

## **City of Phoenix**

CIGNA DENTAL CARE INSURANCE

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**CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

a Cigna company (hereinafter called Cigna) certifies that it insures certain Employees for the benefits provided by the following policy(s):

**POLICYHOLDER:** City of Phoenix

**GROUP POLICY(S) — COVERAGE**  
2464882 - DHMO CIGNA DENTAL CARE INSURANCE

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This certificate describes the main features of the insurance. It does not waive or alter any of the terms of the policy(s). If questions arise, the policy(s) will govern.

This certificate takes the place of any other issued to you on a prior date which described the insurance.



*Geneva Cambell Brown, Corporate Secretary*

### **Explanation of Terms**

You will find terms starting with capital letters throughout your certificate. To help you understand your benefits, most of these terms are defined in the Definitions section of your certificate.



## Important Notices

### Discrimination is Against the Law

Cigna complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. Cigna does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

Cigna:

- Provides 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)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact customer service at the toll-free phone number shown on your ID card, and ask a Customer Service Associate for assistance.

If you believe that Cigna has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance by sending an email to [ACAGrievance@cigna.com](mailto:ACAGrievance@cigna.com) or by writing to the following address:

Cigna  
Nondiscrimination Complaint Coordinator  
P.O. Box 188016  
Chattanooga, TN 37422

If you need assistance filing a written grievance, please call the number on the back of your ID card or send an email to [ACAGrievance@cigna.com](mailto:ACAGrievance@cigna.com). 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, D.C. 20201  
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at  
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

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### Proficiency of Language Assistance Services

**English** – ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. For current Cigna customers, call the number on the back of your ID card. Otherwise, call 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Dial 711).

**Spanish** – ATENCIÓN: Hay servicios de asistencia de idiomas, sin cargo, a su disposición. Si es un cliente actual de Cigna, llame al número que figura en el reverso de su tarjeta de identificación. Si no lo es, llame al 1.800.244.6224 (los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 711).

**Chinese** – 注意：我們可為您免費提供語言協助服務。對於 Cigna 的現有客戶，請致電您的 ID 卡背面的號碼。其他客戶請致電 1.800.244.6224（聽障專線：請撥 711）。

**Vietnamese** – XIN LƯU Ý: Quý vị được cấp dịch vụ trợ giúp về ngôn ngữ miễn phí. Dành cho khách hàng hiện tại của Cigna, vui lòng gọi số ở mặt sau thẻ Hội viên. Các trường hợp khác xin gọi số 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Quay số 711).

**Korean** – 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 현재 Cigna 가입자님들께서는 ID 카드 뒷면에 있는 전화번호로 연락해주시고, 기타 다른 경우에는 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 다이얼 711)번으로 전화해주시고.

**Tagalog** – PAUNAWA: Makakakuha ka ng mga serbisyo sa tulong sa wika nang libre. Para sa mga kasalukuyang customer ng Cigna, tawagan ang numero sa likuran ng iyong ID card. O kaya, tumawag sa 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: I-dial ang 711).

**Russian** – ВНИМАНИЕ: вам могут предоставить бесплатные услуги перевода. Если вы уже участвуете в плане Cigna, позвоните по номеру, указанному на обратной стороне вашей идентификационной карточки участника плана. Если вы не являетесь участником одного из наших планов, позвоните по номеру 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 711).

Arabic – برجاء الانتباه خدمات الترجمة المجانية متاحة لكم لعملاء Cigna الحاليين برجاء الاتصال بالرقم المدون علي ظهر بطاقتكم الشخصية. او اتصل ب 1.800.244.6224 (TTY : اتصل ب 711).

**French Creole – ATANSYON:** Gen sèvis èd nan lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Pou kliyan Cigna yo, rele nimewo ki dèyè kat ID ou. Sinon, rele nimewo 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Rele 711).

**French – ATTENTION:** Des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Si vous êtes un client actuel de Cigna, veuillez appeler le numéro indiqué au verso de votre carte d'identité. Sinon, veuillez appeler le numéro 1.800.244.6224 (ATS : composez le numéro 711).

**Portuguese – ATENÇÃO:** Tem ao seu dispor serviços de assistência linguística, totalmente gratuitos. Para clientes Cigna atuais, ligue para o número que se encontra no verso do seu cartão de identificação. Caso contrário, ligue para 1.800.244.6224 (Dispositivos TTY: marque 711).

**Polish – UWAGA:** w celu skorzystania z dostępnej, bezpłatnej pomocy językowej, obecni klienci firmy Cigna mogą dzwonić pod numer podany na odwrocie karty identyfikacyjnej. Wszystkie inne osoby prosimy o skorzystanie z numeru 1 800 244 6224 (TTY: wybierz 711).

**Japanese –**  
注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援サービスをご利用いただけます。現在のCignaのお客様は、IDカード裏面の電話番号まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。その他の方は、1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 711) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

**Italian – ATTENZIONE:** Sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Per i clienti Cigna attuali, chiamare il numero sul retro della tessera di identificazione. In caso contrario, chiamare il numero 1.800.244.6224 (utenti TTY: chiamare il numero 711).

**German – ACHTUNG:** Die Leistungen der Sprachunterstützung stehen Ihnen kostenlos zur Verfügung. Wenn Sie gegenwärtiger Cigna-Kunde sind, rufen Sie bitte die Nummer auf der Rückseite Ihrer Krankenversicherungskarte an. Andernfalls rufen Sie 1.800.244.6224 an (TTY: Wählen Sie 711).

**Persian (Farsi) – توجه:** خدمات کمک زبانی، به صورت رایگان به شما ارائه می‌شود. برای مشتریان فعلی Cigna، لطفاً با شماره‌ای که در پشت کارت شناسایی شماست تماس بگیرید. در غیر اینصورت با شماره 1.800.244.6224 تماس بگیرید (شماره تلفن ویژه ناشنوايان: شماره 711 را شماره‌گیری کنید).

## Oregon Notice

Oregon law requires Cigna to provide written notice to the policyholder no later than 10 working days prior to the end of the grace period informing the policyholder that the premium was not received and that the policy will be terminated as of the premium due date if the premium is not received by the end of the applicable grace period. The notice will describe the medical Continuation and Conversion rights. By acceptance of the benefits of this policy, You and Your Dependents are deemed to have consented to the examination of medical records by Cigna or its designee(s) for purposes of utilization review, quality assurance, and peer-review.

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## Eligibility - Effective Date

### Employee Insurance

This plan is offered to you as an Employee.

### Eligibility for Employee Insurance

You will become eligible for insurance on the day you complete the waiting period if:

- you are in a Class of Eligible Employees; and
- you are an eligible, full-time Employee; and
- you normally work at least 40 hours a week; and
- you pay any required contribution.

If you were previously insured and your insurance ceased, you must satisfy the Waiting Period to become insured again. If your insurance ceased because you were no longer employed in a Class of Eligible Employees, you are not required to satisfy any waiting period if you again become a member of a Class of Eligible Employees within one year after your insurance ceased.

### Eligibility for Dependent Insurance

You will become eligible for Dependent insurance on the later of:

- the day you become eligible for yourself; or
- the day you acquire your first Dependent.

### Waiting Period

The first day of the month following date of hire.

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## Classes of Eligible Employees

Each Employee as reported to the insurance company by your Employer.

### Effective Date of Employee Insurance

You will become insured on the date you elect the insurance by signing an approved payroll deduction or enrollment form, as applicable, but no earlier than the date you become eligible. If you are a Late Entrant, you may elect the insurance only during an Open Enrollment Period. Your insurance will become effective on the first day of the month after the end of that Open Enrollment Period in which you elect it.

You will become insured on your first day of eligibility, following your election, if you are in Active Service on that date, or if you are not in Active Service on that date due to your health status.

### Late Entrant – Employee

You are a Late Entrant if:

- you elect the insurance more than 30 days after you become eligible; or
- you again elect it after you cancel your payroll deduction (if required).

### Open Enrollment Period

Open Enrollment Period means a period in each calendar year as designated by your Employer.

## Dependent Insurance

For your Dependents to be insured, you will have to pay the required contribution, if any, toward the cost of Dependent Insurance.

### Effective Date of Dependent Insurance

Insurance for your Dependents will become effective on the date you elect it by signing an approved payroll deduction form (if required), but no earlier than the day you become eligible for Dependent Insurance. All of your Dependents as defined will be included.

If you are a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance, the insurance for each of your Dependents will not become effective until Cigna agrees to insure that Dependent.

Your Dependents will be insured only if you are insured.

### Late Entrant – Dependent

You are a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance if:

- you elect that insurance more than 30 days after you become eligible for it; or
- you again elect it after you cancel your payroll deduction (if required).

## Choice of Dental Office for Cigna Dental Care

When you elect Employee Insurance, you may select a Dental Office from the list provided by CDH. If your first choice of a Dental Office is not available, you will be notified by CDH of your designated Dental Office, based on your alternate selection. You and each of your insured Dependents may select your own designated Dental Office. No Dental Benefits are covered unless the Dental Service is received from your designated Dental Office, referred by a Network General Dentist at that facility to a specialist approved by CDH, or otherwise authorized by CDH, except for Emergency Dental Treatment. A transfer from one Dental Office to another Dental Office may be requested by you through CDH. Any such transfer will take effect on the first day of the month after it is authorized by CDH. A transfer will not be authorized if you or your Dependent has an outstanding balance at the Dental Office.

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## Combined Dental Option Plans

### Important Information about Your Dental Plan

When You elected Dental Insurance for Yourself and Your Dependents, You elected one of the two options offered:

- Cigna Dental Care; or
- Cigna Dental Preferred Provider

Details of the benefits under each of the options are described in separate certificates/booklets.

When electing an option initially or when changing options as described below, the following rules apply:

- You and Your Dependents may enroll for only one of the options, not for multiple options at the same time.
- Your Dependents will be insured only if You are insured and only for the same option.

### Change in Option Elected

If Your plan is subject to Section 125 (an IRS regulation), You are allowed to change options only at Open Enrollment or when You experience a life status change.

If Your plan is not subject to Section 125, You are allowed to change options at any time.

Consult Your plan administrator for the rules that govern Your plan.



## Effective Date of Change

If You change options during open enrollment, You (and Your Dependents) will become insured on the Effective Date of the plan. If You change options other than at open enrollment (as allowed by Your plan), You will become insured on the first day of the month after the transfer is processed.

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## Dental Benefits – Cigna Dental Care

### Your Cigna Dental Coverage

The information below outlines your coverage and will help you to better understand your Dental Plan. Included is information about which services are covered, which are not, and how much dental services will cost you.

### Member Services

If you have any questions or concerns about the Dental Plan, Member Services Representatives are just a toll-free phone call away. They can explain your benefits or help with matters regarding your Dental Office or Dental Plan. For assistance with transfers, specialty referrals, eligibility, second opinions, emergencies, Covered Services, plan benefits, ID cards, location of Dental Offices, conversion coverage or other matters, call Member Services from any location at 1-800-Cigna24. The hearing impaired may contact the state TTY toll-free relay service number listed in their local telephone directory.

### Other Charges – Patient Charges

Your Patient Charge Schedule lists the dental procedures covered under your Dental Plan. Some dental procedures are covered at no charge to you. For other Covered Services, the Patient Charge Schedule lists the fees you must pay when you visit your Dental Office. There are no deductibles and no annual dollar limits for services covered by your Dental Plan.

Your Network General Dentist should tell you about Patient Charges for Covered Services, the amount you must pay for non-Covered Services and the Dental Office's payment policies. Timely payment is important. It is possible that the Dental Office may add late charges to overdue balances.

Your Patient Charge Schedule is subject to annual change. Cigna Dental will give written notice to your Group of any change in Patient Charges at least 60 days prior to such change. You will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on the Patient Charge Schedule that is in effect on the date a procedure is started.

## Choice Of Dentist

You and your Dependents should have selected a Dental Office when you enrolled in the Dental Plan. If you did not, you must advise Cigna Dental of your Dental Office selection prior to receiving treatment. The benefits of the Dental Plan are available only at your Dental Office, except in the case of an emergency or when Cigna Dental otherwise authorizes payment for out-of-network benefits.

You may select a network Pediatric Dentist as the Network General Dentist for your dependent child under age 7 by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 for a list of network Pediatric Dentists in your Service Area or, if your Network General Dentist sends your child under age 7 to a network Pediatric Dentist, the network Pediatric Dentist's office will have primary responsibility for your child's care. Your Network General Dentist will provide care for children 7 years and older. If your child continues to visit the Pediatric Dentist after his/her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, you will be fully responsible for the Pediatric Dentist's Usual Fees. Exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If for any reason your selected Dental Office cannot provide your dental care, or if your Network General Dentist terminates from the network, Cigna Dental will let you know and will arrange a transfer to another Dental Office. Refer to the Section titled "Office Transfers" if you wish to change your Dental Office.

To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. If you would like to have the list faxed to you, enter your fax number, including your area code. You may always obtain a current Dental Office Directory by calling Member Services.

### Your Payment Responsibility (General Care)

For Covered Services provided by your Dental Office, you will be charged the fees listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. For services listed on your Patient Charge Schedule at any other dental office, you may be charged Usual Fees. For non-Covered Services, you are responsible for paying Usual Fees.

If, on a temporary basis, there is no Network General Dentist in your Service Area, Cigna Dental will let you know and you may obtain Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist. You will pay the non-Network Dentist the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will pay the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her usual fee and the applicable Patient Charge.

See the *Specialty Referrals* section regarding payment responsibility for specialty care.



All contracts between Cigna Dental and Network Dentists state that you will not be liable to the network dentist for any sums owed to the Network Dentist by Cigna Dental.

### **Emergency Dental Care – Reimbursement**

An emergency is a dental condition of recent onset and severity which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of dentistry to believe the condition needs immediate dental procedures necessary to control excessive bleeding, relieve severe pain, or eliminate acute infection. You should contact your Network General Dentist if you have an emergency in your Service Area.

#### **• Emergency Care Away From Home**

If you have an emergency while you are out of your Service Area or unable to contact your Network General Dentist, you may receive emergency Covered Services as defined above from any general dentist. Routine restorative procedures or definitive treatment (e.g. root canal) are not considered emergency care. You should return to your Network General Dentist for these procedures. For emergency Covered Services, you will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. Cigna Dental will reimburse you the difference, if any, between the dentist's usual fee for emergency Covered Services and your Patient Charge, up to a total of \$50 per incident. To receive reimbursement, send appropriate reports and x-rays to Cigna Dental at the address listed for your state on the front of this booklet.

#### **• Emergency Care After Hours**

There is a Patient Charge listed on your Patient Charge Schedule for emergency care rendered after regularly scheduled office hours. This charge will be in addition to other applicable Patient Charges.

### **Limitations On Covered Services**

Listed below are limitations on services covered by your Dental Plan:

- **Frequency** – The frequency of certain Covered Services, like cleanings, is limited. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on frequency.
- **Specialty Care** – Except for Pediatric Dentistry and Endodontics, payment authorization is required for coverage of services performed by a Network Specialty Dentist.
- **Pediatric Dentistry** – Coverage for treatment by a Pediatric Dentist ends on your child's 7th birthday; however, exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on an individual basis. Your Network General Dentist will provide care after your child's 7th birthday.
- **Oral Surgery** – The surgical removal of an impacted wisdom tooth may not be covered if the tooth is not

diseased or if the removal is only for orthodontic reasons. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on oral surgery.

### **General Limitations - Dental Benefits**

No payment will be made for expenses incurred or services received:

- for or in connection with an Injury arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit;
- for charges which would not have been made in any facility, other than a Hospital or a Correctional Institution owned or operated by the United States Government or by a state or municipal government if the person had no insurance;
- to the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred or the services are received;
- for charges which the person is not legally required to pay;
- for charges which would not have been made if the person had no insurance;
- due to injuries which are intentionally self-inflicted.

### **Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan**

Listed below are the services or expenses which are NOT covered under your Dental Plan and which are your responsibility at the dentist's Usual Fees. There is no coverage for:

- services not listed on the Patient Charge Schedule.
- services provided by a non-Network Dentist without Cigna Dental's prior approval (except in emergencies).
- services related to an injury or illness paid under workers' compensation, occupational disease or similar laws.
- services provided or paid by or through a federal or state governmental agency or authority, political subdivision or a public program, other than Medicaid.
- services required while serving in the armed forces of any country or international authority or relating to a declared or undeclared war or acts of war.
- cosmetic dentistry or cosmetic dental surgery (dentistry or dental surgery performed solely to improve appearance) unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
- general anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. When listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, general anesthesia and IV Sedation are covered when medically necessary and provided in conjunction with Covered Services performed by an Oral Surgeon or Periodontist.
- prescription drugs.

- procedures, appliances or restorations if the main purpose is to: change vertical dimension (degree of separation of the jaw when teeth are in contact); diagnose or treat abnormal conditions of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), unless TMJ therapy is specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule; or restore teeth which have been damaged by attrition, abrasion, erosion and/or abfraction.
- replacement of fixed and/or removable appliances that have been lost, stolen, or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.
- services associated with the placement or prosthodontic restoration of a dental implant.
- services considered to be unnecessary or experimental in nature.
- procedures or appliances for minor tooth guidance or to control harmful habits.
- hospitalization, including any associated incremental charges for dental services performed in a hospital. (Benefits are available for Network Dentist charges for covered services performed at a hospital. Other associated charges are not covered and should be submitted to the medical carrier for benefit determination.)
- services to the extent you or your enrolled Dependent are compensated under any group medical plan, no-fault auto insurance policy, or uninsured motorist policy.
- the completion of crown and bridge, dentures or root canal treatment already in progress on the effective date of your Cigna Dental coverage.

