does not affect your right to receive benefits for Covered Services as otherwise provided under this Plan.

If you received the services that were denied in the Adverse Benefit Determination, and if the Adverse Benefit Determination is upheld by internal or external review, you will be financially responsible for any benefits paid by the Plan for such services.

To the extent possible, Customer Service will resolve complaints filed by telephone at the point of service. We will acknowledge all non-urgent pre-service and post-service Grievances and Appeals within seven days of receipt and resolve within 30 days or sooner depending on

the clinical urgency. Urgent medical conditions and concurrent care have different resolution timelines as noted below.

**Urgent Medical Conditions:** If you believe your health would be seriously harmed by waiting for Providence Health Plan's decision on your Grievance or Appeal of a denied Prior Authorization or Concurrent Care request, you may request an expedited review by calling a Customer Service representative at 503-574-7500 or 800-878-4445 outside the Portland area. If your Appeal is urgent and qualifies for external review, you may request to have both your internal and external Appeal expedited at the same time. Providence Health Plan will let you know by phone and letter if your case qualifies for an expedited review. If it does, you will be notified of the decision within 72 hours of receiving your request.

**Grievances and Appeals Involving Concurrent Care Decisions:** If Providence Health Plan has approved an ongoing course of treatment for you and determines through medical management procedures to reduce or terminate that course of treatment, Providence Health Plan will provide advance notice to you of that decision. You may request reconsideration of the decision by submitting an oral or written request at least 24 hours before the course of treatment is scheduled to end. Providence Health Plan will then notify you of the reconsideration decision within 24 hours of receiving your request.

## **7.2.2 Internal Grievance or Appeal**

You must file your internal Grievance or Appeal within 180 days of the date on the notice of the initial Adverse Benefit Determination, or that initial determination will become final. The 180-day timeframe applies to both Standard and Expedited appeals. Please provide Providence Health Plan any additional information that you want considered during the review process. If you are seeing an Out-of-Network Provider, you should contact the provider's office and arrange for the necessary records to be forwarded to Providence Health Plan. Your Grievance or Appeal will be reviewed by Providence Health Plan staff not involved in the initial determination. You may present your case in writing. Once a final determination is made you will be sent a written explanation of the decision.

## **7.2.3 External Review**

If you are not satisfied with the internal Grievance or Appeal, you may request an external review by an Independent Review Organization (IRO). The IRO will determine if your case qualifies for external review. To qualify for external review, the case must involve (a) Medically Necessary treatment, (b) Investigational treatment, (c) an active course of treatment for purposes of continuity of care, (d) whether a course of treatment is delivered in an appropriate setting at an appropriate level of care or (e) an exception to a prescription drug formulary. Your request must be made in writing within 180 days of receipt of the internal Grievance or Appeal decision, or that internal decision will become final. If you agree, Providence Health Plan may waive the requirement that you exhaust the internal review process before beginning the External Review process. Providence Health Plan will notify the Oregon Insurance Division within two business days of receiving your request for external review, at which point an IRO will be assigned to the case by the Oregon Insurance Division and Providence Health Plan will forward complete documentation regarding the case to the IRO.

**If you request an external review you must agree to authorize release of medical records needed by the IRO and submit any additional information to the IRO no later than five days**

**after the appointment of the IRO, or 24 hours in cases of expedited review.** The IRO is entirely independent of the Plan and Providence Health Plan and performs its review under a contract with the Oregon Insurance Division. The IRO will notify you and Providence Health Plan of its decision within three days for expedited reviews and within 30 days when not expedited. **The Plan and Providence Health Plan agree to be bound by and to comply with the IRO decision.**

The Plan pays for all costs for the handling of external review cases and Providence Health Plan administers these provisions in accordance with the insurance laws and regulations of the State of Oregon. **If we do not comply with the IRO decision, you have the right to sue us under applicable Oregon law.**

#### **7.2.4 How to Submit Grievances or Appeals and Request Appeal Documents**

To submit your Grievance or Appeal or requests for External Review, you may contact Customer Service at 503-574-7500 or 800-878-4445. If you are hearing impaired and use a Teletype (TTY) Device, please call the TTY line at 711. Written Grievances or Appeals should be sent to:

Providence Health Plan  
Appeals and Grievance Department  
P.O. Box 4158  
Portland, OR 97208-4158

You may fax your Grievance or Appeal or requests for External Review to 503-574-8757 or 800-396-4778, or you may hand deliver it (*if mailing, use only the post office box address listed above*) to the following address:

Providence Health Plan  
3601 SW Murray Blvd., Ste. 10  
Beaverton, OR 97005

If your plan is governed by ERISA, you may contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272). If your plan is not governed by ERISA, you may contact the Department of Health and Human Services Health Insurance Assistance Team at 1-888-393-2789.



## **8. ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

This section outlines who is eligible for coverage, and how and when to enroll yourself and your Eligible Family Dependents. No benefits shall be available to anyone not enrolled under this Plan. You and your Employer must provide Providence Health Plan with evidence of eligibility as requested.

### **8.1 EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

#### **8.1.1 Employee Eligibility Date**

An employee is eligible for coverage as specified in the Eligible Employee definition.

#### **8.1.2 Employee Effective Date**

Coverage begins for an Eligible Employee as specified in the Effective Date of Coverage definition.

#### **8.1.3 Employee Enrollment**

The Eligible Employee must enroll on forms (paper or electronic) provided and/or accepted by Clackamas County. To obtain coverage, an Eligible Employee must enroll within 30 days to enroll after becoming eligible. An enrolled Eligible Employee is referred to as the Subscriber.

If you decline coverage or fail to enroll when you first become eligible, the next earliest time you may enroll is the next occurring Open Enrollment Period.

In certain situations, you and/or your Eligible Family Dependents may qualify to enroll during a special enrollment period. See section 8.3 for additional information.

### **8.2 DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

#### **8.2.1 Eligibility Date**

Coverage begins for each Eligible Family Dependent on:

1. The Effective Date of Coverage for the Subscriber if the individual is an Eligible Family Dependent on that date;
2. For any Eligible Family Dependents acquired on the date of the Subscriber's marriage, on the first day of the calendar month following receipt of the enrollment request, within 60 days of the Subscriber's marriage;
3. The date of birth of the biological child of the Subscriber or Spouse;
4. The date a child is placed with the Subscriber or Spouse for the purpose of adoption by the Subscriber or Spouse;
5. The date the Subscriber or Spouse is required to provide health coverage to a child under a qualified medical child support court or administrative order; or
6. The date on which legal guardianship status begins.

#### **8.2.2 Additional Requirements for Eligible Family Dependent Coverage**

An Eligible Employee may cover Eligible Family Dependents ONLY if the Eligible Employee is also covered, and Clackamas County receives the completed enrollment form requesting Dependent coverage.

### **8.2.3 Eligible Family Dependent Enrollment**

You must enroll Eligible Family Dependents on forms provided and/or accepted by Clackamas County. No Eligible Family Dependent will become a Member until Clackamas County approves that Eligible Family Dependent for coverage. To obtain coverage, the Eligible Family Dependent must enroll within 30 after becoming eligible as indicated in section 8.2.1 (see section 8.2.4 regarding newborn and adopted children). The next earliest time your Eligible Family Dependent may enroll is the next occurring Open Enrollment Period. In addition, an Eligible Employee and/or Eligible Family Dependent may qualify to enroll during a special enrollment period as described in section 8.3.

### **8.2.4 Newborn Eligibility and Enrollment**

A newborn or adopted child of a Member who meets the definition of an Eligible Family Dependent is eligible for coverage from the date of birth or placement for the purpose of adoption as long as enrollment occurs within 60 days from birth or placement and additional Premium, if any, is paid to Clackamas County. If the enrollment and payment of additional Premium, if any, are not accomplished within this time period, no Services will be covered for the child. Enrollment after this time period may be accomplished as outlined in sections 8.2.3 and 8.3.

### **8.2.5 Open Enrollment Period**

Clackamas County will provide an Open Enrollment Period each Plan Year. The Effective Date of Coverage for new Members who enroll during the Open Enrollment Period is the first day of the Plan Year for which they enroll.

### **8.2.6 Changes in Eligibility**

When an eligibility change occurs, you need to make sure Clackamas County is notified of the change. Address changes can be made by contacting Clackamas County Benefits & Wellness.

For the following changes, you, as the Subscriber, must obtain an enrollment form from Clackamas County's benefit office. You need to submit this form to your Employer for you and all your Eligible Family Dependents when:

- You marry and wish to enroll your new Spouse;
- A Dependent's limiting age occurs; or
- You or one of your Dependents has a legal name change.

If you have questions regarding eligibility changes, please contact Clackamas County Benefits & Wellness.

### **8.2.7 Members No Longer Eligible for Coverage**

If you divorce or are legally separated, your Spouse is no longer eligible for coverage as a Dependent. You must disenroll your Spouse as a Dependent from your Plan at the time the divorce or legal separation is final. Your Spouse's children will be able to continue coverage under the Plan so long as the children continue to qualify as your Eligible Family Dependents.

You must inform Clackamas County of these changes by completing a new enrollment form. Check with Clackamas County's benefits office or contact Customer Service to determine the effective date of any enrollment or disenrollment.

Those who no longer qualify as your Eligible Family Dependents may be eligible to continue coverage as described under section 10. Ask Clackamas County or call Customer Service for continuation coverage eligibility information.

### **8.3 SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS**

If you declined enrollment for yourself as a Subscriber or for an Eligible Family Dependent (including your Spouse) during a previous enrollment period (as stated in sections 8.1 and 8.2), you may be eligible to enroll yourself or the Eligible Family Dependent during a "special enrollment period" provided that you request enrollment within 60 days of the qualifying event and meet the applicable requirements stated in this section.

In instances where an Eligible Family Dependent of a Subscriber qualifies for a "special enrollment period," the Subscriber and the Eligible Family Dependent may:

- Enroll in the coverage currently elected by the Subscriber; or
- Enroll in any benefit option offered by the Employer for which the Subscriber and Eligible Family Dependent is eligible.

#### **8.3.1 Loss of Other Coverage**

If you declined enrollment for yourself as a Subscriber or for an Eligible Family Dependent (including your Spouse) because of other health coverage and you lose that other coverage, the Plan will provide a "special enrollment period" for you and/or your Eligible Family Dependent if:

- a) The person was covered under a group health plan or had other health coverage (includes benefits consisting of medical care under any hospital or medical services policy or certificate, or HMO) at the time coverage under this policy was first offered to the person; and
- b) The person stated in writing that coverage under such group health plan or health coverage was the reason for declining enrollment; but only if the Plan required such a statement and provided the person with notice of such requirement (and the consequences of such requirement) at such time; and
- c) Such coverage:
  - was under a COBRA Continuation provision and the coverage under such a provision was exhausted, except when the person failed to pay timely premium, or if coverage terminated for cause (such as making a fraudulent claim or an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact); or
  - was not under a COBRA Continuation provision and the coverage was terminated as a result of:
    1. The individual's loss of eligibility for the coverage; including as a result of legal separation, divorce, death, termination of employment, or a reduction in the number of hours of employment; except when the person failed to pay timely premium or if coverage terminated for cause (such as making a fraudulent claim or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact); or

2. The individual's loss of eligibility for coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid, Medicare, TRICARE, Indian Health Service or domestic or foreign publicly sponsored or subsidized health plan; including but not limited to the Oregon Health Plan (OHP); and the individual applies for coverage under this Plan within 63 days of the termination of such coverage; or
3. The termination of contributions toward such coverage by the current or former Employer; or
4. The individual incurring a claim that exceeds the lifetime limit on benefits; and the individual applies for coverage under this Plan within 60 days after the claim is denied.

**Effective Date:** Coverage under this Plan will take effect on the first day after the other coverage ended.

### **8.3.2 New Dependents**

If you were eligible to enroll as a Subscriber under this Plan, but did not enroll during a previous enrollment period, and a person becomes your Eligible Family Dependent through marriage, divorce, birth, adoption or placement for adoption; the Plan will provide a "special enrollment period" during which you and your Eligible Family Dependent(s) may enroll under this Plan.

The "special enrollment period" shall be a period of 60 days and begins on the later of:

- the date Dependent coverage is made available under this Plan; or
- the date of the marriage, birth, or adoption or placement for adoption.

**Effective Date:**

- in the case of marriage, on the first day of the calendar month following Clackamas County's receipt of the enrollment request, or on an earlier date as agreed to by Clackamas County; or
- in the case of a Dependent's birth, on the date of such birth; or
- in the case of a Dependent's adoption or placement for adoption, the date of such adoption or placement for adoption; or
- in the case of legal guardianship of a Dependent, the date such legal guardianship status begins.

### **8.3.3 Court Orders**

If you were eligible to enroll as a Subscriber under this Plan, but did not enroll during a previous enrollment period, and a court orders you to provide coverage for a Spouse or minor child under your Health Benefit Plan, the Plan will provide a "special enrollment period" for you and the Spouse or minor child you are ordered to provide coverage for if you request enrollment within 60 days after the issuance of the court order.

**Effective Date:** The date specified in the court order.

### **8.3.4 Premium Assistance**

If you or your Eligible Family Dependent were eligible to enroll under this Plan but did not enroll during a previous enrollment period, and you or your Eligible Family Dependent

becomes entitled to group health plan premium assistance under a Medicaid-sponsored or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)-sponsored arrangement, the Plan will provide a "special enrollment period" for you and your Family Member(s) if you request enrollment within 60 days after the date of entitlement.

## **8.4 LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND LAYOFFS**

A Subscriber on leave of absence or layoff status may continue to be covered under this Plan as though actively at work for a period of time, if any, as stated in the Eligible Employee definition. An Employee who returns to work as an Eligible Employee after coverage has lapsed must re-enroll for coverage as specified in section 8.1.3.

For the Subscriber, a leave of absence granted under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), is administered in accordance with those Acts and this Summary Plan Description.

## **9. TERMINATION OF MEMBER COVERAGE**

### **9.1 TERMINATION DATES**

Termination of Member coverage under this Plan will occur on the earliest of the following dates:

1. The date this Plan terminates;
2. The last day of the coverage period in which a Subscriber terminates employment with Clackamas County;
3. The last day of the coverage period in which a Subscriber no longer qualifies as a Subscriber, as stated in the Summary Plan Description;
4. The date a Member enters full-time military, naval or air service, except as provided under federal USERRA requirements;
5. The last day of the coverage period in which a Subscriber retires;
6. The last day of the month in which the Subscriber makes a written request for termination of coverage to be effective for the Subscriber or Member;
7. For a Family Member, the date the Subscriber's coverage terminates;
8. For a Family Member, the last day of the month in which the individual no longer qualifies as an Eligible Family Dependent;
9. For any benefit, the date the benefit is deleted from this Plan;
10. For a Member, the date of disenrollment from this Plan as described in section 9.4;
11. For a Member, the date any fraudulent information is provided; or
12. For a Member, the date we discover any breach of contractual duties, conditions or warranties, as determined by us.
13. For a Subscriber that is a Non-Medicare Eligible Early Retiree, the last day of the month in which the Retiree becomes eligible for Medicare.

You and the Employer are responsible for advising Clackamas County of any changes in eligibility including the lack of eligibility of a Family Member. Coverage will not continue beyond the last date of eligibility, regardless of the lack of notice to Clackamas County.

See section 7, Problem Resolution, for your Grievance and Appeal rights.

### **9.2 TERMINATION AND RESCISSION OF COVERAGE DUE TO FRAUD OR ABUSE**

Coverage under this Plan, either for you or for your covered Dependent(s), may be rescinded (meaning your coverage is retroactively canceled) or terminated in case of a fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact by you or by your covered Dependent in obtaining, or attempting to obtain, benefits under this Plan.

If coverage is rescinded, the Plan will retain any money you paid for coverage as liquidated damages and will have the right to recover from you or from your covered Dependents the benefits paid as a result of such wrongful activity. Providence Health Plan will provide all affected Plan participants with 30 days' notice before rescinding coverage.

### **9.3 NON-LIABILITY AFTER TERMINATION**

Upon termination of this Plan, Clackamas County shall have no further liability beyond the effective date of the termination unless the Member continues, without lapse of membership, under another Clackamas County plan.

#### **9.4 DISENROLLMENT FROM THIS PLAN**

“Disenrollment” means that your coverage under this Plan is terminated because you have engaged in fraudulent, dishonest or threatening behavior, such as:

1. You have filed a false claim with the Plan;
2. You willfully fail to provide information or documentation required to be provided under this Plan or knowingly provide incorrect or incomplete information;
3. You have committed an act of physical or verbal abuse that poses a threat to providers, to other Members, or to Clackamas County or Providence Health Plan employees; or
4. You have allowed a non-Member to use your Member ID Card to obtain Services.

#### **9.5 PROOF OF PRIOR COVERAGE**

Providence Health Plan will provide, upon request or as required by law, proof of prior coverage.

#### **9.6 CLACKAMAS COUNTY’S RIGHT TO TERMINATE OR AMEND PLAN**

Clackamas County reserves the right at any time to terminate or amend in whole or part any of the provisions of the Plan or any of the benefits provided under the Plan. Any such termination or amendment may take effect retroactively or otherwise. In the event of a termination or reduction of benefits under the Plan, the Plan will be liable only for benefit payments due and owing as of the effective date of such termination or reduction and no payments scheduled to be made on or after such effective date will result in any liability to the Plan or Clackamas County.

## 10. CONTINUATION OF GROUP MEDICAL BENEFITS

If you become ineligible for coverage under this Plan you may, under certain circumstances, continue group coverage. There are specific requirements, time frames and conditions that must be followed in order to be eligible for continuation of group coverage and which are generally outlined below. Please contact Clackamas County as soon as possible for details if you think you may qualify for group COBRA or state continuation coverage.

### 10.1 COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) is a federal law that applies to most Employers with 20 or more employees. Some Employers, such as church groups and state agencies, may be exempt from COBRA. The law requires that Employers subject to COBRA offer Employees and/or their Dependents continuation of medical and dental coverage in certain instances where there is a loss of group coverage.

#### 10.1.1 Subscriber's Continuation Coverage

A Subscriber who is covered under this Plan may elect continuation coverage under COBRA if coverage is lost due to termination of employment (other than for gross misconduct) or a reduction in work hours.

#### 10.1.2 Spouse's or Domestic Partner's Continuation Coverage

A Spouse or Domestic Partner who is covered under this Plan has the right to elect continuation coverage under COBRA if coverage is lost for any of the following qualifying events:

- The death of the Subscriber;
- The termination of the Subscriber's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct) or reduction in hours;
- The divorce or legal separation of the Subscriber and the Spouse;
- Termination of the domestic partnership; or
- The Subscriber becomes covered under Medicare.

#### 10.1.3 Dependent's Continuation Coverage

A Dependent child who is covered under this Plan has the right to continuation under COBRA if coverage is lost for any of the following qualifying events:

- The death of the Subscriber;
- The termination of the Subscriber's employment (other than for gross misconduct) or reduction in a Subscriber's hours;
- The Subscriber's divorce or legal separation;
- Termination of the domestic partnership;
- The Subscriber becomes covered under Medicare; or
- The child ceases to qualify as an Eligible Family Member under this Plan.

A newborn child or a child placed for adoption who is properly enrolled under the terms of this Plan during the COBRA continuation period will be a qualified beneficiary.



#### **10.1.4 Notice Requirements**

A Family Member's coverage ends on the last day of the month in which a divorce, legal separation or termination of domestic partnership occurs or a child loses Dependent status under this Plan. **Under COBRA, you or your Family Member has the responsibility to notify Clackamas County if one of these events occurs.** Written notice must be given no later than 60 days after the loss of coverage has occurred, or the qualifying event, whichever is later. Oral notice is not binding until confirmed in writing. If notice is not timely given, continuation coverage will not be available.

When Clackamas County receives notification of one of the above "qualifying" events, you will be notified that you or your Family Member, as applicable, have 60 days from the date coverage is lost or the date you receive the notice, whichever is later, to elect continuation coverage. If this election is not made within this 60-day period, your right to elect continuation coverage under this Plan will be lost.

#### **10.1.5 Type of COBRA Continuation Coverage**

A qualified beneficiary will be provided the same coverage that was in effect immediately prior to the qualifying event.

#### **10.1.6 COBRA Election Rights**

A Subscriber or their Spouse or Domestic Partner may elect continuation coverage for all covered Family Members. In addition, each Family Member has an independent right to elect COBRA. Thus, a Family Member may elect continuation coverage even if the Subscriber does not.

#### **10.1.7 COBRA Premiums**

If you are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage, you do not have to show that you are insurable (that you do not have any serious health conditions). However, you must pay the full premium for your continuation coverage, including the portion of the premium Clackamas County was previously paying. After you elect COBRA, you will have 45 days from the date of election to pay the first premium. You must pay the premium back to the point you would otherwise have lost coverage under this Plan. After that, you must pay the premium for each month as of the first of the month, and in all events within 30 days. If you fail to pay your monthly premium, you will be notified that your coverage is being terminated.