In addition to the above, if your Patient Charge Schedule number ends in "-04" or a higher number, there is no coverage for the following:

- crowns and bridges used solely for splinting.
- resin bonded retainers and associated pontics.

Pre-existing conditions are not excluded if the procedures involved are otherwise covered in your Patient Charge Schedule.

### **Appointments**

To make an appointment with your Network Dentist, call the Dental Office that you have selected. When you call, your Dental Office will ask for your identification number and will check your eligibility.

### **Broken Appointments**

The time your Network Dentist schedules for your appointment is valuable to you and the dentist. Broken appointments make it difficult for your Dental Office to schedule time with other patients.

If you or your enrolled Dependent break an appointment with less than 24 hours notice to the Dental Office, you may be charged a broken appointment fee.

### **Office Transfers**

If you decide to change Dental Offices, we can arrange a transfer. You should complete any dental procedure in progress before transferring to another Dental Office. To arrange a transfer, call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24. To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24.

Your transfer request will take about 5 days to process. Transfers will be effective the first day of the month after the processing of your request. Unless you have an emergency, you will be unable to schedule an appointment at the new Dental Office until your transfer becomes effective.

There is no charge to you for the transfer; however, all Patient Charges which you owe to your current Dental Office must be paid before the transfer can be processed.

### **Specialty Care**

Your Network General Dentist at your Dental Office has primary responsibility for your professional dental care. Because you may need specialty care, the Cigna Dental Network includes the following types of specialty dentists:

- Pediatric Dentists – children's dentistry.
- Endodontists – root canal treatment.
- Periodontists – treatment of gums and bone.
- Oral Surgeons – complex extractions and other surgical procedures.
- Orthodontists – tooth movement.

When specialty care is needed, your Network General Dentist must start the referral process. X-rays taken by your Network General Dentist should be sent to the Network Specialty Dentist.

### **Specialty Referrals**

#### **In General**

Upon referral from a Network General Dentist, your Network Specialty Dentist will submit a specialty care treatment plan to Cigna Dental for payment authorization, except for Pediatric Dentistry and Endodontics, for which prior authorization is not required. You should verify with the Network Specialist that your treatment plan has been authorized for payment by Cigna Dental before treatment begins.

When Cigna Dental authorizes payment to the Network Specialty Dentist, the fees or no-charge services listed on the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date each procedure



is started will apply, except as set out in the Orthodontics section. Treatment by the Network Specialist must begin within 90 days from the date of Cigna Dental's authorization. If you are unable to obtain treatment within the 90-day period, please call Member Services to request an extension. Your coverage must be in effect when each procedure begins.

For non-Covered Services or if Cigna Dental does not authorize payment to the Network Specialty Dentist for Covered Services, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the Network Specialty Dentist's Usual Fee. If you have a question or concern regarding an authorization or a denial, contact Member Services.

After the Network Specialty Dentist has completed treatment, you should return to your Network General Dentist for cleanings, regular checkups and other treatment. If you visit a Network Specialty Dentist without a referral or if you continue to see a Network Specialty Dentist after you have completed specialty care, it will be your responsibility to pay for treatment at the dentist's Usual Fees.

When your Network General Dentist determines that you need specialty care and a Network Specialist is not available, as determined by Cigna Dental, Cigna Dental will authorize a referral to a non-Network Specialty Dentist. The referral procedures applicable to specialty care will apply. In such cases, you will be responsible for the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will reimburse the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge. For non-Covered Services or services not authorized for payment, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the dentist's Usual Fee.

**Orthodontics** - (This section is only applicable if Orthodontia is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.)

**Definitions –**

- **Orthodontic Treatment Plan and Records** – the preparation of orthodontic records and a treatment plan by the Orthodontist.
- **Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment** – treatment prior to full eruption of the permanent teeth, frequently a first phase preceding comprehensive treatment.
- **Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment** – treatment after the eruption of most permanent teeth, generally the final phase of treatment before retention.
- **Retention (Post Treatment Stabilization)** – the period following orthodontic treatment during which you may wear an appliance to maintain and stabilize the new position of the teeth.

**Patient Charges**

The Patient Charge for your entire orthodontic case, including retention, will be based upon the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date of your visit for Treatment Plan and Records. However, if banding/appliance insertion does not occur within 90 days of such visit; your treatment plan changes; or there is an interruption in your coverage or treatment, a later change in the Patient Charge Schedule may apply.

The Patient Charge for Orthodontic Treatment is based upon 24 months of interceptive and/or comprehensive treatment. If you require more than 24 months of treatment in total, you will be charged an additional amount for each additional month of treatment, based upon the Orthodontist's Contract Fee. If you require less than 24 months of treatment, your Patient Charge will be reduced on a prorated basis.

**Additional Charges**

You will be responsible for the Orthodontist's Usual Fees for the following non-Covered Services:

- incremental costs associated with optional/elective materials, including but not limited to ceramic, clear, lingual brackets, or other cosmetic appliances;
- orthognathic surgery and associated incremental costs;
- appliances to guide minor tooth movement;
- appliances to correct harmful habits; and
- services which are not typically included in orthodontic treatment. These services will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

**Orthodontics in Progress**

If orthodontic treatment is in progress for you or your Dependent at the time you enroll, the fee listed on the Patient Charge Schedule is not applicable. Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to find out if you are entitled to any benefit under the Dental Plan.

**Complex Rehabilitation/Multiple Crown Units**

Complex rehabilitation is extensive dental restoration involving 6 or more "units" of crown and/or bridge in the same treatment plan. Using full crowns (caps) and/or fixed bridges which are cemented in place, your Network General Dentist will rebuild natural teeth, fill in spaces where teeth are missing and establish conditions which allow each tooth to function in harmony with the occlusion (bite). The extensive procedures involved in complex rehabilitation require an extraordinary amount of time, effort, skill and laboratory collaboration for a successful outcome.

Complex rehabilitation will be covered when performed by your Network General Dentist after consultation with you

about diagnosis, treatment plan and charges. Each tooth or tooth replacement included in the treatment plan is referred to as a "unit" on your Patient Charge Schedule. The crown and bridge charges on your Patient Charge Schedule are for each unit of crown or bridge. You pay the per unit charge for each unit of crown and/or bridge PLUS an additional charge for each unit when 6 or more units are prescribed in your Network General Dentist's treatment plan.

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## Coordination Of Benefits

Under this dental plan Coordination of Benefits rules apply to specialty care only.

This section applies if you or any one of your Dependents is covered under more than one Plan and determines how benefits payable from all such Plans will be coordinated. You should file all claims with each Plan.

### Definitions

For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

#### **Plan**

Any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment:

- Group insurance and/or group-type coverage, whether insured or self-insured which neither can be purchased by the general public, nor is individually underwritten, including closed panel coverage.
- Governmental benefits as permitted by law, excepting Medicaid, Medicare and Medicare supplement policies.
- Medical benefits coverage of group, group-type, and individual automobile contracts.

Each Plan or part of a Plan which has the right to coordinate benefits will be considered a separate Plan.

#### **Closed Panel Plan**

A Plan that provides medical or dental benefits primarily in the form of services through a panel of employed or contracted providers, and that limits or excludes benefits provided by providers outside of the panel, except in the case of emergency or if referred by a provider within the panel.

#### **Primary Plan**

The Plan that determines and provides or pays benefits without taking into consideration the existence of any other Plan.

#### **Secondary Plan**

A Plan that determines, and may reduce its benefits after taking into consideration, the benefits provided or paid by the Primary Plan. A Secondary Plan may also recover from the Primary Plan the Reasonable Cash Value of any services it provided to you.

#### **Allowable Expense**

A necessary, reasonable and customary service or expense, including deductibles, coinsurance or copayments, that is covered in full or in part by any Plan covering you. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the Reasonable Cash Value of each service is the Allowable Expense and is a paid benefit.

Examples of expenses or services that are not Allowable Expenses include, but are not limited to the following:

- An expense or service or a portion of an expense or service that is not covered by any of the Plans is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are covered by two or more Plans that provide services or supplies on the basis of reasonable and customary fees, any amount in excess of the highest reasonable and customary fee is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are covered by one Plan that provides services or supplies on the basis of reasonable and customary fees and one Plan that provides services and supplies on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's fee arrangement shall be the Allowable Expense.
- If your benefits are reduced under the Primary Plan (through the imposition of a higher copayment amount, higher coinsurance percentage, a deductible and/or a penalty) because you did not comply with Plan provisions or because you did not use a preferred provider, the amount of the reduction is not an Allowable Expense. Such Plan provisions include second surgical opinions and precertification of admissions or services.

#### **Reasonable Cash Value**

An amount which a duly licensed provider of health care services usually charges patients and which is within the range of fees usually charged for the same service by other health care providers located within the immediate geographic area where the health care service is rendered under similar or comparable circumstances.



### **Order of Benefit Determination Rules**

A Plan that does not have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section shall always be the Primary Plan. If the Plan does have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section, the first of the following rules that applies to the situation is the one to use:

- The Plan that covers you as an enrollee or an employee shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as a Dependent shall be the Secondary Plan;
- If you are a Dependent child whose parents are not divorced or legally separated, the Primary Plan shall be the Plan which covers the parent whose birthday falls first in the calendar year as an enrollee or employee;
- If you are the Dependent of divorced or separated parents, benefits for the Dependent shall be determined in the following order:
  - first, if a court decree states that one parent is responsible for the child's healthcare expenses or health coverage and the Plan for that parent has actual knowledge of the terms of the order, but only from the time of actual knowledge;
  - then, the Plan of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the Plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the Plan of the parent not having custody of the child; and
  - finally, the Plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child.
- The Plan that covers you as an active employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as laid-off or retired employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
- The Plan that covers you under a right of continuation which is provided by federal or state law shall be the Secondary Plan and the Plan that covers you as an active employee or retiree (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
- If one of the Plans that covers you is issued out of the state whose laws govern this Policy, and determines the order of benefits based upon the gender of a parent, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefit determination, the Plan with the gender rules shall determine the order of benefits.

If none of the above rules determines the order of benefits, the Plan that has covered you for the longer period of time shall be primary.

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

If this Plan is the Secondary Plan, this Plan may reduce benefits so that the total benefits paid by all Plans are not more than 100% of the total of all Allowable Expenses.

### **Recovery of Excess Benefits**

If Cigna pays charges for benefits that should have been paid by the Primary Plan, or if Cigna pays charges in excess of those for which we are obligated to provide under the Policy, Cigna will have the right to recover the actual payment made or the Reasonable Cash Value of any services.

Cigna will have sole discretion to seek such recovery from any person to, or for whom, or with respect to whom, such services were provided or such payments made by any insurance company, healthcare plan or other organization. If we request, you must execute and deliver to us such instruments and documents as we determine are necessary to secure the right of recovery.

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

Cigna, without consent or notice to you, may obtain information from and release information to any other Plan with respect to you in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. You must provide us with any information we request in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. This request may occur in connection with a submitted claim; if so, you will be advised that the "other coverage" information, (including an Explanation of Benefits paid under the Primary Plan) is required before the claim will be processed for payment. If no response is received within 90 days of the request, the claim will be denied. If the requested information is subsequently received, the claim will be processed.

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## **Expenses For Which A Third Party May Be Responsible**

This plan does not cover:

- Expenses incurred by you or your Dependent (hereinafter individually and collectively referred to as a "Participant,") for which another party may be responsible as a result of having caused or contributed to an Injury or Sickness.

- Expenses incurred by a Participant to the extent any payment is received for them either directly or indirectly from a third party tortfeasor or as a result of a settlement, judgment or arbitration award in connection with any automobile medical, automobile no-fault, uninsured or underinsured motorist, homeowners, workers' compensation, government insurance (other than Medicaid), or similar type of insurance or coverage.

### **Right of Reimbursement**

If a Participant incurs a Covered Expense for which, in the opinion of the plan or its claim administrator, another party may be responsible or for which the Participant may receive payment as described above, the plan is granted a right of reimbursement, to the extent of the benefits provided by the plan, from the proceeds of any recovery whether by settlement, judgment, or otherwise.

### **Lien of the Plan**

By accepting benefits under this plan, a Participant:

- grants a lien and assigns to the plan an amount equal to the benefits paid under the plan against any recovery made by or on behalf of the Participant which is binding on any attorney or other party who represents the Participant whether or not an agent of the Participant or of any insurance company or other financially responsible party against whom a Participant may have a claim provided said attorney, insurance carrier or other party has been notified by the plan or its agents;
- agrees that this lien shall constitute a charge against the proceeds of any recovery and the plan shall be entitled to assert a security interest thereon;
- agrees to hold the proceeds of any recovery in trust for the benefit of the plan to the extent of any payment made by the plan.

### **Additional Terms**

- No adult Participant hereunder may assign any rights that it may have to recover medical expenses from any third party or other person or entity to any minor Dependent of said adult Participant without the prior express written consent of the plan. The plan's right to recover shall apply to decedents', minors', and incompetent or disabled persons' settlements or recoveries.
- No Participant shall make any settlement, which specifically reduces or excludes, or attempts to reduce or exclude, the benefits provided by the plan.
- The plan's right of recovery shall be a prior lien against any proceeds recovered by the Participant. This right of recovery shall not be defeated nor reduced by the application of any so-called "Made-Whole Doctrine",

"Rimes Doctrine", or any other such doctrine purporting to defeat the plan's recovery rights by allocating the proceeds exclusively to non-medical expense damages.

- No Participant hereunder shall incur any expenses on behalf of the plan in pursuit of the plan's rights hereunder, specifically; no court costs, attorneys' fees or other representatives' fees may be deducted from the plan's recovery without the prior express written consent of the plan. This right shall not be defeated by any so-called "Fund Doctrine", "Common Fund Doctrine", or "Attorney's Fund Doctrine".
- The plan shall recover the full amount of benefits provided hereunder without regard to any claim of fault on the part of any Participant, whether under comparative negligence or otherwise.
- In the event that a Participant shall fail or refuse to honor its obligations hereunder, then the plan shall be entitled to recover any costs incurred in enforcing the terms hereof including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, litigation, court costs, and other expenses. The plan shall also be entitled to offset the reimbursement obligation against any entitlement to future medical benefits hereunder until the Participant has fully complied with his reimbursement obligations hereunder, regardless of how those future medical benefits are incurred.
- The Plan may take such action as may be necessary to enforce the terms of the Plan, including, but not limited to bringing a legal action for specific performance, restitution, the imposition of a lien and/or constructive trust, or injunctive relief.

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## **Payment of Benefits**

### **To Whom Payable**

Dental Benefits are assignable to the provider. When you assign benefits to a provider, you have assigned the entire amount of the benefits due on that claim. If the provider is overpaid because of accepting a patient's payment on the charge, it is the provider's responsibility to reimburse the patient. Because of Cigna's contracts with providers, all claims from contracted providers should be assigned.

Cigna may, at its option, make payment to you for the cost of any Covered Expenses from a Non-Participating Provider even if benefits have been assigned. When benefits are paid to





you or your Dependent, you or your Dependents are responsible for reimbursing the provider.

If any person to whom benefits are payable is a minor or, in the opinion of Cigna is not able to give a valid receipt for any payment due him, such payment will be made to his legal guardian. If no request for payment has been made by his legal guardian, Cigna may, at its option, make payment to the person or institution appearing to have assumed his custody and support.

When one of our participants passes away, Cigna may receive notice that an executor of the estate has been established. The executor has the same rights as our insured and benefit payments for unassigned claims should be made payable to the executor.

Payment as described above will release Cigna from all liability to the extent of any payment made.

### Recovery of Overpayment

When an overpayment has been made by Cigna, Cigna will have the right at any time to: recover that overpayment from the person to whom or on whose behalf it was made; or offset the amount of that overpayment from a future claim payment.

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### Miscellaneous

Certain Dental Offices may provide discounts on services not listed on the Patient Charge Schedule, including a 10% discount on bleaching services. You should contact your participating Dental Office to determine if such discounts are offered.

If you are a Cigna Dental plan member you may be eligible for additional dental benefits during certain episodes of care. For example, certain frequency limitations for dental services may be relaxed for pregnant women, diabetics or those with cardiac disease. Please review your plan enrollment materials for details.

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## Termination Of Insurance

### Employees

Your insurance will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date you cease to be in a Class of Eligible Employees or cease to qualify for the insurance.
- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.
- the date the policy is canceled.
- the last day of the calendar month in which your Active Service ends except as described below.

Any continuation of insurance must be based on a plan which precludes individual selection.

### Temporary Layoff or Leave of Absence

If your Active Service ends due to temporary layoff or leave of absence, your insurance will be continued until the date your Employer: stops paying premium for you; or otherwise cancels your insurance. However, your insurance will not be continued for more than 60 days past the date your Active Service ends.

### Injury or Sickness

If your Active Service ends due to an Injury or Sickness, your insurance will be continued while you remain totally and continuously disabled as a result of the Injury or Sickness. However, the insurance will not continue past the date your Employer stops paying premium for you or otherwise cancels the insurance.

### Note:

When a person's Dental Insurance ceases, Cigna does not offer any Converted Policy either on an individual or group basis. However, upon termination of insurance due to termination of employment in an eligible class or ceasing to qualify as a Dependent, you or any of your Dependents may apply to Cigna Dental Health, Inc. for coverage under an individual dental plan.

Upon request, Cigna Dental Health Inc. or your Employer will provide you with further details of the Converted Policy.

### Dependents

Your insurance for all of your Dependents will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date your insurance ceases.
- the date you cease to be eligible for Dependent Insurance.
- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.



- the date Dependent Insurance is canceled.

The insurance for any one of your Dependents will cease on the date that Dependent no longer qualifies as a Dependent.

### **Special Continuation upon Divorce or Death of Employee for Spouse Age 55 or Older and Children**

If your Dependent spouse's and children's insurance would otherwise cease because of your death, or because of your divorce or legal separation, and if, at the time of your death, divorce or legal separation your Dependent spouse is 55 years of age or older, your surviving or former spouse may continue Dependent Dental Benefits for himself and any Dependent children by paying the required contribution to your Employer. In the event of divorce or legal separation, your former spouse shall give the Employer written notice of the divorce or legal separation within 60 days of such event.

In no event will the insurance be continued beyond the earliest date below:

- the last day of the period for which the required contribution has been paid;
- the date that your surviving or former spouse becomes covered under another group plan;
- for any one Dependent, the date that Dependent ceases to qualify as a Dependent for any reason other than: lack of primary support by you; or divorce or legal separation;
- the date the group policy is canceled;
- the date your surviving or former spouse becomes eligible for Medicare.

### **Notification of Special Continuation**

Your Employer will notify your Dependent spouse in writing of his right to elect the continuation. Your spouse may elect the continuation by: applying in writing; and sending the required contribution to the Employer within 60 days after the date of mailing of the notice by the Employer.

### **Conversion Available Following Continuation**

The terms of the "Dental Conversion Privilege" section will apply after the person's insurance ceases.

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## **Dental Benefits Extension**

An expense incurred in connection with a Dental Service that is completed after a person's benefits cease will be deemed to be incurred while he is insured if:

- for fixed bridgework and full or partial dentures, the first impressions are taken and/or abutment teeth fully prepared while he is insured and the device installed or delivered to him within 3 calendar months after his insurance ceases.
- for a crown, inlay or onlay, the tooth is prepared while he is insured and the crown, inlay or onlay installed within 3 calendar months after his insurance ceases.
- for root canal therapy, the pulp chamber of the tooth is opened while he is insured and the treatment is completed within 3 calendar months after his insurance ceases.

There is no extension for any Dental Service not shown above.

This extension of benefits does not apply if insurance ceases due to nonpayment of premiums.

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## **Dental Conversion Privilege**

### **Dental Conversion Privilege for Cigna Dental Care, Cigna Dental Preferred Provider and Cigna Traditional Dental**

Any Employee or Dependent whose Dental Insurance ceases for a reason other than failure to pay any required contribution or cancellation of the policy may be eligible for coverage under another Group Dental Insurance Policy underwritten by Cigna; provided that: he applies in writing and pays the first premium to Cigna within 31 days after his insurance ceases; and he is not considered to be overinsured.

CDH or Cigna, as the case may be, or the Policyholder will give the Employee, on request, further details of the Converted Policy.

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## Notice of an Appeal or a Grievance

The appeal or grievance provision in this certificate may be superseded by the law of your state. Please see your explanation of benefits for the applicable appeal or grievance procedure.

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## The Following Will Apply To Residents Of Oregon

### When You Have A Complaint Or An Appeal

For the purposes of this section, any reference to "you," "your" or "Member" also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf, unless otherwise noted.

We want you to be completely satisfied with the care you receive. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and solving your problems.

#### Start With Customer Services

We are here to listen and help. If you have a concern regarding a person, a service, the quality of care, or contractual benefits, you may call our toll-free number and explain your concern to one of our customer service representatives. You may also express that concern in writing. Please call or write to us at the following:

Customer services toll-free number or address that appears on your benefit identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

We will do our best to resolve the matter on your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your concern, we will get back to you as soon as possible, but in any case within 30 days.

If you are not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, you may start the appeals procedure.

#### Appeals Procedure

Cigna has a two-step appeals procedure for coverage decisions. To initiate an appeal, you must submit a request for an appeal in writing within 365 days of receipt of a denial notice. You should state the reason why you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information supporting your appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask to register your appeal by telephone. Call or write to us at

the toll-free number or address on your benefit identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

#### Level-One Appeal

Your appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial decision. Appeals involving Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness will be considered by a health care professional.

For level-one appeals, we will acknowledge receipt of an appeal within 7 days of its receipt and respond in writing with a decision within 30 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a postservice coverage determination. However, for postservice appeals involving Medical Necessity, we will respond in writing within 20 working days. If more time or information is needed to make the determination, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

#### Level-Two Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with our level-one appeal decision, you may request a second review. To start a level-two appeal, follow the same process required for a level-one appeal.

Most requests for a second review will be conducted by the appeals committee, which consists of at least three people. Anyone involved in the prior decision may not vote on the committee. For appeals involving Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness, the committee will consult with at least one Dentist reviewer in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration, as determined by Cigna's Dentist reviewer. You may present your situation to the committee in person or by conference call.

For level-two appeals we will acknowledge in writing that we have received your request within 7 days and schedule a committee review. For postservice claims, the committee review will be completed within 30 calendar days. If more time or information is needed to make the determination, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed by the committee to complete the review. You will be notified in writing of the committee's decision within 5 working days after the committee meeting, and within the committee review time frames above if the committee does not approve the requested coverage.

#### Appeal to the State of Oregon

You have the right to file a complaint or to seek other assistance from the Oregon agency. Assistance is available:

- by calling (503) 947-7984 or the toll free message line at (888) 877-4894;



- by writing to the Oregon agency, Consumer Protection Unit, 350 Winter Street NE, Room 440-2, Salem, OR 97301-3883;
- through the Internet at <http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/ins/>; or
- by e-mail at: [DCBS.INSMAIL@state.or.us](mailto:DCBS.INSMAIL@state.or.us)

### Notice of Benefit Determination on Appeal

Every notice of a determination on appeal will be provided in writing or electronically and, if an adverse determination, will include: the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other Relevant Information as defined; upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your appeal, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit.

You or your plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options such as Mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor office and your State insurance regulatory agency. You may also contact the Plan Administrator.

### Relevant Information

Relevant Information is any document, record, or other information which was relied upon in making the benefit determination; was submitted, considered, or generated in the course of making the benefit determination, without regard to whether such document, record, or other information was relied upon in making the benefit determination; demonstrates compliance with the administrative processes and safeguards required by federal law in making the benefit determination; or constitutes a statement of policy or guidance with respect to the plan concerning the denied treatment option or benefit or the claimant's diagnosis, without regard to whether such advice or statement was relied upon in making the benefit determination.

### Legal Action

In most instances, you may not initiate a legal action against Cigna until you have completed the level-one and level-two appeal processes.

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## Definitions

### Active Service

You will be considered in Active Service:

- on any of your Employer's scheduled work days if you are performing the regular duties of your work on a full-time basis on that day either at your Employer's place of business or at some location to which you are required to travel for your Employer's business.
- on a day which is not one of your Employer's scheduled work days if you were in Active Service on the preceding scheduled work day.

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### Adverse Determination

An Adverse Determination is a decision made by Cigna Dental that it will not authorize payment for certain limited specialty care procedures. Any such decision will be based on the necessity or appropriateness of the care in question. To be considered clinically necessary, the treatment or service must be reasonable and appropriate and must meet the following requirements. It must:

- be consistent with the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the condition present;
- conform to commonly accepted standards of treatment;
- not be used primarily for the convenience of the member or provider of care; and
- not exceed the scope, duration or intensity of that level of care needed to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

Requests for payment authorizations that are declined by Cigna Dental based upon the above criteria will be the responsibility of the member at the dentist's Usual Fees.

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### Cigna Dental Health (herein referred to as CDH)

CDH is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cigna Corporation that, on behalf of Cigna, contracts with Participating General Dentists for the provision of dental care. CDH also provides



management and information services to Policyholders and Participating Dental Facilities.

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### Contract Fees

Contract Fees are the fees contained in the Network Specialty Dentist agreement with Cigna Dental which represent a discount from the provider's Usual Fees.

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### Covered Services

Covered Services are the dental procedures listed in your Patient Charge Schedule.

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### Dental Office

Dental Office means the office of the Network General Dentist(s) that you select as your provider.

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### Dental Plan

The term Dental Plan means the managed dental care plan offered through the Group Contract between Cigna Dental and your Group.

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### Dentist

The term Dentist means a person practicing dentistry or oral surgery within the scope of his license. It will also include a provider operating within the scope of his license or a certified Denturist when he performs any of the Dental Services described in the policy.

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### Denturist

The term Denturist means a dental technician who fabricates and fits dentures without supervision of a Dentist and is practicing within the scope of his license.

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### Dependent

Dependents are:

- your lawful spouse (Note: Whenever the term spouse appears in the Certificate, this term always includes your registered Domestic Partner); or
- your non-registered Domestic Partner; and
- any child of yours who is
  - less than 26 years old.
  - 26 or more years old, unmarried, and primarily supported by you and incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical disability. Proof of the child's condition and dependence must be submitted to Cigna within 31 days after the date the child ceases to qualify above. From time to time, but not more frequently than once a year, Cigna may require proof of the continuation of such condition and dependence.

The term child means a child born to you. It also means:

- a child legally adopted by you, including that child from the date of placement. Coverage for such child will include the necessary care and treatment of conditions existing prior to the date of placement including medically diagnosed congenital defects or birth abnormalities, regardless of any pre-existing condition limitation in the policy; and
- a stepchild or a child for whom you are the legal guardian.

If your Domestic Partner has a child, that child will also be included as a Dependent.



Benefits for a Dependent child will continue until the last day of the calendar month in which the limiting age is reached. Anyone who is eligible as an Employee will not be considered as a Dependent. No one may be considered as a Dependent of more than one Employee.

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### Domestic Partner

A Domestic Partner is defined as a person who has a valid domestic partner registration in Oregon; or a person of the same or opposite sex who does not have a valid domestic partner registration in Oregon and who:

- shares your permanent residence;
- has resided with you for no less than one year;
- is no less than 18 years of age;
- is financially interdependent with you and has proven such interdependence by providing documentation of at least two of the following arrangements: common ownership of real property or a common leasehold interest in such property; community ownership of a motor vehicle; a joint bank account or a joint credit account; designation as a beneficiary for life insurance or retirement benefits or under your partner's will; assignment of a durable power of attorney or health care power of attorney; or such other proof as is considered by Cigna to be sufficient to establish financial interdependency under the circumstances of your particular case;
- is not a blood relative any closer than would prohibit legal marriage; and
- has signed jointly with you, a notarized affidavit attesting to the above which can be made available to Cigna upon request.

In addition, you and your Domestic Partner will be considered to have met the terms of this definition as long as neither you nor your Domestic Partner:

- has signed a Domestic Partner affidavit or declaration with any other person within twelve months prior to designating each other as Domestic Partners hereunder;
- is currently legally married to another person; or
- has any other Domestic Partner, spouse or spouse equivalent of the same or opposite sex.

You and your Domestic Partner must have registered as Domestic Partners, if you reside in a state that provides for such registration.

The section of this certificate entitled "COBRA Continuation Rights Under Federal Law" will not apply to your Domestic Partner and his or her Dependents.

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### Employee

The term Employee means a full-time employee of the Employer who is currently in Active Service. The term does not include employees who are part-time or temporary or who normally work less than 40 hours a week for the Employer.

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### Employer

The term Employer means the Policyholder and all Affiliated Employers.

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### Group

The term Group means the Employer, labor union or other organization that has entered into a Group Contract with Cigna Dental for managed dental services on your behalf.

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### Medicaid

The term Medicaid means a state program of medical aid for needy persons established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended.

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### Medicare

The term Medicare means the program of medical care benefits provided under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended.

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### Network General Dentist

A Network General Dentist is a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide general dental care services to plan members.

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### Network Specialty Dentist

A Network Specialty Dentist is a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide specialized dental care services to plan members.

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### Patient Charge Schedule

The Patient Charge Schedule is a separate list of covered services and amounts payable by you.

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### Service Area

The Service Area is the geographical area designated by Cigna Dental within which it shall provide benefits and arrange for dental care services.

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### Specialist

The term Specialist means any person or organization licensed as necessary: who delivers or furnishes specialized dental care services; and who provides such services upon approved referral to persons insured for these benefits.

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### Subscriber

The subscriber is the enrolled employee or member of the Group.

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### Usual Fee

The customary fee that an individual Dentist most frequently charges for a given dental service.

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## **Cigna Dental Care – Cigna Dental Health Plan**

**The certificate and the state specific riders listed in the next section apply if you are a resident of one of the following states:  
AZ, CO, DE, FL, KS/NE, MD, MO, NC, OH**

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## Cigna Dental Companies

Cigna Dental Health Plan of Arizona, Inc.  
Cigna Dental Health of Colorado, Inc.  
Cigna Dental Health of Delaware, Inc.  
Cigna Dental Health of Florida, Inc. **(a Prepaid Limited Health Services Organization licensed under Chapter 636, Florida Statutes)**  
Cigna Dental Health of Kansas, Inc. (Kansas and Nebraska)  
Cigna Dental Health of Kentucky, Inc.  
Cigna Dental Health of Maryland, Inc.  
Cigna Dental Health of Missouri, Inc.  
Cigna Dental Health of New Jersey, Inc.  
Cigna Dental Health of North Carolina, Inc.  
Cigna Dental Health of Ohio, Inc.  
**P.O. Box 453099**  
**Sunrise, Florida 33345-3099**

**This Plan Booklet/Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form/Certificate of Coverage is intended for your information; it constitutes a summary of the Dental Plan and is included as a part of the agreement between Cigna Dental and your Group (collectively, the “Group Contract”). The Group Contract must be consulted to determine the rates and the exact terms and conditions of coverage. If rates or coverages are changed under your Group Contract, your rates and coverage will also change. A prospective member has the right to view the Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form prior to enrollment. It should be read completely and carefully. Members with special health care needs should read carefully those sections that apply to them. Please read the following information so you will know from whom or what group of providers dental care may be obtained.**

**NOTICE: IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE HEALTH CARE PLAN, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COLLECT BENEFITS FROM BOTH PLANS. EACH PLAN MAY REQUIRE YOU TO FOLLOW ITS RULES OR USE SPECIFIC DOCTORS OR HOSPITALS, AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH BOTH PLANS AT THE SAME TIME. READ ALL OF THE RULES VERY CAREFULLY, INCLUDING THE DUAL COVERAGE SECTION.**

**Important Cancellation Information - Please Read the Provision Entitled “Disenrollment from the Dental Plan - Termination of Benefits.”**

### **READ YOUR PLAN BOOKLET CAREFULLY**

**Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 if you have any questions. The hearing impaired may call the state TTY toll-free relay service listed in their local telephone directory.**

**In some cases, state laws will supersede or augment the provisions contained in this booklet. These requirements are listed at the end of this booklet as a State Rider. In case of a conflict between the provisions of this booklet and your State Rider, the State Rider will prevail.**

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## **I. Definitions**

Capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined, have the meanings listed below.

**Adverse Determination** – A decision by Cigna Dental not to authorize payment for certain limited specialty care procedures on the basis of necessity or appropriateness of care. To be considered clinically necessary, the treatment or



service must be reasonable and appropriate and meet the following requirements:

- A. be consistent with the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the condition present;
- B. conform to commonly accepted standards throughout the dental field;
- C. not be used primarily for the convenience of the member or provider of care; and
- D. not exceed the scope, duration, or intensity of that level of care needed to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

Requests for payment authorizations that are declined by Cigna Dental based upon the above criteria will be the responsibility of the member at the dentist's Usual Fees. A licensed dentist will make any such denial.

**Cigna Dental** - the Cigna Dental Health organization that provides dental benefits in your state as listed on the face page of this booklet.

**Contract Fees** - the fees contained in the Network Specialty Dentist agreement with Cigna Dental.

**Covered Services** - the dental procedures listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Dental Office** - your selected office of Network General Dentist(s).

**Dental Plan** - managed dental care plan offered through the Group Contract between Cigna Dental and your Group.

**Dependent** - your lawful spouse; your unmarried child (including newborns, adopted children, stepchildren, a child for whom you must provide dental coverage under a court order; or, a dependent child who resides in your home as a result of court order or administrative placement) who is:

- A. less than 26 years old; or
- B. less than 26 years old if he or she is both:
  - 1. a full-time student enrolled at an accredited educational institution, and
  - 2. reliant upon you for maintenance and support; or
- C. any age if he or she is both:
  - 1. incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical disability, and
  - 2. reliant upon you for maintenance and support.

For a dependent child 26 years of age or older who is a full-time student at an educational institution, coverage will be provided for an entire academic term during which the child begins as a full-time student and remains enrolled, regardless of whether the number of hours of instruction for which the

child is enrolled is reduced to a level that changes the child's academic status to less than that of a full-time student.

For a child who falls into category (b) or (c) above, you will need to furnish Cigna Dental evidence of his or her reliance upon you, in the form requested, within 31 days after the dependent reaches the age of 26 and once a year thereafter during his or her term of coverage.

Coverage for dependents living outside a Cigna Dental service area is subject to the availability of an approved network where the dependent resides.

This definition of "Dependent" applies unless modified by your State Rider or Group Contract.

**Group** - Employer, labor union or other organization that has entered into a Group Contract with Cigna Dental for managed dental services on your behalf.

**Network Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide general dentistry or specialty care services to you. The term, when used, includes both Network General Dentists and Network Specialty Dentists.

**Network General Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide dental care services to you.

**Network Specialty Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide specialized dental care services to you.

**Patient Charge** - the amount you owe your Network Dentist for any dental procedure listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Patient Charge Schedule** - list of services covered under your Dental Plan and how much they cost you.

**Premiums** - fees that your Group remits to Cigna Dental, on your behalf, during the term of your Group Contract.

**Service Area** - the geographical area designated by Cigna Dental within which it shall provide benefits and arrange for dental care services.