#### **10.1.8 Length of COBRA Continuation Coverage**

##### **18-Month Continuation Period**

When coverage ends due to a Subscriber's termination of employment (other than for gross misconduct) or a reduction in hours, the continuation period for the Subscriber and all covered Family Members will be 18 months from the date of the qualifying event, or the date coverage is lost, whichever is later.

##### **29-Month Continuation Period**

If a qualified beneficiary is disabled, continuation coverage for that qualified beneficiary and their covered Family Members may continue for up to 29 months from the date of the

original qualifying event, or loss of coverage, whichever is later. The 29-month period applies only if the following conditions are met:

- The Social Security Administration (SSA) determines that the qualified beneficiary is disabled at any time prior to the qualifying event or during the first 60 days of COBRA continuation coverage; and
- The qualified beneficiary provides Clackamas County with a copy of the SSA determination within the initial 18-month continuation period and not later than 60 days after the SSA determination was issued.

The premium for COBRA continuation coverage may increase after the 18th month to 150% of the otherwise applicable amount.

If the SSA makes a final determination of non-disability, the qualified beneficiary must notify the COBRA Administrator within 30 days.

### **36-Month Continuation Period**

If a Spouse, Domestic Partner or Dependent child loses coverage because of any of the following reasons, COBRA provides for up to 36 months of continuation of coverage:

- The Subscriber's death;
- The Subscriber's eligibility for Medicare;
- Divorce or legal separation;
- Termination of the domestic partnership; or
- A child becomes ineligible for Dependent coverage.

### **10.1.9 Extension of Continuation Period**

If a second qualifying event occurs during the initial 18- or 29-month continuation period (for example, the death of the employee, divorce, or child loses status as an Eligible Family Member under the Plan), coverage for a qualified beneficiary may be extended up to 36 months. However, in no case will the continuation coverage exceed 36 months from the date of the original qualifying event.

If a Spouse or Dependent child has continuation coverage due to the employee's termination or reduction in hours and if the qualifying event occurred within 18 months after the employee became entitled to Medicare, the coverage period is extended to 36 months from the employee's Medicare entitlement date.

### **10.1.10 Trade Act of 2002**

The Trade Act of 2002 created a new tax credit for certain individuals who become eligible for trade adjustment assistance (TAA). TAA allows workers displaced by the impact of foreign trade, and individuals age 55 or older who are receiving pension benefits paid by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), to elect COBRA coverage during the 60-day period that begins on the first day of the month in which the individual first becomes eligible for TAA benefits. Eligible individuals can either take a tax credit or get advance payment of sixty-five percent of premiums paid for qualified health insurance, including continuation coverage. If you have questions about these tax provisions, you may call the Health Care Tax Credit Customer Contact Center toll-free at 866-628-4282. TTD/TTY caller may call toll-free at 866-626-4282. More information about the Trade Act is also available at <http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/>.

#### **10.1.11 When COBRA Continuation Coverage Ends**

COBRA Continuation coverage will end automatically for you and your Family Members when any of the following events occurs:

- Clackamas County no longer provides health coverage to any employees;
- The premium for the continuation coverage is not paid on time;
- The qualified beneficiary (employee, spouse or dependent child) later becomes covered under another health plan;
- The qualified beneficiary (employee, spouse, or dependent child) later becomes entitled to Medicare;
- The earliest date that the qualified beneficiary no longer qualifies for such coverage in accordance with the federal COBRA regulations; or
- The applicable maximum period of continuation coverage occurs.

# 11. MEMBER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## 11.1 GENERAL MEMBER (PARTICIPANT) RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Member of Providence Health Plan, you should know what to expect from Providence Health Plan, as well as what Providence Health Plan asks from you. Nobody knows more about your health than you and your doctor. Providence Health Plan takes responsibility for providing the very best health care services and benefits possible; your responsibility is to know how to use them well. Please take time to read and understand your benefits. Providence Health Plan wants you to have a positive experience, and are ready to help in any way.

### Members have the right to:

- Be cared for by people who respect your privacy and dignity.
- Be informed about Providence Health Plan, the providers, and the benefits and Services you have available to you as a Member.
- Receive information that helps you select a Qualified Practitioner whom you trust and with whom you feel comfortable.
- A candid discussion of appropriate or Medically Necessary treatment options for your conditions, regardless of cost or benefit coverage.
- Receive information and clinical guidelines from your health care provider or your health plan that will enable you to make thoughtful decisions about your health care.
- Actively participate in decisions that relate to your health and your medical care through discussions with your health care provider or through written advance directives.
- Have access to medical Services that are appropriate for your needs.
- Express a concern or an Appeal and receive a timely response from Providence Health Plan.
- Have your claims paid accurately and promptly.
- Request a review of any service not approved, and to receive prompt information regarding the outcome.
- Be informed about and make recommendations regarding Providence Health Plan's member rights and responsibilities policy.
- Refuse care from specific providers.

### Members have the responsibility to:

- Read and understand the information in and the terms of your Plan. Neither the Plan nor Providence Health Plan will have liability whatsoever for your misunderstanding, misinterpretation or ignorance of the terms, provisions and benefits of this Plan. If you have any questions or are unclear about any provision concerning this Plan, please contact Customer Service. Providence Health Plan will assist you in understanding and complying with the terms of the Plan.
- Talk openly with your physician or provider, understand your health problem and work toward a relationship built on mutual trust and cooperation.
- Develop mutually agreed upon treatment goals with your Qualified Practitioner, to the degree possible, and follow treatment plans and instructions.
- Supply to the extent possible information Providence Health Plan your physicians or providers need to provide care.

- Do your part to prevent disease and injury. Try to make positive, healthful choices. If you do become ill or injured, seek appropriate medical care promptly.
- Treat your physicians or providers courteously.
- Make your required Copayment at the time of Service.
- Show your Member identification card whenever you receive medical Services.
- Let Customer Service know if you have concerns or if you feel that any of your rights are being compromised, so that Providence Health Plan can act on your behalf.
- Call or write within 180 days of Service if you wish to request a review of Services provided or Appeal a Providence Health Plan decision.
- Notify Customer Service if your address changes.

**Providence Health Plan has the responsibility to:**

- Respect and honor your rights.
- Ensure timely access to appropriate health care Services.
- Enable you to see physicians or providers who meet your needs.
- Develop a variety of benefits to serve you well.
- Assure the ongoing quality of our providers and Services.
- Contract with providers who are capable, competent, and committed to excellence.
- Make it easy and convenient for you to Appeal any policy or decision that you believe prevents you from receiving appropriate care.
- Provide you with accurate up-to-date information about Providence Health Plan and In-Network Providers.
- Provide you with information and services designed to help you maintain good health and receive the greatest benefit from the services we offer.
- Ensure privacy and confidentiality of your medical records with access according to law.
- Ensure that your interests are well represented in decisions about Providence Health Plan policy and governance.
- Encourage physicians and providers to make medical decisions that are always in your best interest.

## **11.2 INFORMATION FOR NON-ERISA MEMBERS (PARTICIPANTS)**

The following information applies to Members (participants) who are covered by a plan that is not subject to ERISA.

**As a participant in Clackamas County's Group Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under Oregon law, which provides that all Plan participants are entitled to:**

- 1. Receive from Providence Health Plan information maintained about you by your Employer's group plan**
  - You are entitled within 30 days to access to recorded personal information, provided you request it in writing and reasonably describe the information.
  - You may obtain copies, subject to paying a reasonable copying charge.
  - You are entitled to know to whom we may have disclosed any such information.
  - You are entitled to correct any errors in the information.

## **2. Continue group health coverage**

- Continue health care coverage for yourself, Spouse or Dependents under the circumstances described in section 10.1.

## **3. Enforce your rights**

If your claim for a plan benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to Appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

As more fully described in section 7, the Plan offers a Grievance process that attempts to resolve the concerns Members may have about claims decisions. No civil action may be brought to recover benefits from this Plan until receipt of a final decision under the Member Grievance and Appeal process specified in section 7.2 of this Summary Plan Description. If the Member elects to seek external review under section 7.2.4, both the Plan and the Member will be bound by the Independent Review Organization (IRO) decision. No civil action may be brought later than three years after the date of the last decision rendered under the Member Grievance and Appeal process specified in section 7.2.

Member's sole right of Appeal from a final Grievance determination, other than a determination referred for binding determination by an independent review organization, shall be to an Oregon state court, either in the Member's county of residence or such other county as mutually agreed upon between the Member and the Plan. In the alternative, Member may request that the Plan agree to submit the dispute to binding arbitration before a single arbitrator appointed by the United States Arbitration & Mediation Service (USA&M) under Oregon law in the Member's county (unless otherwise mutually agreed) in accordance with USA&M's Rules for Arbitration. If arbitration is mutually agreed upon the arbitrator's decision shall be final and legally binding and judgment may be entered thereon. Irrespective of whether the Grievance is appealed to a court or an arbitrator, neither party shall under any circumstance be liable to the other for any special, incidental, or consequential damages, or for any tort liability (including any punitive or exemplary damages), in any way related to this Plan.

## **12. QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS (QMCSO)**

A child of an Eligible Employee will be enrolled in the Plan as required by a qualified medical child support order. The procedures and rules regarding this enrollment are described in this section.

### **12.1 DEFINITIONS**

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

“Alternate Recipient” means any child of an employee who is recognized under an Order as having a right to enrollment under the Plan with respect to such employee.

An “Order” means any judgment, decree, or order (including approval of a settlement agreement) issued by a court of competent jurisdiction (or through an administrative process established under a state law which has the effect of a court order) which:

- Provides for child support with respect to a child of an employee under the Plan or provides for health benefit coverage to such a child, is made pursuant to a state domestic relations law (including a community property law), and relates to benefits under the Plan; or
- Enforces a state law relating to medical child support with respect to the Plan.

A “Qualified Medical Child Support Order” or “QMCSO” means an Order:

- Which creates or recognizes the existence of an Alternate Recipient’s right to receive, or assigns to an Alternate Recipient the right to receive, benefits for which an employee or beneficiary is eligible under the Plan; and
- With respect to which Clackamas County has determined satisfies the QMSCO standards set forth below.

“Procedures” means the Qualified Medical Child Support Order procedures as prescribed in this section.

“Designated Representative” means a representative designated by an Alternate Recipient to receive copies of notices that are sent to the Alternate Recipient with respect to an Order.