**Subscriber/You** - The enrolled employee or member of the Group.

**Usual Fee** - the customary fee that an individual dentist most frequently charges for a given dental service.

## II. Introduction To Your Cigna Dental Plan

Welcome to the Cigna Dental Plan. We encourage you to use your dental benefits. Please note that enrollment in the Dental Plan allows the release of patient records to Cigna Dental or its designee for health plan operation purposes.



### III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins

To enroll in the Dental Plan, you and your Dependents must be able to seek treatment for Covered Services within a Cigna Dental Service Area. Other eligibility requirements are determined by your Group.

If you enrolled in the Dental Plan before the effective date of your Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day the Group Contract is effective. If you enrolled in the Dental Plan after the effective date of the Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day of the month following processing of your enrollment (unless effective dates other than the first day of the month are provided for in your Group Contract).

Dependents may be enrolled in the Dental Plan at the time you enroll, during an open enrollment, or within 31 days of becoming eligible due to a life status change such as marriage, birth, adoption, placement, or court or administrative order. You may drop coverage for your Dependents only during the open enrollment periods for your Group, unless there is a change in status such as divorce. Cigna Dental may require evidence of good dental health at your expense if you or your Dependents enroll after the first period of eligibility (except during open enrollment) or after disenrollment because of nonpayment of Premiums.

If you have family coverage, a newborn child is automatically covered during the first 31 days of life. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, your baby must be enrolled in the Dental Plan and you must begin paying Premiums, if any additional are due, during that period.

Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, you may be eligible to continue coverage during certain leaves of absence from work. During such leaves, you will be responsible for paying your Group the portion of the Premiums, if any, which you would have paid if you had not taken the leave. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

### IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage

The information below outlines your coverage and will help you to better understand your Dental Plan. Included is information about which services are covered, which are not, and how much dental services will cost you. A copy of the Group Contract will be furnished to you upon your request.

#### A. Member Services

If you have any questions or concerns about the Dental Plan, Member Services Representatives are just a toll-free phone call away. They can explain your benefits or help with matters regarding your Dental Office or Dental Plan.

For assistance with transfers, specialty referrals, eligibility, second opinions, emergencies, Covered Services, plan benefits, ID cards, location of Dental Offices, conversion coverage or other matters, call Member Services from any location at 1-800-Cigna24. The hearing impaired may contact the state TTY toll-free relay service number listed in their local telephone directory.

#### B. Premiums

Your Group sends a monthly fee to Cigna Dental for members participating in the Dental Plan. The amount and term of this fee is set forth in your Group Contract. You may contact your Benefits Representative for information regarding any part of this fee to be withheld from your salary or to be paid by you to the Group.

#### C. Other Charges - Patient Charges

Network General Dentists are typically reimbursed by Cigna Dental through fixed monthly payments and supplemental payments for certain procedures. No bonuses or financial incentives are used as an inducement to limit services. Network Dentists are also compensated by the fees which you pay, as set out in your Patient Charge Schedule.

Your Patient Charge Schedule lists the dental procedures covered under your Dental Plan. Some dental procedures are covered at no charge to you. For other Covered Services, the Patient Charge Schedule lists the fees you must pay when you visit your Dental Office. There are no deductibles and no annual dollar limits for services covered by your Dental Plan.

Your Network General Dentist should tell you about Patient Charges for Covered Services, the amount you must pay for non-Covered Services and the Dental Office's payment policies. Timely payment is important. It is possible that the Dental Office may add late charges to overdue balances.

Your Patient Charge Schedule is subject to annual change in accordance with your Group Contract. Cigna Dental will give written notice to your Group of any change in Patient Charges at least 60 days prior to such change. You will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on the Patient Charge Schedule that is in effect on the date a procedure is started.

#### D. Choice of Dentist

You and your Dependents should have selected a Dental Office when you enrolled in the Dental Plan. If you did not, you must advise Cigna Dental of your Dental Office selection prior to receiving treatment. The benefits of the Dental Plan are available only at your Dental Office,

except in the case of an emergency or when Cigna Dental otherwise authorizes payment for out-of-network benefits.

You may select a network Pediatric Dentist as the Network General Dentist for your dependent child under age 7 by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to get a list of network Pediatric Dentists in your Service Area or if your Network General Dentist sends your child under the age of 7 to a network Pediatric Dentist, the network Pediatric Dentist's office will have primary responsibility for your child's care. For children 7 years and older, your Network General Dentist will provide care. If your child continues to visit the Pediatric Dentist upon the age of 7, you will be fully responsible for the Pediatric Dentist's Usual Fees. Exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If for any reason your selected Dental Office cannot provide your dental care, or if your Network General Dentist terminates from the network, Cigna Dental will let you know and will arrange a transfer to another Dental Office. Refer to the Section titled "Office Transfers" if you wish to change your Dental Office.

To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. If you would like to have the list faxed to you, enter your fax number, including your area code. You may always obtain a current Dental Office Directory by calling Member Services.

#### **E. Your Payment Responsibility (General Care)**

For Covered Services at your Dental Office, you will be charged the fees listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. For services listed on your Patient Charge Schedule at any other dental office, you may be charged Usual Fees. For non-Covered Services, you are responsible for paying Usual Fees.

If, on a temporary basis, there is no Network General Dentist in your Service Area, Cigna Dental will let you know and you may obtain Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist. You will pay the non-Network Dentist the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will pay the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge.

See Section IX, *Specialty Referrals*, regarding payment responsibility for specialty care.

All contracts between Cigna Dental and Network Dentists state that you will not be liable to the Network Dentist for any sums owed to the Network Dentist by Cigna Dental.

#### **F. Emergency Dental Care - Reimbursement**

An emergency is a dental condition of recent onset and severity which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of dentistry to believe the condition needs immediate dental procedures necessary to control excessive bleeding, relieve severe pain, or eliminate acute infection. You should contact your Network General Dentist if you have an emergency in your Service Area.

##### **1. Emergency Care Away From Home**

If you have an emergency while you are out of your Service Area or you are unable to contact your Network General Dentist, you may receive emergency Covered Services as defined above from any general dentist. Routine restorative procedures or definitive treatment (e.g. root canal) are not considered emergency care. You should return to your Network General Dentist for these procedures. For emergency Covered Services, you will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. Cigna Dental will reimburse you the difference, if any, between the dentist's Usual Fee for emergency Covered Services and your Patient Charge, up to a total of \$50 per incident. To receive reimbursement, send appropriate reports and x-rays to Cigna Dental at the address listed for your state on the front of this booklet.

##### **2. Emergency Care After Hours**

There is a Patient Charge listed on your Patient Charge Schedule for emergency care rendered after regularly scheduled office hours. This charge will be in addition to other applicable Patient Charges.

#### **G. Limitations on Covered Services**

Listed below are limitations on services covered by your Dental Plan:

- 1. Frequency** - The frequency of certain Covered Services, like cleanings, is limited. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on frequency.
- 2. Specialty Care** - Except for Pediatric Dentistry and Endodontics, payment authorization is required for coverage of services performed by a Network Specialty Dentist.
- 3. Pediatric Dentistry** - Coverage for treatment by a Pediatric Dentist ends on your child's 7th birthday; however, exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on an individual basis. Your Network General Dentist will provide care after your child's 7th birthday.

4. **Oral Surgery** - The surgical removal of an impacted wisdom tooth may not be covered if the tooth is not diseased or if the removal is only for orthodontic reasons. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on oral surgery.

#### **H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan**

Listed below are the services or expenses which are NOT covered under your Dental Plan and which are your responsibility at the dentist's Usual Fees. There is no coverage for:

1. services not listed on the Patient Charge Schedule.
2. services provided by a non-Network Dentist without Cigna Dental's prior approval (except emergencies, as described in Section IV.F).
3. services related to an injury or illness paid under workers' compensation, occupational disease or similar laws.
4. services provided or paid by or through a federal or state governmental agency or authority, political subdivision or a public program, other than Medicaid.
5. services required while serving in the armed forces of any country or international authority or relating to a declared or undeclared war or acts of war.
6. cosmetic dentistry or cosmetic dental surgery (dentistry or dental surgery performed solely to improve appearance) unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
7. general anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. When listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, general anesthesia and IV sedation are covered when medically necessary and provided in conjunction with Covered Services performed by an Oral Surgeon or Periodontist.
8. prescription drugs.
9. procedures, appliances or restorations if the main purpose is to: a. change vertical dimension (degree of separation of the jaw when teeth are in contact); b. diagnose or treat abnormal conditions of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), unless TMJ therapy is specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule; or, if your Patient Charge Schedule ends in "-04" or higher, c. restore teeth which have been damaged by attrition, abrasion, erosion and/or abfraction.
10. replacement of fixed and/or removable appliances that have been lost, stolen, or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.
11. services associated with the placement or prosthodontic restoration of a dental implant.
12. services considered to be unnecessary or experimental in nature.
13. procedures or appliances for minor tooth guidance or to control harmful habits.
14. hospitalization, including any associated incremental charges for dental services performed in a hospital. (Benefits are available for Network Dentist charges for Covered Services performed at a hospital. Other associated charges are not covered and should be submitted to the medical carrier for benefit determination.)
15. services to the extent you or your enrolled Dependent are compensated under any group medical plan, no-fault auto insurance policy, or uninsured motorist policy.
16. the completion of crown and bridge, dentures or root canal treatment already in progress on the effective date of your Cigna Dental coverage.

In addition to the above, if your Patient Charge Schedule number ends in "-04" or a higher number, there is no coverage for the following:

17. crowns and bridges used solely for splinting.
18. resin bonded retainers and associated pontics.

Pre-existing conditions are not excluded if the procedures involved are otherwise covered under your Patient Charge Schedule.

#### **V. Appointments**

To make an appointment with your Network Dentist, call the Dental Office that you have selected. When you call, your Dental Office will ask for your identification number and will check your eligibility.

#### **VI. Broken Appointments**

The time your Network Dentist schedules for your appointment is valuable to you and the dentist. Broken appointments make it difficult for your Dental Office to schedule time with other patients.

If you or your enrolled Dependent breaks an appointment with less than 24 hours notice to the Dental Office, you may be charged a broken appointment fee.





## VII. Office Transfers

If you decide to change Dental Offices, we can arrange a transfer. You should complete any dental procedure in progress before transferring to another Dental Office. To arrange a transfer, call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24. To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24.

Your transfer request will take about 5 days to process. Transfers will be effective the first day of the month after the processing of your request. Unless you have an emergency, you will be unable to schedule an appointment at the new Dental Office until your transfer becomes effective.

There is no charge to you for the transfer; however, all Patient Charges which you owe to your current Dental Office must be paid before the transfer can be processed.

## VIII. Specialty Care

Your Network General Dentist at your Dental Office has primary responsibility for your professional dental care. Because you may need specialty care, the Cigna Dental Network includes the following types of specialty dentists:

- Pediatric Dentists - children's dentistry.
- Endodontists - root canal treatment.
- Periodontists - treatment of gums and bone.
- Oral Surgeons - complex extractions and other surgical procedures.
- Orthodontists - tooth movement.

There is no coverage for referrals to prosthodontists or other specialty dentists not listed above.

When specialty care is needed, your Network General Dentist must start the referral process. X-rays taken by your Network General Dentist should be sent to the Network Specialty Dentist.

See Section IV.D, *Choice of Dentist*, regarding treatment by a Pediatric Dentist.

## IX. Specialty Referrals

### A. In General

Upon referral from a Network General Dentist, your Network Specialty Dentist will submit a specialty care treatment plan to Cigna Dental for payment authorization, except for Pediatrics and Endodontics, for which prior authorization is not required. You should verify with the Network Specialty Dentist that your treatment plan has

been authorized for payment by Cigna Dental before treatment begins.

When Cigna Dental authorizes payment to the Network Specialty Dentist, the fees or no-charge services listed on the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date each procedure is started will apply, except as set out in Section IX.B., *Orthodontics*. Treatment by the Network Specialty Dentist must begin within 90 days from the date of Cigna Dental's authorization. If you are unable to obtain treatment within the 90-day period, please call Member Services to request an extension. Your coverage must be in effect when each procedure begins.

For non-Covered Services or if Cigna Dental does not authorize payment to the Network Specialty Dentist for Covered Services, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the Network Specialty Dentist's Usual Fee. If you have a question or concern regarding an authorization or a denial, contact Member Services.

After the Network Specialty Dentist has completed treatment, you should return to your Network General Dentist for cleanings, regular checkups and other treatment. If you visit a Network Specialty Dentist without a referral or if you continue to see a Network Specialty Dentist after you have completed specialty care, it will be your responsibility to pay for treatment at the dentist's Usual Fees.

When your Network General Dentist determines that you need specialty care and a Network Specialty Dentist is not available, as determined by Cigna Dental, Cigna Dental will authorize a referral to a non-Network Specialty Dentist. The referral procedures applicable to specialty care will apply. In such cases, you will be responsible for the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will reimburse the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge. For non-Covered Services or services not authorized for payment, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the dentist's Usual Fee.

### B. Orthodontics (This section is applicable only when Orthodontics is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.)

#### 1. Definitions

If your Patient Charge Schedule indicates coverage for orthodontic treatment, the following definitions apply:

- a. **Orthodontic Treatment Plan and Records** - the preparation of orthodontic records and a treatment plan by the Orthodontist.
- b. **Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment** - treatment prior to full eruption of the permanent

teeth, frequently a first phase preceding comprehensive treatment.

- c. **Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment** - treatment after the eruption of most permanent teeth, generally the final phase of treatment before retention.
- d. **Retention (Post Treatment Stabilization)** - the period following orthodontic treatment during which you may wear an appliance to maintain and stabilize the new position of the teeth.

## 2. Patient Charges

The Patient Charge for your entire orthodontic case, including retention, will be based upon the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date of your visit for Treatment Plan and Records. However, if a. banding/appliance insertion does not occur within 90 days of such visit, b. your treatment plan changes, or c. there is an interruption in your coverage or treatment, a later change in the Patient Charge Schedule may apply.

The Patient Charge for Orthodontic Treatment is based upon 24 months of interceptive and/or comprehensive treatment. If you require more than 24 months of treatment in total, you will be charged an additional amount for each additional month of treatment, based upon the Orthodontist's Contract Fee. If you require less than 24 months of treatment, your Patient Charge will be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

## 3. Additional Charges

You will be responsible for the Orthodontist's Usual Fees for the following non-Covered Services:

- a. incremental costs associated with optional/elective materials, including but not limited to ceramic, clear, lingual brackets, or other cosmetic appliances;
- b. orthognathic surgery and associated incremental costs;
- c. appliances to guide minor tooth movement;
- d. appliances to correct harmful habits; and
- e. services which are not typically included in Orthodontic Treatment. These services will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

## 4. Orthodontics In Progress

If Orthodontic Treatment is in progress for you or your Dependent at the time you enroll, the fee listed on the Patient Charge Schedule is not applicable.

Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to find out if you are entitled to any benefit under the Dental Plan.

## X. Complex Rehabilitation/Multiple Crown Units

Complex rehabilitation is extensive dental restoration involving 6 or more "units" of crown and/or bridge in the same treatment plan. Using full crowns (caps) and/or fixed bridges which are cemented in place, your Network General Dentist will rebuild natural teeth, fill in spaces where teeth are missing and establish conditions which allow each tooth to function in harmony with the occlusion (bite). The extensive procedures involved in complex rehabilitation require an extraordinary amount of time, effort, skill and laboratory collaboration for a successful outcome.

Complex rehabilitation will be covered when performed by your Network General Dentist after consultation with you about diagnosis, treatment plan and charges. Each tooth or tooth replacement included in the treatment plan is referred to as a "unit" on your Patient Charge Schedule. The crown and bridge charges on your Patient Charge Schedule are for each unit of crown or bridge. You pay the per unit charge for each unit of crown and/or bridge PLUS an additional charge for each unit when 6 or more units are prescribed in your Network General Dentist's treatment plan.

## XI. What to Do if There is a Problem

For the purposes of this section, any reference to "you" or "your" also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf. **Time frames or requirements may vary depending on the laws in your State. Consult your State Rider for further details.**

Most problems can be resolved between you and your dentist. However, we want you to be completely satisfied with the Dental Plan. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and complaints. The complaint procedure is voluntary and will be used only upon your request.

### A. Start with Member Services

We are here to listen and to help. If you have a concern about your Dental Office or the Dental Plan, you can call 1-800-Cigna24 toll-free and explain your concern to one of our Member Services Representatives. You can also express that concern in writing to Cigna Dental, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047. We will do our best to resolve the matter during your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your concern, we



will get back to you as soon as possible, usually by the end of the next business day, but in any case within 30 days.

If you are not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, you may start the appeals procedure.

## **B. Appeals Procedure**

Cigna Dental has a two-step appeals procedure for coverage decisions. To initiate an appeal, you must submit a request in writing to Cigna Dental, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047, within 1 year from the date of the initial Cigna Dental decision. You should state the reason you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information to support your appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask Member Services to register your appeal by calling 1-800-Cigna24.

### **1. Level-One Appeals**

Your level-one appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial review. Appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness will be reviewed by a dental professional.

If your appeal concerns a denied pre-authorization, we will respond with a decision within 15 calendar days after we receive your appeal. For appeals concerning all other coverage issues, we will respond with a decision within 30 calendar days after we receive your appeal. If we need more information to make your level-one appeal decision, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the time frames under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, Cigna Dental will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

If you are not satisfied with our level-one appeal decision, you may request a level-two appeal.

### **2. Level-Two Appeals**

To initiate a level-two appeal, follow the same process required for a level-one appeal. Your level-two appeal will be reviewed and a decision made by

someone not involved in the level-one appeal. For appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness, the decision will be made by a dentist. If specialty care is in dispute, the appeal will be conducted by a dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under review. The Level-Two Appeals process does not apply to resolutions made solely on the basis that the Dental Plan does not provide benefits for the service performed or requested.