### **12.2 NOTICE UPON RECEIPT OF ORDER**

Upon the receipt of any Order, Clackamas County will promptly notify the employee and each Alternate Recipient identified in such Order of the receipt of such Order, and will further furnish them each with a copy of these Procedures. If the Order or any accompanying correspondence identifies a Designated Representative, then copies of the acknowledgment of receipt notice and these Procedures will also then be provided to such Designated Representative.

### **12.3 NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

Within a reasonable period after its receipt of the Order, Clackamas County will determine whether the Order satisfies the QMCSO standards described below so as to constitute a QMCSO, and shall thereupon notify the employee, each Alternate Recipient, and any Designated Representative of such determination.

An Order will not be deemed to be a QMCSO unless the Order:

(a) Clearly specifies:

1. The name and last known mailing address (if any) of the employee and of each Alternate Recipient covered by the Order (or the name and mailing address of a State or agency official acting on behalf of the Alternate Recipient);
2. Either a reasonable description of the type of coverage to be provided under the Plan to each Alternate Recipient, or the manner in which such type of coverage is to be determined; and
3. The period to which the Order applies.

(b) Does not require the Plan to provide any type or form of benefit, or any option, not otherwise provided under the Plan, except to the extent that the Order pertains to the enforcement of a state law relating to a medical child support.

If an Order contains inconsistencies or ambiguities that might pose a risk of future controversy or liability to the Plan, the Order will not be considered to be a QMCSO.

## **12.4 ENROLLMENT OF ALTERNATE RECIPIENT**

An Alternate Recipient with respect to an Order determined to be a QMCSO who properly submits the applicable enrollment forms to Clackamas County will become covered under the Plan to which such Order applies as soon as practicable after the applicable enrollment forms are received. An Alternate Recipient will be eligible to become covered under the Plan as of a particular date without regard to any open enrollment period restrictions otherwise applicable under the Plan.

## **12.5 COST OF COVERAGE**

An Alternate Recipient will be treated as having been voluntary enrolled in the Plan by the employee as a dependent of such employee, including in regard to the payment by the employee for dependent coverage under the Plan. The amount of any required contributions to be made by the Employee for coverage under the Plan will be determined on the basis of the Alternate Recipient being treated as the employee's covered dependent. Any additional required contribution attributable to the coverage of the Alternate Recipient will not be separately charged. Rather, the full amount of the required contribution shall be paid by the employee in accordance with the payroll deduction or other procedures of the Plan as pertaining to the employee.

## **12.6 REIMBURSEMENT OF PLAN EXPENSES**

Unless the terms of the Order provide otherwise, any payments to be from the Plan as reimbursement for group health expenses paid either by the Alternate Recipient, or by the custodial parent or legal guardian of the Alternate Recipient, will not be paid to the employee. Rather, such reimbursement will be paid either to the Alternate Recipient, or to the custodial parent or legal guardian of such Alternate Recipient. However, if the name and address of a State or agency official has been substituted in the Order for that of the Alternate Recipient, then the reimbursement will be paid to such named official.



## **12.7 STATUS OF ALTERNATE RECIPIENT**

An Alternate Recipient under a QMCSO generally will be considered a beneficiary of the Employee under the Plan to which the Order pertains.

## **12.8 TREATMENT OF NATIONAL MEDICAL SUPPORT NOTICE**

If Clackamas County receives an appropriately completed National Medical Support Notice (a "National Notice") issued pursuant to the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 in regard to an employee who is a non-custodial parent of a child, and if the National Notice is determined by Clackamas County to satisfy the QMCSO standards prescribed above, then the National Notice shall be deemed to be a QMCSO respect to such child.

Clackamas County, upon determining that the National Notice is a QMCSO, shall within forty (40) business days after the date of the National Notice notify the State agency issuing the National Notice of the following:

- (a) Whether coverage of the child at issue is available under the terms of the Plan, and if so, as to whether such child is covered under the Plan; and
- (b) Either the effective date of the coverage or, if necessary, any steps to be taken by the custodial parent (or by the State or agency official acting on behalf of the child) to effectuate the coverage under the Plan.

Clackamas County shall within such time period also provide to the custodial parent (or such substituted official) a description of the coverage available and any forms or documents necessary to effectuate such coverage.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the Plan, upon receipt of a National Notice, to provide benefits under the Plan (or eligibility for such benefits) in addition to benefits (or eligibility for benefits) provided under the terms of the Plan as in effect immediately before receipt of such National Notice.

## **13. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **13.1 CONFLICTS OF PROVISIONS**

In the event that one or more provisions of this document conflict with one or more provisions of any other plan document, the provisions of this document, as from time to time amended, shall control.

### **13.2 CONTROLLING STATE LAW**

To the extent not preempted by federal laws, the laws of the State of Oregon shall apply and shall be the controlling state law in all matters relating to the Plan.

### **13.3 DUPLICATING PROVISIONS**

If any charge is described as covered under two or more benefit provisions, the Plan will pay only under the provision allowing the greater benefit. This may require a recalculation based upon both the amounts already paid and the amounts due to be paid. The Plan has NO liability for benefits other than those this Plan provides.

### **13.4 FAILURE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OR PROVIDING INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE INFORMATION**

Members warrant that all information contained in applications, questionnaires, forms, or statements submitted to Clackamas County and to Providence Health Plan to be true, correct, and complete. If a Member willfully fails to provide information required to be provided under this Plan or knowingly provides incorrect or incomplete information, then the Member's rights may be terminated. See section 9.4.

### **13.5 GENDER AND NUMBER**

Masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter, the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

### **13.6 HEADINGS**

All article and section headings in the Plan are intended merely for convenience and shall in no way be deemed to modify or supplement the actual terms and provisions set forth there under.

### **13.7 LEGAL ACTION**

No civil action may be brought under state or federal law to recover benefits from the Plan until receipt of a final decision under the Member Grievance and Appeal process specified in section 7.2 of the Summary Plan Description, unless the Member's benefits under the Plan are subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), in which case the Member is permitted either to bring a civil action under ERISA in federal court after receiving a decision from the First Level of Appeal or to bring such an action after receipt of a final grievance decision. An appeal from a final Grievance decision may lie with an Independent Review Organization (IRO). In the event a right to IRO review exists and the Member elects to seek such review, the IRO decision will be binding and final, as indicated in section 7.2.4. No civil action under ERISA or otherwise may be brought later than three years after the date of

the last decision rendered under the Member Grievance and Appeal process specified in section 7.2. If ERISA does not apply (see section 11.2) the action must be brought in Oregon state court, either in the Member's county of residence or such other county as mutually agreed upon between Member and the Plan. In general, ERISA applies if this is an employer-sponsored plan, other than a government plan or church plan.

### **13.8 LIMITATIONS AND PROVISIONS**

The provisions of the Plan and any benefits provided by the Plan shall be limited as described herein. Any benefit payable under any other employee benefits plan maintained by Clackamas County shall be paid solely in accordance with the terms and provisions of such plan, and nothing in this Plan shall operate or be construed in any way to modify, amend, or affect the terms and provisions of such other plan.

### **13.9 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY**

It is your responsibility to read and to understand the terms of this Plan. Neither Clackamas County nor Providence Health Plan will have any liability whatsoever for your misunderstanding, misinterpretation or ignorance of the terms, provisions and benefits of this Plan. If you have any questions or are unclear about any provision concerning this Plan, please contact Providence Health Plan. They will assist you in understanding and complying with the terms of the Plan.

### **13.10 MEMBERSHIP ID CARD**

The membership ID card is issued by Providence Health Plan for Member identification purposes only. It does not confer any right to Services or other benefits under this Plan.

### **13.11 NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF BENEFITS**

No person other than a Member is entitled to receive benefits under this Plan. Such right to benefits is nontransferable.

### **13.12 NO GUARANTEE OF EMPLOYMENT**

Neither the maintenance of the Plan nor any part thereof shall be construed as giving any employee covered hereunder any right to remain in the employ of Clackamas County. No shareholder, director, officer, or employee of Clackamas County in any way guarantees to any Member or beneficiary the payment of any benefit or amount which may become due in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

### **13.13 NO RECOURSE FOR ACTS OF PROVIDERS**

The Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, physicians and other persons or organizations providing Services to you do so as independent contractors. Neither Clackamas County nor Providence Health Plan is liable for any claim or demand due to damages arising out of, or in any manner connected with, any injuries suffered by you while receiving such Services.

### **13.14 NON-WAIVER**

No delay or failure when exercising or enforcing any right under this Plan shall constitute a waiver or relinquishment of that right, and no waiver or any default under this Plan shall constitute or operate as a waiver of any subsequent default. No waiver of any provision of

this Plan shall be deemed to have been made unless and until such waiver has been reduced to writing and signed by the party waiving the provision.

### **13.15 NOTICE**

Any notice required of Clackamas County or Providence Health Plan under this Plan shall be deemed to be sufficient if mailed to the Subscriber at the address appearing in the records of Providence Health Plan. Any notice required of you shall be deemed sufficient if mailed to the principal office of Providence Health Plan, P.O. Box 3125, Portland, OR 97208.

### **13.16 NOTICE REQUIRED FOR REIMBURSEMENT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIM**

Plan payments for most Services are made directly to the providers of Services. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Plan, if you are billed directly by an Out-of-Network Provider and you pay for benefits which are covered by this Plan, reimbursement from the Plan will be made only upon your written notice to Providence Health Plan of the payment. Payment will be made to the Member, subject to written notice of claim, or, if deceased, to the Member's estate, unless payment to other parties is authorized in writing by you. (See section 6.1.1 regarding timely submission of claims.)

### **13.17 PAYMENT OF BENEFITS TO PERSONS UNDER LEGAL DISABILITY**

Whenever any person entitled to payments under the Plan is determined to be a minor or under other legal disability or otherwise incapacitated in any way so as to be unable to manage such person's financial affairs, or otherwise incapable of giving a valid receipt and discharge for any payment, the following provision shall apply. Providence Health Plan, in their discretion, may direct that all or any portion of such payments be made (i) to such person, (ii) to such person's legal guardian or conservator, or (iii) to such person's spouse or to any other person, in any manner considered advisable, to be expended for the person's benefit. PHP's decision will, in each case, be final and binding upon all persons. Any payment made pursuant to the power herein conferred shall operate as a complete discharge of the obligations under the Plan in respect thereof by Clackamas County and Providence Health Plan.