The review will be completed within 30 calendar days. If we need more information to complete the appeal, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review. The decision will include the specific contractual or clinical reasons for the decision, as applicable.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the time frames under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, the Dental Plan will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

### **3. Independent Review Procedure**

The independent review procedure is a voluntary program arranged by the Dental Plan and is not available in all areas. Consult your State Rider for more details.

### **4. Appeals to the State**

You have the right to contact your State's Department of Insurance and/or Department of Health for assistance at any time. **See your State Rider for further details.**

Cigna Dental will not cancel or refuse to renew your coverage because you or your Dependent has filed a complaint or an appeal involving a decision made by Cigna Dental. You have the right to file suit in a court of law for any claim involving the professional treatment performed by a dentist.

## **XII. Dual Coverage**

You and your Dependents may not be covered twice under this Dental Plan. If you and your spouse have enrolled each





other or the same Dependents twice, please contact your Benefit Administrator.

If you or your Dependents have dental coverage through your spouse's employer or other sources such as an HMO or similar dental plan, applicable coordination of benefit rules will determine which coverage is primary or secondary. In most cases, the plan covering you as an employee is primary for you, and the plan covering your spouse as an employee is primary for him or her. Your children are generally covered as primary by the plan of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the year. Dual coverage should result in lowering or eliminating your out-of-pocket expenses. It should not result in reimbursement for more than 100% of your expenses.

Coordination of benefit rules are attached to the Group Contract and may be reviewed by contacting your Benefit Administrator. Cigna Dental coordinates benefits only for specialty care services.

### **XIII. Disenrollment From the Dental Plan - Termination of Benefits**

#### **A. Time Frames for Disenrollment/Termination**

Except as otherwise provided in the sections titled "Extension/Continuation of Benefits" or in your Group Contract, disenrollment from the Dental Plan and termination of benefits will occur on the last day of the month:

1. in which Premiums are not remitted to Cigna Dental.
2. in which eligibility requirements are no longer met.
3. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship as determined by Cigna Dental, after at least two opportunities to transfer to another Dental Office.
4. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices.
5. after 60 days notice by Cigna Dental, due to continued lack of a Dental Office in your Service Area.
6. after voluntary disenrollment.

#### **B. Effect on Dependents**

When one of your Dependents is disenrolled, you and your other Dependents may continue to be enrolled. When you are disenrolled, your Dependents will be disenrolled as well.

### **XIV. Extension of Benefits**

Coverage for completion of a dental procedure (other than orthodontics) which was started before your disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended for 90 days after disenrollment unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

Coverage for orthodontic treatment which was started before disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended to the end of the quarter or for 60 days after disenrollment, whichever is later, unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

### **XV. Continuation of Benefits (COBRA)**

For Groups with 20 or more employees, federal law requires the employer to offer continuation of benefits coverage for a specified period of time after termination of employment or reduction of work hours, for any reason other than gross misconduct. You will be responsible for sending payment of the required Premiums to the Group. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

### **XVI. Conversion Coverage**

If you are no longer eligible for coverage under your Group's Dental Plan, you and your enrolled Dependents may continue your dental coverage by enrolling in the Cigna Dental conversion plan. You must enroll within three (3) months after becoming ineligible for your Group's Dental Plan. Premium payments and coverage will be retroactive to the date coverage under your Group's Dental Plan ended. You and your enrolled Dependents are eligible for conversion coverage unless benefits were discontinued due to:

- Permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship,
- Fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices,
- Nonpayment of Premiums by the Subscriber,
- Selection of alternate dental coverage by your Group, or
- Lack of network/Service Area.

Benefits and rates for Cigna Dental conversion coverage and any succeeding renewals will be based on the Covered Services listed in the then-current standard conversion plan and may not be the same as those for your Group's Dental Plan. Please call the Cigna Dental Conversion Department at 1-800-Cigna24 to obtain current rates and make arrangements for continuing coverage.



## **XVII. Confidentiality/Privacy**

Cigna Dental is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal and sensitive information. Information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures is made available to you during the enrollment process and/or as part of your member plan materials. You may obtain additional information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 or via the Internet at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com).

## **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

As a Cigna Dental plan member, you may be eligible for various discounts, benefits, or other consideration for the purpose of promoting your general health and well being. Please visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) for details.

If you are a Cigna Dental Care member you may also be eligible for additional dental benefits during certain health conditions. For example, certain frequency limitations for dental services may be relaxed for pregnant women and members participating in certain disease management programs. Please review your plan enrollment materials for details.

**SEE YOUR STATE RIDER FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.**

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## **State Rider**

### **Cigna Dental Health Plan of Arizona, Inc.**

**Arizona Residents:**

#### **I. Definitions**

##### **Dependent**

The following provision, included as the next to the last sentence under the definition of "Dependent" in your Plan Booklet, does not apply to Arizona residents:

Coverage for dependents living outside a Cigna Dental service area is subject to the availability of an approved network where the dependent resides.

#### **III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins**

Employees may enroll within 31 days of becoming eligible.

If you have family coverage, a newborn child, newly adopted child, or a child newly placed in your home for adoption by you, is automatically covered during the first 31 days of life, adoption or placement. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, you should enroll your child in the Dental Plan and you need to begin to pay any additional Premiums during that period.

## **IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage**

### **F. Emergency Dental Care - Reimbursement**

An emergency is a dental problem that requires immediate treatment (includes control of bleeding, acute infection, or relief of pain including local anesthesia). Reimbursement for emergencies will be made by Cigna Dental in accordance with your plan benefits, regardless of the location of the facility providing the services.

### **H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan**

Exclusion 15. does not apply to Arizona residents.

## **XI. What to Do if There is a Problem**

Section B, "Appeals Procedure," is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

### **B. Problems Concerning Denied Pre-authorizations or Denied Claims for Services Already Provided**

If your problem concerns a specialty referral pre-authorization that is not approved for payment or a claim for services already provided that is denied by Cigna Dental, you or your designated representative may request a review as set out below by contacting Member Services, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422, Telephone 1-800-Cigna24.

#### **1. Expedited Review Process (Pre-authorizations Only)**

##### **a. Expedited Review**

An Expedited Review is available if your Network Dentist certifies in writing that the time to follow the Informal Reconsideration process, as described below, would cause a significant negative change in your medical condition. Cigna Dental will notify you and your dentist of its decision, by telephone and by mail within 1 business day after receipt of all documentation. If Cigna Dental upholds the denial, the written notice will include the criteria used, the clinical reasons for the decision, references to any supporting documentation, and notice of your right to proceed to an Expedited Appeal.

**b. Expedited Appeal**

An Expedited Appeal is available if Cigna Dental upholds the denial of a pre-authorization at the Expedited Review level. To request an Expedited Appeal, your Network Dentist must immediately inform Cigna Dental, in writing, that you are requesting an Expedited Appeal. Cigna Dental will notify you and your dentist of its decision, by telephone and by mail, within 72 hours of receiving the request. If Cigna Dental upholds the denial, you may request an Expedited External Independent Review.

**c. Expedited External Independent Review**

An Expedited External Independent Review is available if Cigna Dental upholds the denial of a pre-authorization at the Expedited Appeal level. You have 5 business days from the date you receive written notice that your denial was upheld at the Expedited Appeal level to request an Expedited External Independent Review. You must send your request in writing to the Appeals Coordinator at the above address. Cigna Dental will notify the Director of Insurance and will acknowledge your request in writing within 1 business day. The Director of Insurance will advise you and your treating dentist of the decision.

**2. Informal Reconsideration (Pre-authorizations Only)**

An Informal Reconsideration is available if Cigna Dental denies a pre-authorization that does not qualify for Expedited Review. You have up to 2 years from the date your pre-authorization was denied to request Informal Reconsideration. Your coverage must be in effect at the time of the request. Cigna Dental will acknowledge your request for Informal Reconsideration in writing within 5 business days. An Appeals Information Packet will be included. Cigna Dental will notify you and your treating dentist of its decision in writing within 15 days. If Cigna Dental upholds the denial, the notice will include a description of the criteria used, the clinical reasons for the decision, references to any supporting documentation, and notice of your right to proceed to a Formal Appeal.

**3. Formal Appeal (Pre-authorizations and Claims for Services Already Provided)**

a. Denied Pre-authorizations: You have 60 days from the date you receive notice that your denial

was upheld at the Informal Reconsideration level to request a Formal Appeal. Cigna Dental will notify you and your dentist of its decision in writing within 15 days.

b. Denied Claims for Services Already Provided: You have 2 years from the date your claim was denied to request a Formal Appeal. Cigna Dental will notify you and your dentist of its decision in writing within 60 days.

You must send your request for a Formal Appeal in writing to the Appeals Coordinator at the above address. You or your Network Dentist must provide Cigna Dental with any material justification or documentation to support your request. Cigna Dental will acknowledge your appeal in writing within 5 business days of your request. If Cigna Dental upholds the denial, the written notice will include the criteria used, the clinical reasons for the decision, references to any supporting documentation, and your right to proceed to External Independent Review.

**4. External Independent Review (Pre-authorizations and Claims for Services Already Provided)**

If Cigna Dental upholds the denial of a pre-authorization or a claim for services already provided at the Formal Appeal level, you may seek an External Independent Review. You have 30 days from the date you receive notice that your denial was upheld at the Formal Appeal level to request an External Independent Review. You must send your request for an External Independent Review in writing to the Appeals Coordinator at the above address. Cigna Dental will notify the Director of Insurance and will acknowledge your request in writing within 5 business days. The Director of Insurance will notify you and your treating dentist of the Independent Review Organization's decision.

Further information concerning the above Appeal Process is contained in the Appeals information Packet. You may obtain a replacement packet by contacting Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24.

**5. Appeals to the State**

You have the right to contact the Arizona Department of Insurance and/or Department of Health for assistance at any time.

**XII. Dual Coverage**

If you are also an insured or a certificate holder under an indemnity health insurance policy that provides benefits for



Covered Services provided by the Dental Plan, the indemnity health insurance policy will pay benefits without regard to the existence of the Cigna Dental Plan. Notwithstanding, the indemnity plan is not obligated to pay any amount for a procedure provided under the Dental Plan at no charge or to pay in excess of the amount of the Patient Charge for any Covered Service. In the event the Patient Charge has been paid to the Network Dentist, then the Indemnity Plan must remit any payments due directly to you.

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## State Rider Cigna Dental Health of Colorado, Inc.

Colorado Residents:

### I. Definitions

**Dependent** – your lawful spouse, partner in a Civil Union or domestic partner;

## IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage

### D. Choice of Dentist

If you decide to obtain dental services from a non-network Dentist at your own cost, you may return to your Network Dentist to receive Covered Services without penalty.

## IX. Specialty Referrals

If you have a dental emergency which requires Specialty Care, your Network Dentist will contact Cigna Dental for an expedited referral.

Referrals approved by Cigna Dental cannot be retrospectively denied except for fraud or abuse; however, your Cigna Dental coverage must be in effect at the time your Network Specialist begins each procedure.

## XI. What to Do if There is a Problem

The following is applicable only to Adverse Determinations and is in addition to the Appeals Procedure listed in Sections XI.B.1 and XI.B.2. of your Plan Booklet:

1. Level One Appeals: The reviewer will consult with a dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration. A resolution to your written

complaint will be provided to you and your Network Dentist, in writing, within 20 working days of receipt. The written decision will contain the name, title, and qualifying credentials of the reviewer and of any specialist consulted, a statement of the reviewer's understanding of the reason for your appeal, clinical rationale, a reference to the documentation used to make the determination, clinical criteria used, and instructions for requesting the clinical review criteria, and a description of the process for requesting a second level appeal.

2. Level Two Appeals: A majority of the Appeals Committee will consist of licensed Dentists who have appropriate expertise. The licensed Dentist may not have been previously involved in the care or decision under consideration, may not be members of the board of directors or employees of Cigna Dental, and may have no direct financial interest in either the case or its outcome.

The Appeals Committee will schedule and hold a review within 45 working days of receipt of your request. You will be notified in writing at least 15 working days prior to the review date of your right to: be present at the review; present your case to the Grievance Committee, in person or in writing; submit supporting documentation; ask questions of the reviewers prior to or at the review; and be represented by a person of your choice. If you wish to be present, the review will be held during regular business hours at a location reasonably accessible to you. If a face-to-face meeting is not practical for geographic reasons, you will have the opportunity to be present by conference call at Cigna Dental's expense. Please notify Cigna Dental within 5 working days prior to the review if you intend to have an attorney present.

The Appeals Committee's decision will include: the names, titles and qualifying credentials of the reviewers; a statement of the reviewer's understanding of the nature of the appeal and the pertinent facts; the rationale for the decision; reference to any documentation used in making the decision; instructions for requesting the clinical rationale, including the review criteria used to make the determination; additional appeal rights, if any; and the right to contact the Department of Insurance, including the address and telephone number of the Commissioner's office.



3. Expedited Appeals: Within 1 working day after your request, Cigna Dental will provide reasonable access to the Dentist who will perform the expedited review.

The following process replaces Section XI.B.3. of your Plan Booklet, entitled “Independent Review Procedure”:

If the Appeals Committee upholds a denial based on clinical necessity, and you have exhausted Cigna Dental’s Appeals Process, you may request that your appeal be referred to an Independent Review Organization (IRO). In order to request a referral to an IRO, the reason for the denial must be based on a dental necessity determination by Cigna Dental. Administrative, eligibility or benefit coverage limits are not eligible for additional review under this process.

There is no charge for you to initiate this independent review process; however, you must provide written authorization permitting Cigna Dental to release the information to the Independent Reviewer selected. The IRO is composed of persons who are not employed by Cigna Dental or any of its affiliates. Cigna Dental will abide by the decision of the IRO.

To request a referral to an IRO, you must notify the Appeals Coordinator within 60 days of your receipt of the Appeals Committee’s level two appeal review denial. Cigna Dental will then forward the file to the Colorado Department of Insurance within 2 working days, or within 1 working day for expedited reviews. We will send you descriptive information on the entity that the Department selects to conduct the review.

The IRO may request additional information to support the request for an independent review. Upon receipt of copies of any additional information, Cigna Dental may reconsider its decision. If Cigna Dental provides coverage, the independent review process will end.

The IRO will provide written notice of its decision to you, your provider and Cigna Dental within 30 working days after Cigna Dental receives your request for an independent review. When requested and when a delay would be detrimental to your dental condition as certified by your treating dentist, the IRO will complete the review within 7 working days after Cigna Dental receives your request. The IRO may request another 10 working days, or another 5 working days for expedited requests, to consider additional information.

If the IRO reverses Cigna Dental’s adverse decision, we will provide coverage within 1 working day for preauthorizations and within 5 working days for services already rendered.

## **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

In addition to the information contained in this booklet, Cigna Dental Health maintains a written plan concerning

accessibility of Network Dentists, quality management programs, procedures for continuity of care in the event of insolvency, and other administrative matters. Under Colorado law, these materials are available at Cigna Dental Health administrative offices and will be provided to interested parties upon request.

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## **State Rider Cigna Dental Health of Florida, Inc.**

**Florida Residents:**

### **I. Definitions**

**Dependent** - A child born to or adopted by your covered family member may also be considered a Dependent if the child is pre-enrolled at the time of birth or adoption.

### **III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins**

There will be at least one open enrollment period of not less than 30 days every 18 months unless Cigna Dental Health and your Group mutually agree to a shorter period of time than 18 months.

If you have family coverage, your newly-born child, or a newly-born child of a covered family member, is automatically covered during the first 31 days of life if the child is pre-enrolled in the Dental Plan at the time of birth. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, you need to begin to pay Premiums, if any additional are due, during that period.

### **IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage**

#### **B. Premiums/Prepayment Fees**

Your Group Contract has a 10-day grace period. This provision means that if any required premium is not paid on or before the date is due, it may be paid subsequently during the grace period. During the grace period, the Group Contract will remain in force.

#### **D. Choice of Dentist**

You may receive a description of the process used to analyze the qualifications and credentials of Network Dentists upon request.





## XI. What to Do if There is a Problem

The following is in addition to the Section XI of your Plan Booklet:

### B. Appeals Procedure

The Appeals Coordinator can be reached at 1-800-Cigna24 (244.6224) or by writing to P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422.

#### 1. Level One Appeals

Your written complaint will be processed within 60 days of receipt unless the complaint involves the collection of information outside the service area, in which case Cigna Dental Health will have an additional 30 days to process the complaint. You may file a complaint up to 1 year from the date of occurrence.

If a meeting with you is necessary, the location of the meeting shall be at Cigna Dental Health's administrative office at a location within the service area that is convenient for you.

#### 4. Appeals to the State

You always have the right to file a complaint with or seek assistance from the Department of Insurance, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, 1-800-342-2672.

## XIII. Disenrollment from the Dental Plan/Termination

### A. Causes for Disenrollment/Termination

3. Permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship, as determined by Cigna Dental Health, is defined as disruptive, unruly, abusive, unlawful, or uncooperative behavior which seriously impairs Cigna Dental Health's ability to provide services to members, after reasonable efforts to resolve the problem and consideration of extenuating circumstances.

Forty-five days notice will be provided to you if Cigna Dental Health terminates enrollment in the dental plan.

## XIV. Extension of Benefits

Coverage for all dental procedures in progress, including Orthodontics, is extended for 90 days after disenrollment.

## XVI. Converting From Your Group Coverage

You and your enrolled Dependent(s) are eligible for conversion coverage unless benefits are discontinued because you or your Dependent no longer resides in a Cigna Dental Health Service Area, or because of fraud or material misrepresentation in applying for benefits.

Unless benefits were terminated as previously listed, conversion coverage is available to your Dependents, only, as follows:

- A. A surviving spouse and children at Subscriber's death;
- B. A former spouse whose coverage would otherwise end because of annulment or dissolution of marriage; or
- C. A spouse or child whose group coverage ended by reason of ceasing to be an eligible family member under the Subscriber's coverage.

Coverage and Benefits for conversion coverage will be similar to those of your Group's Dental Plan. Rates will be at prevailing conversion levels.

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## State Rider

### Cigna Dental Health of Maryland, Inc.

1571 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway,  
Suite 140  
Sunrise, FL 33323

#### Maryland Residents:

This State Rider contains information that either replaces, or is in addition to, information contained in your Plan Booklet.

## IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage

### D. Choice of Dentist

If, due to circumstances beyond the control of Cigna Dental, such as complete or partial destruction of Dental Offices, war, riot, civil insurrection, labor disputes, or the disability of a significant number of Network Dentists, no Network Dentist can render Covered Services, then you may seek Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist and Cigna Dental will reimburse you as follows: 1. for no-charge services as listed on the applicable Patient Charge Schedule, to the extent that the non-Network Dentist's fees are reasonable and customary for dentists in the same geographical area; and 2. for other Covered Services, the difference between the applicable Patient Charge Schedule and the non-Network Dentist's



reasonable and customary fee. This reimbursement will be made after you submit appropriate reports and x-rays to Cigna Dental.

#### H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan

7. General anesthesia is covered when medically necessary and authorized by your Physician.
12. For Maryland residents, this exclusion should read as follows: Services considered to be unnecessary.
15. This exclusion does not apply to Maryland residents.

#### IX. Specialty Referrals

Your Network General Dentist may not refer you to a dental care entity in which your Network General Dentist and/or his or her immediate family owns a beneficial interest or has a compensation arrangement, unless the services are personally performed by your Network General Dentist or under his or her direct supervision. This provision does not prohibit a referral to another dentist in the same group practice as your Network General Dentist.

#### XI. What To Do If There Is A Problem

The following information replaces Section XI. of your Plan Booklet in its entirety.

For the purposes of this section, any reference to “you” or “your” also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf.

Most problems can be resolved between you and your dentist. However, we want you to be completely satisfied with the Dental Plan. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and complaints. The complaint procedure is voluntary and will be used only upon your request.

##### A. Start With Member Services

We are here to listen and to help. If you have a concern about your Dental Office or the Dental Plan, you can call 1-800-Cigna24 toll-free and explain your concern to one of our Member Services Representatives. You can also express that concern in writing to the address listed for your state on the cover page of your plan booklet. We will do our best to resolve the matter during your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your concern, we will get back to you as soon as possible usually by the end of the next business day, but in any case within 30 days.

The Maryland Insurance Administration is also available to assist you with any complaint you may have against

the Dental Plan. If your complaint concerns a Coverage Decision or an Adverse Determination, please refer to the appropriate section below. For all other issues, you may register your complaint with the Maryland Insurance Administration, Life and Health Inquiry and Investigation Unit, 525 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland, 21202-2272, telephone 410-468-2244.

#### B. Complaints Involving Coverage Decisions

1. **Definitions** - the following additional definitions apply to this Section:

- a. **Appeal** - a protest regarding a coverage decision filed under Cigna Dental’s internal appeal process.
- b. **Appeal Decision** - a final determination by Cigna Dental on an appeal of coverage decision filed under Cigna Dental’s internal appeal process.
- c. **Coverage Decision** - an initial determination by Cigna Dental that results in noncoverage of a dental procedure, including nonpayment of all or any part of a claim. A coverage decision does not include an Adverse Determination, as defined in Section I of your plan booklet.
- d. **Urgent Medical Condition** - a condition that satisfies either of the following:
  1. A medical condition, including a physical or dental condition, where the absence of medical attention within 72 hours could reasonably be expected by an individual, acting on behalf of a carrier, applying the judgment of a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, to result in:
    - (a) Placing your life or health in serious jeopardy;
    - (b) The inability to regain maximum function;
    - (c) Serious impairment to bodily function; or
    - (d) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or
  2. A medical condition, including a physical or dental condition, where the absence of medical attention within 72 hours, in the opinion of a health care provider with knowledge of your medical condition, would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or

treatment that is the subject of the Coverage Decision.

## 2. Appeals Procedure

If you are not satisfied with the results of a Coverage Decision, you may start the Appeals Procedure. Cigna Dental has a two-step Appeals Procedure for Coverage Decisions. To initiate an Appeal, you must submit a request in writing to Cigna Dental, at the address listed for your state on the cover page of your plan booklet, within 1 year from the date of the initial Cigna Dental decision. You should state the reason you feel your Appeal should be approved and include any information to support your Appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask Member Services to register your Appeal by calling 1-800-Cigna24.

### a. Level One Appeals

Your Level One Appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial review. If your appeal concerns a denied pre-authorization, Cigna Dental will render a final decision in writing, to you and any provider acting on your behalf, within 15 calendar days after we receive your Appeal. For Appeals concerning all other Coverage Decisions, Cigna Dental will render a final decision in writing, to you and any provider acting on your behalf, within 30 calendar days after we receive your Appeal. If we need more time or information to make the decision, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

You may request that the Appeal resolution be expedited if the time frames under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, Cigna Dental will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

If you are not satisfied with our Level One Appeal decision, you may either: (1) proceed to a Level Two Appeal or (2) register a complaint with the Maryland Insurance Administration (See "Appeals to the State" below).

### b. Level Two Appeals

To initiate a Level Two Appeal, follow the same process required for a Level One Appeal. Level Two Appeals will be conducted by an Appeals Committee consisting of at least 3 people. Anyone involved in the prior decision may not vote on the Appeals Committee. If specialty care is in dispute, the Appeals Committee will consult with a dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under review.

Cigna Dental will acknowledge your Appeal in writing within 5 business days and schedule an Appeals Committee review. The acknowledgment letter will include the name, address, and telephone number of the Appeals Coordinator. We may request additional information at that time. If your Appeal concerns a denied preauthorization, the Appeals Committee review will be completed within 15 calendar days.

For Appeals concerning all other coverage issues, the Appeals Committee review will be completed within 30 calendar days. If we need more time or information to complete the review, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed by the Appeals Committee to complete the review.

You may present your Appeal to the Appeals Committee in person or by conference call. You must advise Cigna Dental 5 days in advance if you or your representative plan to attend in person. Cigna Dental will notify you, and any provider acting on your behalf, of the Appeals Committee's final decision, in writing, within 5 business days after the meeting. The decision will include the specific contractual or clinical reasons for the decision, as applicable.

You may request that the Appeal resolution be expedited if the timeframes under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, the Dental Plan will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.



If you are not satisfied with our Level Two Appeal Decision, you may register a complaint with the Maryland Insurance Administration by following the instructions below.

### 3. Appeals to the State

Before seeking the assistance of the Maryland Insurance Administration regarding the Appeal of a Coverage Decision, you must first exhaust Cigna Dental's Level One Appeals procedure. However, if your complaint involves an Urgent Medical Condition for which care has not yet been rendered, you may file a complaint with the Maryland Insurance Administration without first exhausting Cigna Dental's Level One Appeals Procedure.

If you are not satisfied with Cigna Dental's final resolution regarding your Coverage Decision, you may, within 60 working days of receipt of Cigna Dental's Level One or Level Two Appeal decision, file a written complaint with the Maryland Insurance Administration. Your complaint should be addressed to the Life and Health Inquiry and Investigation Unit, 525 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, telephone (410) 468-2244, fax (410) 468-2260, TTY 1-800-735-2258.

### C. Complaints Involving Adverse Determinations

The following applies to decisions made by Cigna Dental that a proposed or delivered Covered Service is or was not necessary, appropriate or efficient and which resulted in non-coverage of the service. For such Adverse Determinations, the complaint/appeal process is designated as a grievance process under Maryland law.

#### 1. In General

The Cigna Dental Appeals Coordinator is responsible for the internal grievance process and may be contacted at P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422; Phone 1-800-Cigna24.

A grievance may be filed by you or your designated representative, which may include your Network Dentist.

"Filing Date," as used below, refers to the earlier of 5 days after the date of mailing or the date of receipt.

#### 2. Grievances Involving Preauthorization Requests and Covered Services Already Provided

For grievances involving preauthorization requests, you or your Network Dentist may request a review in writing within 60 days of receipt of an Adverse Determination. Cigna Dental will render a final

decision in writing within 30 working days after the date a grievance is filed unless:

- a. the grievance involves an emergency. An emergency is a service necessary to treat a condition or illness that, without immediate dental attention, would:
  - (1) seriously jeopardize the life or health of the member or the member's ability to regain maximum function, or
  - (2) cause the member to be a danger to self or others.If your grievance involves an emergency, Cigna Dental will respond orally with a decision within 24 hours after the grievance is filed.
- b. you or your designated representative agrees in writing to an extension for a period not to exceed 30 working days;
- c. the grievance involves Covered Services already provided.

For grievances involving Covered Services already provided, you or your Network Dentist may request a review in writing within 180 days of receipt of an Adverse Determination. Cigna Dental shall render a final decision in writing within 45 working days after the date a grievance is filed; unless you or your designated representative agrees in writing to an extension for a period not to exceed 30 working days.

If, within 5 days of the Filing Date, Cigna Dental does not have sufficient information to complete the grievance process, Cigna Dental will request additional information for review and will assist you or your Network Dentist in gathering information as required.

Cigna Dental will notify you or your designated representative orally of its grievance decision, followed up in writing to you and your designated representative, within 5 working days, and within 1 day if your grievance involves an emergency, after the decision is made. The notice shall include:

- a. the specified factual basis for the decision;
- b. the specific criteria and standards, including interpretive guidelines on which the grievance decision was based;
- c. the name, business address and telephone number of the Cigna Dental Appeals Coordinator; and

- d. the instructions and time frame for filing a complaint with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, including the Commissioner's address, telephone number and facsimile number.

### 3. Appeals to the State

The Maryland Health Education and Advocacy Unit is available to assist you in filing a grievance under Cigna Dental's internal grievance process or in mediating a resolution to an Adverse Determination. However, it is not available to represent or accompany you during grievance proceedings. The Health Education and Advocacy Unit can be reached at: Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; Phone (410) 528-1840 or 1-877-261-8807; TTY 1-800-576-6372; Fax (410) 576-6571; Email: [heau@oag.state.md.us](mailto:heau@oag.state.md.us).

If you have exhausted Cigna Dental's internal grievance process and are not satisfied with Cigna Dental's decision, you may also file a written complaint with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, within 30 working days of receipt of Cigna Dental's grievance decision, at Maryland Insurance Administration, Chief of Complaints, 525 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202; Phone 1-800-492-6116; Fax (410) 468-2270; TTY 1-800-735-2258.

You may also file a complaint with the Insurance Commissioner if you do not receive a grievance decision on a timely basis as set out in Sections 2. and 3. above.

You or your Network Dentist may file a complaint with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner without first exhausting Cigna Dental's internal grievance process, if you can demonstrate to the Commissioner a compelling reason why you should not proceed under Cigna Dental's internal grievance process. A "compelling reason" demonstrates that the potential delay in receipt of a health care service until after the member or health care provider exhausts the internal grievance process and obtains a final decision under the grievance process could result in loss of life, serious impairment to a bodily function, serious dysfunction of a bodily organ, or the member remaining seriously mentally ill with symptoms that cause the member to be a danger to self or others.

### XIII. Disenrollment From the Dental Plan – Termination of Benefits

The following supersedes the provisions of Section XIII, Subsection A.4. of your plan booklet.

4. After 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices. Cigna Dental may not terminate coverage for an entire family because a Dependent fraudulently uses the membership card; only the Dependent's coverage may be terminated.

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### State Rider Cigna Dental Health of North Carolina, Inc.

#### North Carolina Residents:

This State Rider contains information that either replaces, or is in addition to, information contained in your Evidence of Coverage.

### III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins

The following is in addition to the information in Section III of your Plan Booklet:

Dependent children for whom you are required by a court or administrative order to provide dental coverage may be enrolled at any time. If your child is enrolled in the Dental Plan because of a court or administrative order, the child may not be disenrolled unless the order is no longer valid or the child is enrolled in another dental plan with comparable coverage.

If you have family coverage and have a new baby or if you are appointed as guardian or custodian of a foster child who is placed in your home, the newborn or foster child will be automatically covered for the first 31 days following birth or placement. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, you should enroll the child in the Dental Plan and you need to begin to pay Premiums/Prepayment Fees during the period, if any additional are due.

A life status change may also include placement for adoption.

Evidence of good dental health is not required for late enrollees.



## IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage

### B. Premiums

The following is in addition to the information in Section IV.B of your Plan Booklet:

Premiums are guaranteed for the group for a period of twelve (12) months (unless otherwise extended in the Group Pre-Contract). However, Premiums may be adjusted by Cigna Dental upon 45 days' notice to the Group if, in Cigna Dental's sole opinion, its liability is altered by any state or federal law.

UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, PRINCIPAL, AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL: (1) CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSONS INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT, AND (2) WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. THIS WRITTEN NOTICE MUST ALSO CONTAIN A NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY OF THEIR RIGHTS TO HEALTH INSURANCE CONVERSION POLICIES UNDER ARTICLE 53 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL POLICIES UNDER THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND UNDER ARTICLE 68 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

### H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan

3. Services or supplies for the treatment of an occupational injury or sickness which are paid under the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act only to the extent such services or supplies are the liability of the employee, employer or workers' compensation insurance carrier according to a final adjudication under the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act or an order of the North Carolina Industrial Commission approving a settlement agreement under the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act..
15. This exclusion does not apply to North Carolina residents.

## XI. What To Do If There Is A Problem

### B. Appeals Procedure

#### 1. Level One Appeals

The following replaces the third sentence of paragraph 2:

If we need more information to make your Level One Appeal decision, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

#### 2. Level Two Appeals

The following replaces the last sentence of paragraph 2:

If we need more information to complete the review, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

The following is in addition to the information contained in your Plan Booklet:

The decision will be provided to you no later than 30 days after the date the appeal is made.

The Level Two Appeals process does not apply to resolutions made solely on the basis that the Dental Plan does not provided benefits for the service performed or requested.

#### 3. Independent Review Procedure

The voluntary independent review process does not apply in North Carolina.



### **XIII. Disenrollment From the Dental Plan – Termination of Benefits**

#### **A. Time Frames For Disenrollment/Termination**

The following replaces Item 5 in section XIII.A. of your Plan Booklet:

5. For North Carolina residents, disenrollment due to a continued lack of a Dental Office in your Service Area occurs at the end of your plan year.

### **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

The following provisions are in addition to the information contained in your Plan Booklet:

- A.** From time to time, Cigna Dental Health may offer or provide certain persons who enroll in the Cigna Dental plan access to certain discounts, benefits or other consideration for the purpose of promoting general health and well being. Discounts arranged by our Cigna HealthCare affiliates may be offered in areas such as acupuncture, cosmetic dentistry, fitness club memberships, hearing care and hearing instruments, laser vision correction, vitamins and herbal supplements, and non-prescription health and wellness products. In addition, our Cigna HealthCare affiliates may arrange for third party service providers, such as chiropractors, massage therapists and optometrists, to provide discounted goods and services to those persons who enroll in the Cigna Dental plan. While Cigna HealthCare has arranged these goods, services and/or third party provider discounts, the third party service providers are liable to enrollees for the provisions of such goods and/or services. Cigna HealthCare and Cigna Dental Health are not responsible for the provision of such goods/or services, nor are we liable for the failure of the provision of the same. Further, Cigna Health Care and Cigna Dental Health are not liable to enrollees for the negligent provision of such goods and/or services by third party service providers.

#### **B. Incontestability**

Under North Carolina law, no misstatements made by a Subscriber in the application for benefits can be used to void coverage after a period of two years from the date of issue.

#### **C. Willful Failure To Pay Group Insurance Premiums**

UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, PRINCIPAL, AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR

THE PAYMENT OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL: (1) CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSONS INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT, AND (2) WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. THIS WRITTEN NOTICE MUST ALSO CONTAIN A NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY OF THEIR RIGHTS TO HEALTH INSURANCE CONVERSION POLICIES UNDER ARTICLE 53 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL POLICIES UNDER THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND UNDER ARTICLE 68 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

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### **State Rider Cigna Dental Health of Kansas, Inc.**

#### **Nebraska Residents:**

This State Rider contains information that either replaces, or is in addition to, the information contained in your Plan Booklet.

## **XI. What To Do If There Is A Problem**

### **B.1 Level-One Appeals**

Complaints involving an adverse determination will be reviewed by a Dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration, when reasonably necessary as determined by Cigna Dental, or if requested by your Network Dentist. We will notify you and your Network Dentist in writing of the decision within 15 working days of the request for review.

If your complaint involves any matter other than an adverse determination, you will be provided with the name, address, and telephone number of the person designated to coordinate the review, within 3 days after receipt. You will be provided with a written resolution within 15 working days of receipt of a written complaint. If the review cannot be completed within 15 working days, we will notify you in writing on or before the 15th day of the reason for the delay. The review will be completed within 15 days after that.

The resolution to any written complaint will contain the following: the name, title, and qualifying credentials of the reviewer, a statement of the reviewer's understanding of your complaint, the decision in clear terms and the contract basis or clinical rationale in sufficient detail for you to respond further to Cigna Dental's position, a reference to the evidence or documentation used as the basis for the decision, and, in cases involving an adverse determination, the instructions for requesting a written statement of clinical rationale, including the clinical review criteria used to make the determination. You will also be provided with instructions on how you may proceed to a Level-Two Appeal and how you may contact the Nebraska Department of Insurance.