### **13.18 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND AUTOPSY**

When reasonably required for purposes of claim determination, the Plan Sponsor shall have the right to make arrangements for the following examinations, at Plan expense, and to suspend the related claim determination until Providence Health Plan has received and evaluated the results of the examination:

- A physical examination of a Member; or
- An autopsy of a deceased Member, if not forbidden by law.

### **13.19 PROFESSIONAL REVIEW AND RIGHT TO EXAMINE RECORDS**

All Members, by acceptance of the benefits of this Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the examination of medical records for purposes of utilization review, quality assurance and peer review by Providence Health Plan or their designee.

All Members, for purposes other than utilization review, quality assurance and peer review, may be required to authorize any provider to give and discuss with Providence Health Plan any information relating to any condition for which benefits are claimed under this Plan.

Providence Health Plan may transfer this information between providers or other organizations who are treating you or performing a Service on our behalf. If you do not consent to the release of records or to discussions with providers, Providence Health Plan will be unable to determine the proper payment of any benefits and will deny the claims accordingly. Consent to the release of records and discussion with providers is a condition of payment of any benefits. Neither the consent to, nor the actual examination of the records or discussion with providers will constitute a guarantee of payment.

### **13.20 REQUIRED INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED**

Each Member must furnish to Providence Health Plan such information as they consider necessary or desirable for purposes of administering the Plan, and the provisions of the Plan respecting any payments hereunder are conditional upon the prompt submission by the Member of such true, full and complete information as may be requested.

### **13.21 RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

Providence Health Plan, on behalf of the Plan, has the right, upon demand, to recover payments in excess of the maximum benefits specified in this Plan or payments obtained through fraud, error, or duplicate coverage. If reimbursement is not made to the Plan, Providence Health Plan is authorized by Clackamas County to deduct the overpayment from future benefit payments under this Plan.

### **13.22 SEVERABILITY**

Invalidation of any term or provision herein by judgment or court order shall not affect any other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

### **13.23 STATE MEDICAID BENEFITS RIGHTS**

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary:

- Payment for benefits with respect to a Member under the Plan shall be made in accordance with any assignment of rights made by or on behalf of such Member, as required by a State Medicaid Plan;
- The fact that an individual is eligible for or is provided medical assistance under a State Medicaid Plan shall not be taken into account in regard to the individual's enrollment as a Member or beneficiary in the Plan, or in determining or making any payments for benefits of the individual as a Member in the Plan; and
- Payment for benefits under the Plan shall be made to a state in accordance with any state law which provides that the state has acquired the rights with respect to a Member for items or services constituting medical assistance under a State Medicaid Plan.

For purposes of the above, a "State Medicaid Plan" means a state plan for medical assistance approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act pursuant to Section 1912(a)(1)(A) of such Act.

### **13.24 SUGGESTIONS**

You are encouraged to make suggestions to us. Suggestions may be oral or written and should be directed to the Customer Service Team at our administrative office.

### **13.25 VETERANS' RIGHTS**

The Plan will provide benefits to employees entering into or returning from service in the armed forces as may be required under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA). In general, USERRA provides that:

- (a) An employee who takes unpaid military leave, or who separates from the employment of Clackamas County to perform services in the armed forces or another uniformed service, can elect continued coverage under the Plan (including coverage for the Eligible Family Dependents) on a self-pay basis. The applicable Contribution for such coverage, and the Contribution payment procedures, shall be as generally prescribed for COBRA continuation coverage in section 10. Effective for elections made on or after December 10, 2004, the period for such continuation coverage shall extend until the earlier of:
  - 1. The end of the 24-month period beginning on the date on which the employee's absence for the purpose of performing military service begins; or
  - 2. The date the employee fails to timely return to employment or reapply for a position with Clackamas County upon the completion of such military service.

### **13.26 WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE**

This Plan is not in lieu of, and does not affect, any requirement for coverage under any workers' compensation act or similar law.

## **14. PLAN ADMINISTRATION**

### **14.1 TYPE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The Plan is a self-funded group health plan sponsored by the Employer with administrative services provided by Providence Health Plan. The funding for the benefits is derived from the funds of the Employer. The Plan is not insured.

This Summary Plan Description constitutes the written instrument under which the Plan is maintained and this document replaces all previous Summary Plan Descriptions. The rights of any person whose employment has terminated, and the rights of such person's covered dependents, will be determined pursuant to the terms of the Plan as in effect on the date such employment terminated, except as may otherwise be specifically provided under the Plan.

### **14.2 PLAN INFORMATION**

Plan Name: Clackamas County General County Employees Open Option Plan  
Plan No. 100112  
Employer ID No. 936002286

### **14.3 PLAN DATES**

The effective date of the Plan is January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **14.4 PLAN SPONSOR INFORMATION**

Clackamas County  
Benefits & Wellness Division  
Public Services Building  
2051 Kaen Road, Suite 310  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
503-655-8459

### **14.5 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY**

Providence Health Plan  
P.O. Box 4447  
Portland, OR 97208-4447  
800-878-4445

### **14.6 AGENT FOR SERVICE OF LEGAL PROCESS**

Clackamas County  
Office of County Counsel  
2051 Kaen Rd.  
Oregon City, OR 97045

### **14.7 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

The Employer shall be responsible for all fiduciary functions under the Plan except insofar as any such authority or responsibility is assigned by or pursuant to the Plan to another named fiduciary, or is delegated to another fiduciary by the Employer. The Employer has the

discretionary authority to determine eligibility for benefits under the Plan and to interpret the terms of the Plan, unless it has delegated that authority as permitted by the Plan. In the event of such delegation, Providence Health Plan's determinations on the meaning of Plan terms may not be overturned unless found by a court to have been arbitrary and capricious. The allocation of administrative duties and the delegation of discretionary authority for the Plan are specified in the Administrative Services Agreement that has been executed by the Employer and Providence Health Plan.

#### **14.7.1 COMPLETE ALLOCATION OF FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES**

This section is intended to allocate to each named fiduciary the individual responsibility for the prudent execution of the functions assigned to each. The performance of such responsibilities will be deemed a several and not a joint assignment. None of such responsibilities nor any other responsibility is intended to be shared by two or more of them unless such sharing will be provided by a specific provision of the Plan. Whenever one named fiduciary is required by the Plan to follow the directions of another, the two will not be deemed to have been assigned a shared responsibility, but the responsibility of the one giving the direction will be deemed to be its sole responsibility, and the responsibility of the one receiving such direction will be to follow it insofar as such direction is on its face proper under the Plan and applicable law.

#### **14.8 ENGAGEMENT OF ADVISORS**

The Employer may employ on behalf of the Plan one or more persons to render advice with regard to any responsibility it may have under the Plan. Toward that end, the Employer may appoint, employ and consult with legal counsel, actuaries, accountants, investment consultants, physicians or other advisors (who may be counsel, actuaries, accountants, consultants, physicians or other advisors for the Employer) and may also from time to time utilize the services of employees and agents of the Employer in the discharge of their respective responsibilities.

#### **14.9 INDEMNIFICATION**

The Employer will indemnify its employees for any liability or expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in the defense of any threatened or pending action, suit or proceeding by reason of their status as a fiduciary with respect to the Plan, to the full extent permitted by law.

#### **14.10 AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF PLAN**

##### **14.10.1 Right to Amend or Terminate**

The Employer reserves the right at any time and from time to time to amend or terminate in whole or in part any of the provisions of the Plan, or any document forming part of the Plan.

##### **14.10.2 Manner of Action**

Any amendment or termination of the Plan or any part of the Plan shall be made by an instrument in writing reflecting that such change has been authorized by the Employer. Any such amendment or termination shall be effective as of the date specified in said instrument, or, if no date is so specified, as of the date of execution or adoption of said instrument. An amendment may be effected by establishment, modification, or termination of the Plan by appropriate action of the Employer. Any such amendment or termination may



take effect retroactively or otherwise. An instrument regarding the establishment, modification or termination of the Plan which is executed by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners or their designee shall be conclusive evidence of the adoption and effectiveness of the instrument.

### **14.10.3 Effect on Benefits**

Claims incurred before the effective date of a Plan change or termination will not be affected. Claims incurred after Plan changes will be covered according to the provisions in effect at the time the claim is incurred. Claims incurred after the Plan is terminated will not be covered. You will not be vested in any Plan benefits or have any further rights, subject to applicable law.

## **14.11 PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

### **14.11.1 Disclosure**

In accordance with the privacy regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Providence Health Plan may disclose de-identified summary health information to the Employer for purposes of modifying, amending or terminating this Plan. In addition, Providence Health Plan may disclose protected health information (PHI) to the Employer in accordance with the following provisions of this Plan as established by the Employer:

- (a) The Employer may use and disclose the PHI it receives only for the following purposes:
  - 1. Administration of the Plan; and
  - 2. Any use or disclosure as required by law.
- (b) The Employer shall ensure that any agent or subcontractor to whom it discloses such PHI shall agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Employer with respect to such information.
- (c) The Employer shall not use or disclose the PHI obtained from Providence Health Plan for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of the Employer.
- (d) The Employer shall report to Providence Health Plan any use or disclosure of PHI that is inconsistent with the provisions of this section of which the Employer becomes aware.
- (e) The Employer shall make PHI available to Participants in accordance with the privacy regulations of HIPAA.
- (f) The Employer shall allow Participants to amend their PHI in accordance with the privacy regulations of HIPAA.
- (g) The Employer shall provide Participants with an accounting of its disclosure of their PHI in accordance with the privacy regulations of HIPAA.
- (h) The Employer shall make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from Providence Health Plan available to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with the privacy regulations of HIPAA.
- (i) The Employer shall, if feasible, return or destroy all PHI received from Providence Health Plan and retain no copies of such information when no longer needed for the purpose for which such information was received except that, if such return or destruction is not feasible, the Employer shall limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible.

- (j) The Employer shall provide for adequate separation between the Employer and Providence Health Plan with regard to the use and disclosure of PHI. For that purpose, access to PHI shall be limited to the following employees or classes of employees of the Employer:
1. Directors of Human Resources
  2. Benefit Managers;
  3. Benefit Analysts;
  4. Benefit Specialists; and
  5. Internal Auditors, when performing Health Plan Audits.

Further, the Employer shall restrict the access to and use of PHI by the employees designated above to the administrative functions that those employees perform for the Employer with regard to this Plan. In addition, the Employer shall establish an effective mechanism for resolving any issues of non-compliance by the employees designated above with regard to their use of PHI.

#### **14.11.2 Security**

In accordance with the security standards of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Employer shall:

- (a) Implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of the Plan;
- (b) Ensure that the separation of access to PHI that is specified in section 14.11.1(j) above is supported by appropriate security measures;
- (c) Ensure that any agent or subcontractor to whom the Employer provides PHI agrees to implement appropriate security measures to protect such information; and
- (d) Report to the Plan any security incident regarding PHI of which the Employer becomes aware.

## 15. DEFINITIONS

The following are definitions of important capitalized terms used in this Summary Plan Description.

### **Adverse Benefit Determination**

See section 7.

### **Alternative Care Provider**

Alternative Care Provider means a naturopath, chiropractor, acupuncturist, or massage therapist who is professionally licensed by the appropriate governmental agency to diagnose or treat an injury or illness and who provides Covered Services within the scope of that license.

### **Ambulatory Surgery Center**

Ambulatory Surgery Center means an independent medical facility that specializes in same-day or outpatient surgical procedures.

### **Annual**

Annual means once per Calendar Year.

### **Appeal**

See section 7.

### **Approved Clinical Trial**

Approved Clinical Trial means a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition and is one of the following:

- A federally funded or approved trial;
- A clinical trial conducted under an FDA investigational new drug application; or
- A drug trial that is exempt from the requirement of an FDA investigational new drug application.

### **Authorized Representative**

See section 7.

### **Benefit Summary**

Benefit Summary means the documents with that title that are part of your Plan and summarize the benefit provisions under your Plan.

### **Calendar Year**

Calendar Year means a 12-month time period beginning January 1st and ending December 31st.

### **Clackamas County**

Clackamas County means the entity that is the Sponsor of this Plan.

### **Clackamas County General County Employees Open Option Plan**

Clackamas County General County Employees Open Option Plan means this Summary Plan Description and includes the provisions of the Benefit Summaries and any Endorsements, amendments and addendums that accompany this document.

### **Cochlear Implant**

See section 4.12.14.

### **Coinsurance**

Coinsurance means the dollar amount that you are responsible to pay to a health care provider, after your claim has been processed by Providence Health Plan. Your Coinsurance for a Covered Service is shown in the Benefit Summary and is a percentage of the charges for the Covered Service. Your Coinsurance will usually be less when you receive Covered Services from an In-Network Provider.

### **Confinement**

Confinement means being a resident patient in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Qualified Treatment Facility for at least 15 consecutive hours. Successive Confinements are considered to be one Confinement if:

1. Due to the same injury or illness; and
2. Separated by fewer than 30 consecutive days when you are not confined.

### **Contribution**

Contribution means the monetary amount that an Employee is required to contribute as a condition to coverage under the Plan. Specific Contribution amounts are available from your Human Resources office.

### **Copayment**

Copayment means the dollar amount that you are responsible for paying to a health care provider when you receive certain Covered Services, as shown in the Benefit Summary.

### **Cosmetic Services**

Cosmetic Services means Services or surgery performed to reshape structures of the body in order to improve your appearance or self-esteem.

### **Covered Service**

Covered Service means a Service that is:

1. Listed as a benefit in the Benefit Summary and in section 4;
2. Medically Necessary;
3. Not listed as an Exclusion in the Benefit Summary or in sections 4 and 5; and
4. Provided to you while you are a Member and eligible for the Service under this Plan.

### **Creditable Coverage**

Creditable Coverage means prior health care coverage as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 300gg and includes any coverage remaining in force at the time a Member obtains new coverage. Creditable Coverage includes any group health care coverage (including the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan and the Peace Corps), individual health care coverage, Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE, SCHIP, Indian Health Service or tribal organization coverage, state high-risk pool coverage, or a domestic or foreign public health plan.

### **Custodial Care**

Custodial Care means Services that:

1. Do not require the technical skills of a licensed nurse at all times;
2. Include, but are not limited to, assistance with dressing, bathing, eating, ambulation, taking medication and incontinence care; and
3. Are not likely to improve your medical condition.

Such Services will still be considered Custodial Care even if:

1. You are under the care of a physician;
2. The Services are prescribed by a Qualified Practitioner;
3. The Services function to support or maintain your condition; or
4. The Services are being provided by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

### **Deductible**

See section 3.11.1.

### **Dependent**

Dependent means a person who is supported by the Subscriber, or supported by the Subscriber's Spouse or Domestic Partner. See also Eligible Family Dependent.

### **Diagnostic Breast Examination**

Diagnostic Breast Examination means a medically necessary and appropriate examination of the breast, including an examination using diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound, that is used to evaluate an abnormality:

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

### **Domestic Partner**

A Domestic Partner means either of the following:

1. An Oregon Registered Domestic Partner is a person who:
  - Is at least 18 years of age;
  - Has entered into a Domestic Partnership; and
  - Has legally registered a Declaration of Domestic Partnership and obtained a Certificate of Registered Domestic Partnership in accordance with Oregon state law.
2. A domestic partner who is not an Oregon Registered Domestic Partner is a person at least 18 years of age who:
  - Shares a close personal relationship with a subscriber such that each is responsible for each other's welfare;
  - Is the subscriber's sole domestic partner;
  - Is not married to any person and has not had another domestic partner within the prior six months;
  - Is not related by blood to the subscriber as a first cousin or nearer;
  - Shares with the subscriber the same regular and permanent residence, with the current intention of doing so indefinitely;
  - Is jointly financially responsible with the subscriber for basic living expenses such as food and shelter;

- Was mentally competent to consent to contract when the domestic partnership began; and
- Has provided the required employer documentation establishing that a domestic partnership exists.

Note: All provisions of the Plan that apply to a spouse shall apply to a Domestic Partner.

### **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

Durable Medical Equipment means equipment that must:

1. Be able to withstand repeated use;
2. Be primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose; and
3. Not be generally useful to a person except for the treatment of an injury or illness.

### **E-mail Visit**

E-mail visit (electronic provider communications) means a consultation through e-mail with an In-Network Provider that is, in the judgment of the In-Network Provider, Medically Necessary and appropriate and involves a significant amount of the In-Network Provider's time. An E-mail visit must relate to the treatment of a covered illness or injury (see also section 4.1.3).

### **Effective Date of Coverage**

Effective Date of Coverage means the date upon which coverage under this Plan commences for a Member.

### **Eligibility Waiting Period**

Eligibility Waiting Period means the period of employment, as specified in the Eligible Employee definition, that an otherwise Eligible Employee must complete before coverage will begin under this Plan. The Eligibility Waiting Period will not exceed 90 days. When the Eligibility Waiting Period is 90 days, coverage is effective on the 91<sup>st</sup> day. If an employee enrolls on a special enrollment date, any period before such special enrollment is not an Eligibility Waiting Period.

### **Eligible Employee**

Eligible Employee means an employee of the Employer who meets all of the following eligibility criteria and the enrollment requirements specified in section 8.1.

1. **Employment Status**: Permanent. (On-call, temporary, substitute, and seasonal employees are not eligible.)
2. **Employment Category/Class**: Open Option General County Employees, COBRA participants, Non-Medicare Eligible Early Retirees, and Job Share.
3. **Work Hours**: Regularly scheduled for at least 20 hours per week (18.75 hours for Job Share). Not applicable to COBRA participants and Non-Medicare Eligible Early Retirees.
4. **Eligibility Waiting Period**: Two months.\* A new Eligibility Waiting Period does not apply if an employee returns to work in eligible status from a period of layoff or leave of absence, provided that such period did not exceed 180 days. The Eligibility Waiting Period is also waived if an employee has continuously participated in COBRA continuation coverage during the layoff period and is rehired within 18 months from the date of layoff. (\*Note: Effective July 1, 2021, the Eligibility Waiting Period for new

employees hired on or after this date will be the first of the month following date of hire.)

5. Effective Date of Coverage: Active: First of the month following completion of the Eligibility Waiting Period. COBRA: First day following loss of Active coverage. Early Retiree: First of the month following retirement.
6. Location: Employees who work or reside in Oregon.
7. Leave of Absence Status: An otherwise Eligible Employee on an Employer-approved Leave of Absence shall remain eligible during the first six months of leave of absence. Absences extending beyond this period are subject to the COBRA provisions of this Summary Plan Description.
8. Layoff/Rehire: If the Eligible Employee is rehired within six months, the Eligibility Waiting Period is waived.
9. Retirement Status: Non-Medicare eligible retired employees are eligible.

### **Eligible Family Dependent**

Eligible Family Dependent means:

1. The legally recognized Spouse or Domestic Partner of a Subscriber;
2. In relation to a Subscriber, the following individuals:
  - a) A biological child, step-child, or legally adopted child;
  - b) An unmarried grandchild for whom the Subscriber or Spouse is a legal guardian and for whom the Subscriber or Spouse provides at least 50% support;
  - c) A child placed for adoption with the Subscriber or Spouse;
  - d) An unmarried individual for whom the Subscriber or Spouse is a legal guardian and for whom the Subscriber or Spouse provides at least 50% support; and
  - e) A child for whom the Subscriber or Spouse is required to provide medical care under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order, as defined by federal law.

Placement for adoption means the assumption and retention by a Subscriber or Spouse, of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a child in anticipation of the adoption of the child (an individual who has not attained 18 years of age as of the date of the adoption or placement for adoption). Upon any termination of such legal obligations the placement for adoption shall be deemed to have terminated.

The limiting age for each Dependent child is 26 and such children shall become ineligible for coverage on the last day of the month in which their 26th birthday occurs.

A covered Dependent child who attains the limiting age remains eligible if the child is:

1. Developmentally or physically disabled; and
2. Incapable of self-sustaining employment prior to the limiting age.

Proof of incapacity must be provided to us upon enrollment. For Eligible Family Dependents who become incapacitated while covered under this Plan, proof of incapacity must be provided within 60 days of reaching the Dependent child limiting age. Thereafter, Providence Health Plan may not request such proof more often than annually after two years from the date the first proof was furnished. If satisfactory proof is not submitted to Providence Health Plan, the individual's coverage will not continue beyond the last date of eligibility.

See section 8.2.4 for information on when and how to add a newborn to the Plan.

**Emergency Medical Condition**

See section 4.5.1.

**Emergency Medical Screening Exams**

See section 4.5.1.

**Emergency Services**

See section 4.5.1.

**Employer**

Employer means Clackamas County, an Oregon employer, and the Plan Sponsor.

**Endorsement**

Endorsement means a document that amends and is part of this Plan.