### **2. Level-Two Appeals**

To initiate a level-two appeal, follow the same process required for a level-one appeal. Level-two appeals will be conducted by an Appeals Committee consisting of at least 3 people. Anyone involved in the prior decision may not vote on the Appeals Committee. For appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness, the Appeals Committee will include at least one dentist. If specialty care is in dispute, the Appeals Committee will consult with a dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under review.

Cigna Dental will acknowledge your appeal in writing within 5 business days and schedule an Appeals Committee review. The acknowledgment letter will include the name, address, and telephone number of the Appeals Coordinator. We may request additional

information at that time. If your appeal concerns a denied pre-authorization, the Appeals Committee review will be completed within 15 calendar days. For appeals concerning all other coverage issues, the Appeals Committee review will be completed within 30 calendar days. If we need more time or information to complete the review, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed by the Appeals Committee to complete the review.

You may present your appeal to the Appeals Committee in person or by conference call. You must advise Cigna Dental 5 days in advance if you or your representative plan to attend in person. You will be notified in writing of the Appeals Committee's decision within 5 business days after the meeting. The decision will include the specific contractual or clinical reasons for the decision, as applicable.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the time frames under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, the Dental Plan will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

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## **State Rider**

### **Cigna Dental Health of Ohio, Inc.**

#### **Ohio Residents:**

### **III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins**

You and your Dependents must live or work in the service area to be eligible for coverage.

Under Ohio law, if you divorce, you cannot terminate coverage for enrolled Dependents until the court determines that you are no longer responsible for providing coverage.

Cigna Dental does not require, make inquiries into, or rely upon genetic screening or testing in processing applications for enrollment or in determining insurability under the Dental Plan.





## IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage

### E. Your Payment Responsibility (General Care)

Cigna Dental is not a member of any Guaranty Fund. In the event of Cigna Dental's insolvency, you will not be liable to the Network Dentist for any sums owed to the Network Dentist by Cigna Dental. However, you may be financially responsible for services rendered by a non-network Dentist whether or not Cigna Dental authorizes payment for a referral.

If you are undergoing treatment and the Dental Plan becomes insolvent, Cigna Dental will arrange for the continuation of services until the expiration of your Group Contract.

## XI. What To Do If There Is A Problem

The following is in addition to the process described in Section XI of your Plan Booklet:

### A. Start With Member Services

You can reach Member Services by calling 1-800-Cigna24 or by writing to Cigna Dental Health of Ohio, Inc., P.O. Box 453099, Sunrise, Florida 33345-3099, Attention: Member Services. You may also submit a complaint in person at any Cigna Dental Office.

### B. Appeals Procedure

#### 1. Level One Appeals

Cigna Dental will provide a written response to your written complaint.

Within 30 days of receiving a response from Cigna Dental, you may appeal a complaint resolution regarding cancellation, termination or non-renewal of coverage by Cigna Dental to the Ohio Superintendent of Insurance.

The Ohio Department of Insurance is located at 50 W. Town Street, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Attention Consumer Services Division. The Department's toll-free number is 1-800-686-1526 or (614) 664-2673.

## XII. Dual Coverage (Coordination of Benefits/Subrogation)

(This section is not applicable when Cigna Dental does not make payments toward specialty care as indicated by your Patient Charge Schedule. For those plans, Cigna Dental is always the primary plan.)

The following supersedes Section XII of your Plan Booklet.

### A. In General

"Coordination of benefits" is the procedure used to pay health care expenses when a person is covered by more than one plan. Cigna Dental follows rules established by Ohio law to decide which plan pays first and how much the other plan must pay. The objective is to make sure the combined payments of all plans are no more than your actual bills. Coordination of benefits applies only to Specialty Care.

When you or your family members are covered by another group plan in addition to this one, we will follow Ohio coordination of benefit rules to determine which plan is primary and which is secondary. You must submit all bills first to the primary plan. The primary plan must pay its full benefits as if you had no other coverage. If the primary plan denies the claim or does not pay the full bill, you may then submit the balance to the secondary plan.

Cigna Dental pays for dental care when you follow our rules and procedures. If our rules conflict with those of another plan, it may be impossible to receive benefits from both plans, and you will be forced to choose which plan to use.

### B. Plans That Do Not Coordinate

Cigna Dental will pay benefits without regard to benefits paid by the following kinds of coverage:

- Medicaid
- Group hospital indemnity plans which pay less than \$100 per day
- School accident coverage
- Some supplemental sickness and accident policies

### C. How Cigna Dental Pays As Primary Plan

When we are primary, we will pay the full benefit allowed by your contract as if you had no other coverage.

### D. How Cigna Dental Pays as Secondary Plan

1. When we are secondary, our payments will be based on the balance left after the primary plan has paid. We will pay no more than that balance. In no event will we pay more than we would have paid had we been primary.
2. We will pay only for health care expenses that are covered by Cigna Dental.
3. We will pay only if you have followed all of our procedural requirements, including: care is obtained from or arranged by your primary care dentist; preauthorized referrals are made to network specialists; coverage is in effect when procedures begin; procedures begin within 90 days of referral.



4. We will pay no more than the “allowable expenses” for the health care involved. If our allowable expense is lower than the primary plan’s, we will use the primary plan’s allowable expense. That may be less than the actual bill.

#### **E. Which Plan is Primary?**

To decide which plan is primary, we have to consider both the coordination provisions of the other plan and which member of your family is involved in a claim. The Primary Plan will be determined by the first of the following that applies:

1. Non-coordination Plan

If you have another group plan that does not coordinate benefits, it will always be primary.

2. Employee

The plan that covers you as an employee (neither laid off nor retired) is always primary.

3. Children (Parents Divorced or Separated)

If the court decree makes one parent responsible for health care expenses, that parent’s plan is primary. If the court decree gives joint custody and does not mention health care, we follow the birthday rule. If neither of those rules applies, the order will be determined in accordance with the Ohio Insurance Department rule on Coordination of Benefits.

4. Children & the Birthday Rule

When your children’s health care expenses are involved, we follow the “birthday rule.” The plan of the parent with the first birthday in a calendar year is always primary for the children. If your birthday is in January and your spouse’s birthday is in March, your plan will be primary for all of your children.

However, if your spouse’s plan has some other coordination rule (for example, a “gender rule” which says the father’s plan is always primary), we will follow the rules of that plan.

5. Other Situations

For all other situations not described above, the order of benefits will be determined in accordance with the Ohio Insurance Department rule on Coordination of Benefits.

#### **F. Coordination Disputes**

If you believe that we have not paid a claim properly, you should first attempt to resolve the problem by contacting us. If you are still not satisfied, you may call the Ohio Department of Insurance for instructions on filing a

consumer complaint. Call (614) 644-2673 or 1-800-686-1526.

#### **G. Subrogation**

If another source directly reimburses you more than your Patient Charge for Covered Services, you may be required to reimburse Cigna Dental. Where allowed by law, this section will apply to you or your Dependents who:

1. receive benefit payment under this Dental Plan as the result of a sickness or injury; and
2. have a lawful claim against another party or parties for compensation, damages, or other payment because of that same sickness or injury.

In those instances where this section applies, the rights of the Member or Dependent to claim or receive compensation, damages, or other payment from the other party or parties will be transferred to Cigna Dental, but only to the extent of benefit payments made under this Dental Plan.

Cigna Dental will not reduce or exclude benefits payable to you or on your behalf because such benefits have also been paid under a supplemental, specified disease or limited plan of coverage for sickness and accident insurance which is entirely paid for by you, your family or guardian.

### **XIII. Disenrollment From The Dental Plan/Termination of Benefits**

#### **A. Causes For Disenrollment/Termination**

3. Under Ohio law, you will not be terminated from the dental plan due to a permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship. However, your Network Dentist has the right to decline services to a patient because of rude or abusive behavior.

You or your Dependent may appeal any termination action by Cigna Dental by submitting a written complaint as set out in Section XI.

### **XVI. Conversion Coverage**

You and your enrolled Dependents are eligible for conversion coverage unless benefits were discontinued due to:

- A. Nonpayment of Premiums/Prepayment Fees by the Subscriber;
- B. Fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices;
- C. Selection of alternate dental coverage by your Group.



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## **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

### **A. Governing Law**

The Group Contract shall be construed for all purposes as a legal document and shall be interpreted and enforced in accordance with pertinent laws and regulations of the State of Ohio. Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

### **B. Availability of Financial Statement**

Cigna Dental Health of Ohio, Inc. will make available to you, upon request, its most recent financial statement.

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## **Cigna Dental Care – Cigna Dental Health Plan**

**The certificate(s) listed in the next section apply if you are a resident of one of the following states: CA, CT, IL, KY, NJ, TX**

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## **Cigna Dental Health of California, Inc.**

400 North Brand Boulevard, Suite 400  
Glendale, California 91203

### **COMBINED EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE AND DISCLOSURE FORM**

This Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form is intended for your information; it constitutes a summary of the Dental Plan and is included as a part of the agreement between Cigna Dental and your Group (collectively, the “Group Contract”). The Group Contract must be consulted to determine the rates and the exact terms and conditions of coverage. A specimen copy of the Group Contract will be furnished upon request. If rates or coverages are changed under your Group Contract, your rates and coverage will also change. A prospective member has the right to view the Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form prior to enrollment. It should be read completely and carefully. Members with special health care needs should read carefully those sections that apply to them. Please read the following information so you will know from whom or what group of providers dental care may be obtained.

**NOTICE: IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE HEALTH CARE PLAN, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COLLECT BENEFITS FROM BOTH PLANS. EACH PLAN MAY REQUIRE YOU TO FOLLOW ITS RULES OR USE SPECIFIC DOCTORS OR DENTAL OFFICES, AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH BOTH PLANS AT THE SAME TIME. READ ALL OF THE RULES VERY CAREFULLY, INCLUDING THE COORDINATION OF BENEFITS SECTION.**

**Important Cancellation Information - Please Read the Provision Entitled “Disenrollment from the Dental Plan-Termination of Benefits.”**

The Dental Plan is subject to the requirements of Chapter 2.2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code and of Division 1 of Title 28 of the California Code of Regulations. Any provision required to be in the Group Contract by either of the above will bind the Dental Plan, whether or not provided in the Group Contract.

### **READ YOUR PLAN BOOKLET CAREFULLY**

**Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 if you have any questions. The hearing impaired may call the state TTY toll-free relay service listed in their local telephone directory.**

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## I. Definitions

Capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined, have the meanings listed below.

**Adverse Determination** - a decision by Cigna Dental not to authorize payment for certain limited specialty care procedures on the basis of clinical necessity or appropriateness of care. Requests for payment authorizations that are declined by Cigna Dental based upon clinical necessity or appropriateness of care will be the responsibility of the member at the dentist's Usual Fees. A licensed dentist will make any such denial. Adverse Determinations may be appealed as described in the Section entitled "What To Do If There Is A Problem."

**Cigna Dental** - Cigna Dental Health of California, Inc.

**Clinical Necessity** - to be considered clinically necessary, the treatment or service must be reasonable and appropriate and meet the following requirements:

- A. be consistent with the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the condition present;
- B. conform to professionally recognized standards of dental practice;
- C. not be used primarily for the convenience of the member or provider of care; and
- D. not exceed the scope, duration, or intensity of that level of care needed to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

**COBRA** - Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986, as amended. The federal law that gives workers who lose their health benefits the right to choose, under certain circumstances, to continue group health benefits provided by the plan under certain circumstances.

**Contract Fees** - the fees contained in the Network Specialty Dentist agreement with Cigna Dental.

**Copayment** - the amount you owe your Network Dentist for any dental procedure listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Covered Services** - the dental procedures listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Dental Office** - your selected office of Network General Dentist(s).

**Dental Plan** - the plan of managed dental care benefits offered through the Group Contract between Cigna Dental and your Group.

**Dependent** - your lawful spouse; your unmarried child (including newborns, children of the noncustodial parent, adopted children, stepchildren, a child for whom you must provide dental coverage under a court order; or, a dependent child who resides in your home as a result of court order or administrative placement) who is:

- A. less than 19 years old; or
- B. less than 23 years old if he or she is both:
  1. a full-time student enrolled at an accredited educational institution, and
  2. reliant upon you for maintenance and support; or
- C. any age if he or she is both:
  1. incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical disability, and
  2. reliant upon you for maintenance and support.

For a dependent child 19 years of age or older who is a full-time student at an educational institution, coverage will be provided for an entire academic term during which the child begins as a full-time student and remains enrolled, regardless of whether the number of hours of instruction for which the child is enrolled is reduced to a level that changes the child's academic status to less than that of a full-time student.

For a child who falls into category (b). or (c). above, you will need to furnish Cigna Dental evidence of his or her reliance upon you, in the form requested, within 31 days after the Dependent reaches the age of 19 and once a year thereafter during his or her term of coverage.

Coverage for dependents living outside a Cigna Dental service area is subject to the availability of an approved network where the dependent resides; provided however, Cigna Dental will not deny enrollment to your dependent who resides outside the Cigna Dental service area if you are required to provide coverage for dental services to your dependent pursuant to a court order or administrative order.

This definition of "Dependent" applies unless modified by your Group Contract.

**Group** - employer, labor union or other organization that has entered into a Group Contract with Cigna Dental for managed dental services on your behalf.

**Network Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide general dentistry or specialty care services to you. The term, when used, includes both Network General Dentists and Network Specialty Dentists.

**Network General Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide dental care services to you.



**Network Pediatric Dentist** - a licensed Network Specialty Dentist who has completed training in a specific program to provide dental health care for children.

**Network Specialty Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide specialized dental care services to you.

Network General Dentist and Network Specialty Dentist include any dental clinic, organization of dentists, or other person or institution licensed by the State of California to deliver or furnish dental care services that has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide general dentistry or specialty care services to you.

**Patient Charge Schedule** - list of services covered under your Dental Plan and the associated Copayment.

**Prepayment Fees** - the premium or fees that your Group pays to Cigna Dental, on your behalf, during the term of your Group Contract. These fees may be paid all or in part by you.

**Service Area** - the geographical area designated by Cigna Dental within which it shall provide benefits and arrange for dental care services.

**Subscriber/You** - the enrolled employee or member of the Group.

**Usual Fee** - the customary fee that an individual dentist most frequently charges for a given dental service.

## II. Introduction to Your Cigna Dental Plan

Welcome to the Cigna Dental Plan. We encourage you to use your dental benefits. Please note that enrollment in the Dental Plan allows the release of patient records to Cigna Dental or its designee for dental plan operation purposes.

## III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins

### A. In General

To enroll in the Dental Plan, you and your Dependents must live or work in the Service Area and be able to seek treatment for Covered Services within the Cigna Dental Service Area. Other eligibility requirements are determined by your Group.

If you enrolled in the Dental Plan before the effective date of your Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day the Group Contract is effective. If you enrolled in the Dental Plan after the effective date of the Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day of the month following processing of your enrollment (unless effective dates other than the first day of the month are provided for in your Group Contract).

Dependents may be enrolled in the Dental Plan at the time you enroll, during an open enrollment, or within 31 days of becoming eligible due to a life status change such as marriage, birth, adoption, placement, or court or administrative order. You may drop coverage for your Dependents only during the open enrollment periods for your Group, unless there is a change in status such as divorce. Cigna Dental may require evidence of good dental health to be provided at your expense if you or your Dependents enroll after the first period of eligibility (except during open enrollment) or after disenrollment because of nonpayment of Prepayment Fees.

If you have family coverage, a newborn child is automatically covered during the first 31 days of life. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, your baby must be enrolled in the Dental Plan and you must begin paying Prepayment Fees, if any additional are due, during that period.

Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, you may be eligible to continue coverage during certain leaves of absence from work. During such leaves, you will be responsible for paying your Group the portion of the Prepayment Fees, if any, which you would have paid if you had not taken the leave. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

### B. New Enrollee Transition of Care

A new enrollee may have the right to the qualified benefit of completion of care with their non-network dentist for certain specified dental conditions. Please call the Plan at 1-800-Cigna24 to see if you may be eligible for this benefit. You may request a copy of the Dental Plan's Continuity of Care Policy. You must make a specific request to continue under the care of your current dentist. We are not required to continue your care with that dentist if you are not eligible under our policy or if we cannot reach agreement with your dentist on the terms regarding your care in accordance with California law.

### C. Renewal Provisions

Your coverage under the Dental Plan will automatically be renewed, except as provided in the section entitled "Disenrollment From The Dental Plan – Termination of Benefits." All renewals will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of your Group Contract. Cigna Dental reserves any and all rights to change the Prepayment Fees or applicable Copayments during the term of the Group Contract if Cigna Dental determines the Group's information relied upon by Cigna Dental in setting the Prepayment Fees materially changes or is determined by Cigna Dental to be inaccurate.



## IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage

Cigna Dental maintains its principal place of business at 400 North Brand Boulevard, Suite 400, Glendale, CA 91203, with a telephone number of 1-800-Cigna24.

This section provides information that will help you to better understand your Dental Plan. Included is information about how to access your dental benefits and your payment responsibilities.

### A. Member Services

If you have any questions or concerns about the Dental Plan, Member Services Representatives are just a toll-free phone call away. They can explain your benefits or help with matters regarding your Dental Office or Dental Plan. For assistance with transfers, specialty referrals, eligibility, emergencies, Covered Services, plan benefits, ID cards, location of Dental Offices, conversion coverage or other matters, call Member Services from any location at 1-800-Cigna24. If you have a question about your treatment plan, we can arrange a second opinion or consultation. The hearing impaired may contact the state TTY toll-free relay service number listed in their local telephone directory.