**Essential Health Benefits**

Essential Health Benefits means the general categories of services established under section 1302(b) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and applicable regulations:

- Ambulatory patient services;
- Emergency services;
- Hospitalization;
- Maternity and newborn care;
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services;
- Prescription drugs;
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices;
- Laboratory services;
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and
- Pediatric services, including dental and vision care.

**Exclusion**

Exclusion means an item or service that is not a Covered Service under the Plan.

**Family Member**

Family Member means a Dependent who is properly enrolled in and entitled to Covered Services under this Plan.

**Fertility Preservation**

Fertility Preservation means the retrieval and storage of sperm and eggs where treatment of cancer conditions may cause irreversible infertility, as determined by our medical policy.

**Fiduciary**

Fiduciary means a person entrusted to act on behalf of the Plan, consistent with the duties and obligations of plan administration as set forth under applicable law.



**Gender Dysphoria**

Gender dysphoria refers to psychological distress that results from an incongruence between one's sex assigned at birth and one's gender identity.

**Gene and Adoptive Cellular Therapy**

Gene and Adoptive Cellular Therapies are techniques that replace or modify a person's genes or cells to treat or cure some cancers and genetic diseases.

**Grievance**

See section 7.

**Global Fee**

See section 4.13.2

**Health Benefit Plan**

Health Benefit Plan means any Hospital or medical expense policy or certificate issued by a health care service contractor or health maintenance organization and any plan provided by a multiple Employer welfare arrangement or other benefit arrangement defined in the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

**Hearing Aid**

See section 4.12.14.

**Hearing Assistance Technology**

See section 4.12.14.

**HIPAA**

HIPAA means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

**Home Health Provider**

Home Health Provider means a public or private agency that specializes in providing skilled nursing Services and other therapeutic Services in the home and which has been licensed by the proper authority as a Home Health Agency, or is Medicare approved as a Home Health Agency.

**Hospital**

Hospital means an institution which:

1. Maintains permanent full-time facilities for bed care of resident patients;
2. Has a physician or surgeon in regular attendance;
3. Provides continuous 24-hour-a-day nursing Services;
4. Is primarily engaged in providing diagnostic and therapeutic facilities for medical or surgical care of sick or injured persons;
5. Is legally operated in the jurisdiction where located; and
6. Has surgical facilities on its premises or has a contractual agreement for surgical Services with an institution having a valid license to provide such surgical Services.

Hospital does NOT include an institution that is principally a rest home, nursing home, Skilled Nursing Facility, convalescent home or home for the aged. Hospital does NOT include

a place principally for the treatment of alcohol or Substance Use Disorder or Mental Health disorders.

### **Independent Freestanding Emergency Department**

Independent Freestanding Emergency Department means a health care facility that provides Emergency Services and is geographically separate and distinct and licensed separately from a Hospital under applicable state law. See section 4.5.1.

### **In-Network**

In-Network means the level of benefits specified in the Benefit Summary and this Summary Plan Description for Covered Services that are provided by an In-Network Provider.

### **In-Network Provider**

In-Network Provider means an Outpatient Surgical Facility, Home Health Provider, Hospital, Qualified Practitioner, Qualified Treatment Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, or Pharmacy that has a written agreement with Providence Health Plan to participate as a health care provider for this Plan. For Native American Indian and Alaskan Native Members, Covered Services obtained through Indian Health Services are considered to be Covered Services obtained from an In-Network Provider.

### **Ineligible Person**

Ineligible Person means any person who does not qualify as a Member under this Plan.

### **Investigational**

Investigational means Services for which current, prevailing, evidence-based, peer-reviewed medical literature does not demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of the Service for treating or diagnosing the condition or illness for which its use is proposed. In determining whether Services are Investigational the Plan considers a variety of criteria, which include, but are not limited to, whether the Services are:

- Approved by the appropriate governmental regulatory body;
- Subject to review and approval of an institutional review board (IRB) or are currently offered through an approved clinical trial;
- Offered through an accredited and proficient provider in the United States;
- Reviewed and supported by national professional medical societies;
- Address the condition, injury, or complaint of the Member and show a demonstrable benefit for a particular illness or disease;
- Proven to be safe and efficacious; and
- Pose a significant risk to the health and safety of the Member.

The Investigational status of a Service may be determined on a case-by-case basis. We will retain documentation of the criteria used to define a Service as Investigational and will make this available for review upon request.

### **Late Enrollee**

Late Enrollee means a person eligible to enroll under a Special Enrollment Period, as described in section 8.3.

### **Medically Necessary**

Medically Necessary means Covered Services that are in the reasonable opinion of Providence Health Plan, consistent with the written criteria regarding medically indicated Covered Services that are maintained by Providence Health Plan.

The criteria are based on the following principles:

1. Covered Services are determined to be Medically Necessary if they are health care services or products that a Qualified Practitioner, exercising prudent clinical judgment, would provide to a Member for the purpose of evaluating, diagnosing, preventing, or treating illness (including mental illness), injury, disease or its symptoms, and that are:
  - a. In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
    - i. Generally accepted standards of medical practice are standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, Qualified Practitioner specialty society recommendations, the views of Qualified Practitioners practicing in relevant clinical areas, and any other relevant factors;
  - b. Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration; and considered effective for the Member's medical condition;
  - c. Not primarily for the convenience of the Member or Qualified Practitioner; and
  - d. Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of that Member's illness, injury or disease.

Prudent Clinical Judgment: The "prudent clinical judgment" standard of Medical Necessity ensures that Qualified Practitioners are able to use their expertise and exercise discretion, consistent with good medical care, in determining the Medical Necessity for health care services to be provided to each Member. Covered Services may include, but are not limited to, medical, surgical, diagnostic tests, Substance Use Disorder treatment, other health care technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies or devices.

### **Member**

Member means a Subscriber or Eligible Family Dependent, who is properly enrolled in and entitled to Services under this Plan.

### **Mental Health**

Mental Health means any mental health disorder covered by diagnostic categories listed in the most current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), such as but not limited to major depressive disorder, autism spectrum disorder, dissociative identity disorder, gender dysphoria, and Substance Use Disorder.

### **Non-Medicare Eligible Early Retiree**

Non-Medicare Eligible Early Retiree means a Subscriber who retires from employment with Clackamas County and is eligible to enroll in this Plan.

### **Open Enrollment Period**

Open Enrollment Period means a period during each Plan Year, as established by Clackamas County, during which Eligible Employees are given the opportunity to enroll

themselves and their Dependents under the Plan for the upcoming Plan Year, subject to the terms and provisions as found in this Summary Plan Description.

### **Out-of-Network**

Out-of-Network means the level of benefits specified in the Benefit Summary and this Summary Plan Description for Covered Services provided by Out-of-Network Providers.

### **Out-of-Network Provider**

Out-of-Network Provider means an Outpatient Surgical Facility, Home Health Provider, Qualified Practitioner, Qualified Treatment Facility, Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, or Pharmacy that does not have a written agreement with Providence Health Plan to participate as a health care provider for this Plan.

### **Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

See section 3.11.2.

### **Outpatient Surgical Facility**

Outpatient surgical facility means any licensed public or private establishment that has permanent facilities that are equipped and operated primarily for the purpose of performing outpatient surgery. It does NOT provide Services or accommodations for patients to stay overnight.

### **Participating Pharmacy**

Participating Pharmacy means pharmacy that has signed a contractual agreement with Providence health Plan to provide medications and other Services at special rates. There are four types of Participating Pharmacies:

1. Retail: A Participating Pharmacy that allows up to a 30-day supply of short-term and maintenance prescriptions.
2. Preferred Retail: A Participating Pharmacy that allows up to a 90-day supply of maintenance prescriptions and access to up to a 30-day supply of short-term prescriptions.
3. Specialty: A Participating Pharmacy that allows up to a 30-day supply of specialty and self-administered chemotherapy prescriptions. These prescriptions require special delivery, handling, administration and monitoring by your pharmacist.
4. Mail Order: A Participating Pharmacy that allows up to a 90-day supply of maintenance prescriptions and specializes in direct delivery to your home.

### **Plan**

Plan means the Clackamas County group health plan, as set forth in this document, the Summary Plan Description, and includes the provisions of any Benefit Summary and any Endorsements, amendments and addendums that accompany this document.

### **Plan Administrator**

Plan Administrator means the “Administrator” or “Plan Administrator” as those terms are defined under ERISA and shall refer to the current or succeeding person, committee, partnership, or other entity designated as such by the terms of the instrument under which the Plan is operated, or by law. Regardless of the terms of the instrument under which the Plan is operated, Providence Health Plan is not the Plan Administrator.

### **Plan Year**

Plan Year means a 12-month time period beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Primary Care Provider**

A Primary Care Provider is a Qualified Practitioner who specializes in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, or pediatrics; a nurse practitioner; or a physician associate practicing in collaboration with a primary care physician. Members may choose and self-refer to a physician specializing in obstetrics or gynecology, a nurse practitioner, a certified nurse midwife, or a physician associate specializing in women's health care as their Primary Care Provider. Child Members may choose a physician specializing in pediatrics as their Primary Care Provider.

Primary care is the provision of integrated, accessible health care services by clinicians who are accountable for addressing a large majority of personal health care needs, developing a sustained partnership with patients, and practicing in the context of family and community.

Note: Not all Qualified Practitioners are Primary Care Providers. To obtain a listing of In-Network Primary Care Providers, please see the Provider Directory online or call Customer Service.

### **Prior Authorization**

Prior Authorization or Prior Authorized means a request to Providence Health Plan or their authorizing agent by you or by a Qualified Practitioner regarding a proposed Service, for which Providence Health Plan's prior approval is required. Prior Authorization review will determine if the proposed Service is eligible as a Covered Service or if an individual is a Member at the time of the proposed Service. To facilitate our review of the Prior Authorization request, additional information may be required about the Member's condition and/or the Services requested. Providence Health Plan may also require that a Member receive further evaluation from a Qualified Practitioner of our choosing. Prior Authorization is subject to the terms and provisions of this Plan. More information about Prior Authorizations are shown in section 3.5. Prior Authorized determinations are not a guarantee of benefit payment unless:

- A determination that relates to benefit coverage and medical necessity is obtained no more than 30 days prior to the date of the Service; or
- A determination that relates to eligibility is obtained no more than five business days prior to the date of the Service.

### **Providence ExpressCare Virtual Visits**

Providence ExpressCare Virtual Visits can be utilized for common conditions; such as sore throat, cough, or fever, etc. using Providence's web-based platform through a tablet, smartphone, or computer for same day appointments. Virtual Visits are with In-Network Providers who are contracted with Providence Health Plan to provide Providence ExpressCare Virtual. Benefits will apply, as shown in your Benefit Summary. See section 4.3.2 for more details.

### **Providence Health Plan**

Providence Health Plan means the nonprofit corporation authorized as a health care service contractor in the states of Oregon and Washington that serves as the claims administrator with respect to this Plan.

**Qualified Practitioner**

Qualified Practitioner means a physician, Women's Health Care Provider, nurse practitioner, naturopath, clinical social worker, physician associate, psychologist, dentist, or other practitioner who is professionally licensed by the appropriate governmental agency to diagnose or treat an injury or illness and who provides Covered Services within the scope of that license.

**Qualified Treatment Facility**

Qualified Treatment Facility means a facility, institution or clinic duly licensed by the appropriate governmental agency, which is primarily established and operating within the lawful scope of its license.

**Reconstructive Surgery**

Reconstructive Surgery means surgery that restores features damaged as a result of injury or illness or corrects a congenital deformity or anomaly that results in a functional impairment.

**Retail Health Clinic**

Retail Health Clinic means a walk-in clinic located in a retail setting such as a store, supermarket, or pharmacy that treats uncomplicated minor illnesses and injuries.

**Service**

Service means a health care related procedure, surgery, consultation, advice, diagnosis, referral, treatment, supply, medication, prescription drug, device or technology that is provided to a Member by a Qualified Practitioner.

**Skilled Nursing Facility**

Skilled Nursing Facility means a convalescent or chronic disease facility which is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) or certified as a "Skilled Nursing Facility" by the Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to Title XVIII of the Social Security Act as amended.

**Spouse**

Spouse means an individual who is legally married to the Subscriber in accordance with the laws of the country or state of celebration.

**Subscriber**

Subscriber means an employee or non-Medicare Eligible Early Retiree of Clackamas County who is eligible for benefits and is properly enrolled in accordance with the provisions of this Summary Plan Description.

**Substance Use Disorder**

Substance Use Disorder means an addictive relationship with any drug or alcohol characterized by a physical or psychological relationship, or both, that interferes on a recurring basis with an individual's social, psychological or physical adjustment to common problems. Substance Use Disorder does not mean an addiction to, or dependency on, tobacco, tobacco products or foods.

### **Summary Plan Description (SPD)**

Summary Plan Description (SPD) means the description of the Plan as contained in this document, and includes the provisions of any Benefit Summary, any Endorsements, amendments and addendums that accompany these documents, and those policies maintained by Providence Health Plan which clarify any of those documents.

### **Supplemental Breast Examination**

Supplemental Breast Examination means a medically necessary and appropriate examination of the breast, including an examination using breast magnetic resonance imaging or breast ultrasound, that is:

- Used to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality seen or suspected; and
- Based on personal or family medical history, or additional factors that may increase the individual's risk of breast cancer.

### **Termination Date of Coverage**

Termination Date of Coverage means the date upon which coverage under this Plan ends for a Member. No coverage under the Plan will be provided beyond the Termination Date of Coverage.

### **Urgent Care**

Urgent Care means Services that are provided for unforeseen, non-life threatening, minor illnesses and injuries which require immediate attention, such as ear, nose and throat infections and minor sprains and lacerations.

Urgent Care Covered Services are provided when your medical condition meets the guidelines for Urgent Care that have been established by Providence Health Plan. Covered Services do **NOT** include Services for the inappropriate use of an Urgent Care facility, such as: services that do not require immediate attention, routine check-ups, follow-up care, and prescription drug requests.

### **Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR)**

When a Service is provided by an In-Network Provider, UCR means charges based on the fee that Providence Health Plan has negotiated with In-Network Providers for that Service. UCR charges will never be less than Providence Health Plan's negotiated fees.

When a Service is provided by an Out-of-Network Provider, UCR charges will be determined, in Providence Health Plan's reasonable discretion, based on the lesser of:

1. The fee a professional provider usually charges for a given Service;
2. A fee which falls within the range of usual charges for a given Service billed by most professional providers in the same locality or region who have similar training and experience;
3. A fee which is based upon a percentage of the Medicare allowable amount;
4. A fee which is prevalent or which would not be considered excessive in a particular case because of unusual circumstances; or
5. The fee determined by comparing charges for similar Services to a regional or national database adjusted to the geographical area where the Service was performed.

UCR charges do not include sales taxes, handling fees and similar surcharges, and such taxes, fees and surcharges are not covered expenses.

### **Virtual Visit**

Virtual Visit means a visit with a Provider using secure internet technology:

- **Phone and Video Visit:**  
Phone and Video Visit means a Medically Necessary and appropriate consultation through phone and video with an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider using Providence Health Plan approved secure technology. A Phone and Video Visit must relate to the treatment of a covered illness or injury (see also section 4.3.2).
- **Web-direct Visit:**  
Web-direct Visit means a Medically Necessary consultation with an In-Network Provider utilizing an online questionnaire to collect information and diagnose common conditions such as cold, flu, sore throat, allergy, ear ache, sinus pain, or UTI (see also section 4.3.2).

### **Women's Health Care Provider**

Women's Health Care Provider means an obstetrician or gynecologist, some Primary Care Providers and naturopaths (if they are licensed to provide obstetrical services), physician associate specializing in women's health, advanced registered nurse practitioner specialist in women's health, certified nurse midwife, or licensed direct entry midwife practicing within the applicable lawful scope of practice.



## 16. NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Providence Health Plan and Providence Health Assurance comply with applicable Federal civil rights laws and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity, marital status or sex. Providence Health Plan and Providence Health Assurance do not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity, marital status or sex.

Providence Health Plan and Providence Health Assurance:

- Provide free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provide free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, you can call us at 503-574-7500] or 1-800-878-4445 (TTY: 711).

If you believe that Providence Health Plan or Providence Health Assurance has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity, marital status or sex, you can file a grievance with our Non-discrimination Coordinator by mail:

Providence Health Plan and Providence Health Assurance  
Attn: Non-discrimination Coordinator  
PO Box 4158  
Portland, OR 97208-4158  
Email: [PHPAppealsandGrievances@providence.org](mailto:PHPAppealsandGrievances@providence.org)

If you need help filing a grievance, call us at 503-574-7500 or 1-800-878-4445 (TTY:711) for assistance.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW - Room 509F HHH Building  
Washington, DC 20201  
1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TTY)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

Members of Oregon Plans may file a complaint with the Division of Financial Regulation at 1-888-877-4894 or visit <https://dfr.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>.

## LANGUAGE ACCESS INFORMATION

**ATTENTION:** If you speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711]).

**Spanish:** ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711]).

**Russian:** ВНИМАНИЕ: Если Вы говорите по-русски, то Вам доступны услуги бесплатной языковой поддержки. Звоните [1-800-898-8174] (телетайп: [711]).

**Vietnamese:** CHÚ Ý: Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho quý vị. Xin gọi số [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711]).

**Traditional Chinese:** 注意：如果您說中文，您可以免費獲得語言支援服務。請致電 [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711])。

**Kushite:** XIYYEEFFANNAA: Afaan dubbattu Oroomiffa, tajaajila gargaarsa afaanii, kanfaltiidhaan ala, ni argama. Bilbilaa [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711]).

**Farsi:**

توجه: اگر به زبان فارسی صحبت میکنید، تسهیلات زبانی به صورت رایگان به شما ارائه میشود. یا 1-800-898-8174 (TTY: [711]) تماس بگیرید.

**Ukrainian:** УВАГА! Якщо Ви розмовляєте українською мовою, для Вас доступні безкоштовні послуги мовної підтримки. Телефонуйте за номером [1-800-898-8174] (телетайп: [711]).

**Japanese:** お知らせ: 日本語での通話をご希望の場合、言語支援サービスを無料でご利用いただけます。[1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711]) まで、お電話ください。

**Korean:** 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. [1-800-898-8174](TTY: [711]) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

**Nepali:** ध्यान दिनुहोस्: तपाईंले नेपाली बोल्नुहुन्छ भने तपाईंले दनम्र भाषा सहायता सेवाहरू दनःशुल्क रूपमा उपलब्ध छन् । [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711]) मा फोन गर्नुहोस् ।

**Romanian:** ATENȚIE: Dacă vorbiți limba română, vă stau la dispoziție servicii gratuite de asistență lingvistică. Sunați [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711]).

**German:** ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose Sprachassistentendienste zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711]).

**Hmong:** LUS CEEB TOOM: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob, cov kev pab txhais lus, muaj kev pab dawb rau koj. Hu rau [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711]).

**Cambodian:** កំណត់សម្គាល់៖ ប រីសិនជាអ្នកនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ  
អាចម្តងបសវនករជំនួយខ្លួនក្នុងការស្វែងយល់មិនគិតថ្លៃពីប្រាក់អ្នក។ សូមប្រើទូរស័ព្ទបឋម [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711])។

**Laotian:** ឡើងឧប្បត្តិហេតុ៖ ប្រសិនបើអ្នកនិយាយភាសាឡាវ, អ្នកនឹងទទួលបានការជំនួយឥតគិតថ្លៃពីប្រាក់អ្នក។ សូមប្រើទូរស័ព្ទបឋម [1-800-898-8174] (TTY: [711])។

# **ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION AS THE PLAN DOCUMENT**

## **Adoption**

On the date shown, below, the Plan Sponsor hereby adopts this Summary Plan Description and the Benefit Summaries, Endorsements and amendments which are incorporated by reference, as the Plan Document of the Clackamas County's self-funded Employee Health Benefit Plan, Clackamas County General County Employees Open Option Plan. This document replaces any and all prior statements of the Plan benefits which are described herein.

## **Purpose of the Plan**

The purpose of the Plan is to provide certain benefits for Clackamas County's Eligible Employees and Eligible Family Dependents. Those benefits are described in this Summary Plan Description.

## **Conformity with Law**

If any provision of this Plan is contrary to any law to which it is subject, such provision is hereby amended to conform to such law.

## **Acceptance of the Plan Document**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Plan Sponsor has caused this Plan Document and Summary Plan Description to be executed, effective as of January 1, 2025.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Administered by



### **Our Mission**

As expressions of God's healing love, witnessed through the ministry of Jesus, we are steadfast in serving all, especially those who are poor and vulnerable.

### **Our Values**

Compassion | Dignity | Justice | Excellence | Integrity

## **Questions? We're here to help.**

Speak to one of our Customer Service representatives at 503-574-7500 or 800-878-4445 (TTY: 711); or one of our Sales representatives at 503-574-6300 or 877-245-4077, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time) Monday through Friday.

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