### B. Prepayment Fees

Your Group sends a monthly Prepayment Fee (premium) to Cigna Dental for members participating in the Dental Plan. The amount and term of this prepayment fee is set forth in your Group Contract. You may contact your Benefits Representative for information regarding any part of this Prepayment Fee to be withheld from your salary or to be paid by you to the Group.

### C. Other Charges - Copayments

Network General Dentists are typically reimbursed by Cigna Dental through fixed monthly payments and supplemental payments for certain procedures. Network Specialty Dentists are compensated based on a contracted fee arrangement for services rendered. No bonuses or financial incentives are used as inducements to limit services. Network Dentists are also compensated by the Copayments that you pay, as set out in your Patient Charge Schedule. You may request general information about these matters from Member Services or from your Network Dentist.

Your Patient Charge Schedule lists the dental procedures covered under your Dental Plan, subject to plan exclusions and limitations. Some dental procedures are covered at no charge to you. For other Covered Services, the Patient Charge Schedule lists the Copayments you

must pay when you visit your Dental Office. There are no deductibles and no annual dollar limits for services covered by your Dental Plan.

Your Network General Dentist is instructed to tell you about Copayments for Covered Services, the amount you must pay for optional or non-Covered Services and the Dental Office's payment policies. Timely payment is important. It is possible that the Dental Office may add late charges to overdue balances.

Your Patient Charge Schedule is subject to change in accordance with your Group Contract. Cigna Dental will give written notice to your Group of any change in Copayments at least 30 days prior to such change. You will be responsible for the Copayments listed on the Patient Charge Schedule that is in effect on the date a procedure is started.

### D. Facilities - Choice of Dentist

#### 1. In General

You and your Dependents should have selected a Dental Office when you enrolled in the Dental Plan. If you did not, you must advise Cigna Dental of your Dental Office selection prior to receiving treatment. The benefits of the Dental Plan are available only at your Dental Office, except in the case of an emergency or when Cigna Dental otherwise authorizes payment for out-of-network benefits.

You may select a network Pediatric Dentist as the Network General Dentist for your dependent child under age 7 by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to get a list of network Pediatric Dentists in your Service Area or if your Network General Dentist sends your child under the age of 7 to a network Pediatric Dentist, the network Pediatric Dentist's office will have primary responsibility for your child's care. For children 7 years and older, your Network General Dentist will provide care. If your child continues to visit the Pediatric Dentist upon the age of 7, you will be fully responsible for the Pediatric Dentist's Usual Fees. Exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If for any reason your selected Dental Office cannot provide your dental care, or if your Network General Dentist terminates from the network, Cigna Dental will let you know and will arrange a transfer to another Dental Office. Refer to the section titled "Office Transfers" if you wish to change your Dental Office.

To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. If you would like to have the list faxed to you, enter your fax number, including your area code. You may always obtain a current Dental Office Directory by calling Member Services.

## 2. Appointments

To make an appointment with your Network Dentist, call the Dental Office that you have selected. When you call, your Dental Office will ask for your identification number and will check your eligibility.

## 3. Office Transfers

If you decide to change Dental Offices, we encourage you to complete any dental procedure in progress first. To arrange a transfer, call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24. To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24.

Your transfer request will take about 5 days to process. Transfers will be effective the first day of the month after the processing of your request. Unless you have an emergency, you will be unable to schedule an appointment at the new Dental Office until your transfer becomes effective.

There is no charge to you for the transfer; however, all Copayments which you owe to your current Dental Office must be paid before the transfer can be processed. Copayments for procedures not completed at the time of transfer may be required to be prorated between your current Dental Office and the new Dental Office, but will not exceed the amount listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

## E. Your Payment Responsibility (General Care)

For Covered Services at your Dental Office, you will be charged the Copayments listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, subject to applicable exclusions and limitations. For services listed on your Patient Charge Schedule provided at any other dental office, you may be charged Usual Fees. For non-Covered Services, you are responsible for paying Usual Fees.

If, on a temporary basis, there is no Network General Dentist available in the Service Area to treat you, Cigna Dental will let you know and you may obtain Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist. You will pay the non-Network Dentist the applicable Copayment for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will pay the non-Network Dentist the difference between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Copayment. If you seek treatment for

Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist without authorization from Cigna Dental, you will be responsible for paying the non-Network Dentist his or her Usual Fee. See Section IV.G, **Specialty Referrals**, regarding payment responsibility for specialty care.

All contracts between Cigna Dental and Network Dentists state that you will not be liable to the Network Dentist for any sums owed to the Network Dentist by Cigna Dental.

## F. Specialty Care

Your Network General Dentist at your Dental Office has primary responsibility for your professional dental care. Because you may need specialty care, the Cigna Dental Network includes the following types of specialty dentists:

- Pediatric Dentists - children's dentistry.
- Endodontists - root canal treatment.
- Periodontists - treatment of gums and bone.
- Oral Surgeons - complex extractions and other surgical procedures.
- Orthodontists - tooth movement.

When specialty care is needed, your Network General Dentist must start the referral process. X-rays taken by your Network General Dentist should be sent to the Network Specialty Dentist. Except for Pediatrics and Endodontic services, payment authorization is required for coverage of services by a Network Specialty Dentist.

See Section IV.D **Facilities-Choice of Dentist**, regarding treatment by a Pediatric Dentist.

## G. Specialty Referrals

### 1. In General

Upon referral from a Network General Dentist, your Network Specialty Dentist will submit a specialty care treatment plan to Cigna Dental for payment authorization prior to rendering the service. Prior authorization from Cigna Dental is not required for specialty referrals for Pediatrics and Endodontic services. You should verify with the Network Specialty Dentist that your treatment plan has been authorized for payment by Cigna Dental before treatment begins.

If your Patient Charge Schedule reflects coverage for Orthodontic services, a referral from a Network General Dentist is not required to receive care from a Network Orthodontist. However, your Network General Dentist may be helpful in assisting you to choose or locate a Network Orthodontist.



When Cigna Dental authorizes payment to the Network Specialty Dentist, the fees or no-charge services listed on the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date each procedure is started will apply, except as set out in Section V.A.8, Orthodontics.

Treatment by the Network Specialty Dentist must begin within 90 days from the date of Cigna Dental's authorization. If you are unable to obtain treatment within the 90-day period, please call Member Services to request an extension. Your coverage must be in effect when each procedure begins.

If Cigna Dental makes an Adverse Determination of the requested referral (i.e. Cigna Dental does not authorize payment to the Network Specialty Dentist for Covered Services), or if the dental services sought are not Covered Services, you will be responsible to pay the Network Specialty Dentist's Usual Fee for the services rendered. If you have a question or concern regarding an authorization or a denial, contact Member Services.

Specialty referrals will be authorized by Cigna Dental if the services sought are (i) Covered Services; (ii) rendered to an eligible member; (iii) within the scope of the Specialty Dentists skills and expertise; and (iv) meet Clinical Necessity requirements. Cigna Dental may request medical information regarding your condition and the information surrounding the dentist's determination of the Clinical Necessity for the request. Cigna Dental shall respond in a timely fashion appropriate for the nature of your condition, not to exceed five business days from Cigna Dental's receipt of the information reasonably necessary and requested by Cigna Dental to make the determination. When you face imminent and serious threat to your health, including, but not limited to, the potential loss of life, limb, or other major bodily function, or the normal timeframe for the decision making process would be detrimental to your life or health or could jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function, the decision to approve, modify, or deny requests shall be made in a timely fashion appropriate for the nature of your condition, not to exceed 72 hours after receipt of the request. Decisions to approve, modify, or deny requests for authorization prior to the provision of dental services shall be communicated to the requesting dentist within 24 hours of the decision. Decisions resulting in denial, delay, or modification of all or part of the requested dental service shall be communicated to the

Member in writing within 2 business days of the decision. Adverse Determinations may be appealed as described in the Section entitled "What To Do If There Is A Problem/Grievances."

After the Network Specialty Dentist has completed treatment, you should return to your Network General Dentist for cleanings, regular checkups and other treatment. If you visit a Network Specialty Dentist without a referral or if you continue to see a Network Specialty Dentist after you have completed specialty care, it will be your responsibility to pay for treatment at the dentist's Usual Fees.

When your Network General Dentist determines that you need specialty care and a Network Specialty Dentist is not available, as determined by Cigna Dental, Cigna Dental will authorize a referral to a non-Network Specialty Dentist. The referral procedures applicable to specialty care will apply. In such cases, you will be responsible for the applicable Copayment for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will reimburse the non-Network Dentist the difference between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Copayment. For non-Covered Services or services not authorized for payment, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the dentist's Usual Fee. Or, if you seek treatment for Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist without authorization from Cigna Dental, you will be responsible for paying the dentist's Usual Fee.

You may request from Member Services a copy of the process that Cigna Dental uses to authorize, modify, or deny requests for specialty referrals and services.

## **2. Second Opinions**

If you have questions or concerns about your treatment plan, second opinions are available to you upon request by calling Member Services. Second opinions will generally be scheduled within 5 days. In the case of an imminent and serious health threat, as determined by Cigna Dental clinicians, second opinions will be rendered within 72 hours. Cigna Dental's policy statement on second opinions may be requested from Member Services.

## **V. Covered Dental Services**

### **A. Categories of Covered Services**

Dental procedures in the following categories of Covered Services are covered under your Dental Plan when listed

on your Patient Charge Schedule and performed by your Network Dentist. Please refer to your Patient Charge Schedule for the procedures covered under each category and the associated Copayment.

### 1. Diagnostic/Preventive

Diagnostic treatment consists of the evaluation of a patient's dental needs based upon observation, examination, x-rays and other tests. Preventive dentistry involves the education and treatment devoted to and concerned with preventing the development of dental disease. Preventive Services includes dental cleanings, oral hygiene instructions to promote good home care and prevent dental disease, and fluoride application for children to strengthen teeth.

#### a. Limitation

The frequency of certain Covered Services, like cleanings, is limited. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on frequency. If your Network Dentist certifies to Cigna Dental that, due to medical necessity you require certain Covered Services more frequently than the limitation allows, Cigna Dental will waive the limitation.

### 2. Restorative (Fillings)

Restorative dentistry involves materials or devices used to replace lost tooth structure or to replace a lost tooth or teeth.

### 3. Crown and Bridge

An artificial crown is a restoration covering or replacing the major part, or the whole of the clinical crown of a tooth. A fixed bridge is a prosthetic replacement of one or more missing teeth cemented to the abutment teeth adjacent to the space. The artificial tooth used in a bridge to replace the missing tooth is called a pontic.

#### a. Complex Rehabilitation/Multiple Crown Units

Complex rehabilitation is extensive dental restoration involving 6 or more "units" of crown and/or bridge in the same treatment plan. Using full crowns (caps) and/or fixed bridges which are cemented in place, your Network General Dentist will rebuild natural teeth, fill in spaces where teeth are missing and establish conditions which allow each tooth to function in harmony with the occlusion (bite). The extensive procedures involved in complex rehabilitation

require an extraordinary amount of time, effort, skill and laboratory collaboration for a successful outcome.

Complex rehabilitation will be covered when performed by your Network General Dentist after consultation with you about diagnosis, treatment plan and charges. Each tooth or tooth replacement included in the treatment plan is referred to as a "unit" on your Patient Charge Schedule. The crown and bridge charges on your Patient Charge Schedule are for each unit of crown or bridge. You pay the per unit copayment for each unit of crown and/or bridge PLUS an additional charge for complex rehabilitation for each unit beginning with the 6th unit when 6 or more units are prescribed in your Network General Dentist's treatment plan. The additional charge for complex rehabilitation will not be applied to the first 5 units of crown or bridge.

#### b. Limitations

- (1) all charges for crown and bridge are per unit (each replacement or supporting tooth equals one unit).
- (2) limit 1 every 5 years unless Cigna Dental determines that replacement is necessary because the existing crown or bridge is unsatisfactory as a result of poor quality of care, or because the tooth involved has experienced extensive loss or changes in tooth structure or supporting tissues since the placement of the crown or bridge.

#### c. Exclusion

- (1) if your Patient Charge Schedule number ends in "04" or a higher number, there is no coverage for crowns and bridges used solely for splinting. This exclusion will not apply if a crown or bridge is determined by Cigna Dental to be the treatment most consistent with professionally accepted standards of care.
- (2) if your Patient Charge Schedule number ends in "04" or a higher number, there is no coverage for resin bonded retainers and associated pontics.

### 4. Endodontics

Endodontics is root canal treatment, which may be required when the nerve of a tooth is damaged due to trauma, infection, or inflammation. Treatment consists of removing the damaged nerve from the root of the tooth and filling the root canal with a



rubber-like material. Following endodontic treatment, a crown is usually needed to strengthen the weakened tooth.

## 5. Periodontics

Periodontics is treatment of the gums and bone which support the teeth. Periodontal disease is chronic. It progresses gradually, sometimes without pain or other symptoms, destroying the support of the gums and bone. The disease is a combination of deterioration plus infection.

### a. Preliminary Consultation

This consultation by your Network General Dentist is the first step in the care process. During the visit, you and your Network General Dentist will discuss the health of your gums and bone.

### b. Evaluation, Diagnosis and Treatment Plan

If periodontal disease is found, your Network General Dentist or Network Specialty Dentist will develop a treatment plan. The treatment plan consists of mapping the extent of the disease around the teeth, charting the depth of tissue and bone damage and listing the procedures necessary to correct the disease.

Depending on the extent of your condition, your Network General Dentist or Network Specialty Dentist may recommend any of the following procedures:

- (1) **Non-surgical Program** - this is a conservative approach to periodontal therapy. Use of this program depends upon how quickly you heal and how consistently you follow instructions for home care. This program may include:
  - scaling and root planning
  - oral hygiene instruction
  - full mouth debridement
- (2) **Scaling and Root Planning** - this periodontal therapy procedure combines scaling of the crown and root surface with root planning to smooth rough areas of the root. This procedure may be performed by the dental hygienist or your Network General Dentist.
- (3) **Osseous Surgery** - bone (osseous) surgery is a procedure used in advanced cases of periodontal disease to restructure the

supporting gums and bone. Without this surgery, tooth or bone loss may occur. Two checkups by the Periodontist are covered within the year after osseous surgery.

- (4) **Occlusal Adjustment** - occlusal adjustment requires the study of the contours of the teeth, how they bite (occlude) and their position in the arch. It consists of a recontouring of biting surfaces so that direct biting forces are along the long axis of the tooth. If the biting forces are not properly distributed, the bone, which supports the teeth, may deteriorate.
- (5) **Bone Grafts and other regenerative procedures** - this procedure involves placing a piece of tissue or synthetic material in contact with tissue to repair a defect or supplement a deficiency.

### c. Exclusion

General anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide are not covered, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. When listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, IV sedation is covered when medically necessary and provided in conjunction with Covered Services performed by a Periodontist. General anesthesia is not covered when provided by a Periodontist.

## 6. Prosthodontics

Prosthodontics is treatment dealing with the replacement of missing teeth and other oral structures with removable appliances such as full or partial dentures.

### a. Exclusion

- (1) services associated with the placement (i.e., surgically placing the implant into the bone) or prosthodontic restoration of a dental implant.
- (2) replacement of fixed and/or removable prosthodontic appliances that have been lost, stolen or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.

## 7. Oral Surgery

Oral surgery involves the surgical removal of teeth or associated surgical procedures by your Network General Dentist or Network Specialty Dentist.

### a. Limitation

The surgical removal of a wisdom tooth may not be covered if the tooth is not diseased or if the removal is only for orthodontic reasons.

Temporary pain from normal eruption is not considered disease. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on oral surgery.

### b. Exclusion

General anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide are not covered unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. When listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, general anesthesia and IV sedation are covered when medically necessary and provided in conjunction with Covered Services performed by an Oral Surgeon.

## 8. Orthodontics (This section is applicable only when Orthodontics is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.)

**a. Definitions** - If your Patient Charge Schedule indicates coverage for orthodontic treatment, the following definitions apply:

### (1) Orthodontic Treatment Plan and

**Records** - the preparation of orthodontic records and a treatment plan by the Orthodontist.

### (2) Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment -

treatment prior to full eruption of the permanent teeth, frequently a first phase preceding comprehensive treatment.

### (3) Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment -

treatment after the eruption of most permanent teeth, generally the final phase of treatment before retention.

### (4) Retention (Post Treatment Stabilization)

- the period following orthodontic treatment during which you may wear an appliance to maintain and stabilize the new position of the teeth.

### b. Copayments

The Copayment for your entire orthodontic case, including retention, will be based upon the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date of your visit for Orthodontic Treatment Plan and

Records. However, if (a) banding/appliance insertion does not occur within 90 days of such visit, (b) your treatment plan changes, or (c) there is an interruption in your coverage or treatment, a later change in the Patient Charge Schedule may apply.

The Copayment for orthodontic treatment is based upon 24 months of interceptive and/or comprehensive treatment. If you require more than 24 months of treatment in total, you will be charged an additional amount for each additional month of treatment, based upon the Orthodontist's Contract Fee. If you require less than 24 months of treatment, your Copayment will be reduced on a prorated basis.

### c. Additional Charges

You will be responsible for the Orthodontist's Usual Fees for the following non-Covered Services:

- (1) incremental costs associated with optional/elective materials, including but not limited to ceramic, clear, lingual brackets, or other cosmetic appliances;
- (2) orthognathic surgery and associated incremental costs;
- (3) appliances to guide minor tooth movement;
- (4) appliances to correct harmful habits; and
- (5) services which are not typically included in orthodontic treatment. These services will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

### d. Orthodontics in Progress

If orthodontic treatment is in progress for you or your Dependent at the time you enroll, call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to find out the benefit to which you are entitled based upon your individual case and the remaining months of treatment.

### e. Exclusion

Replacement of fixed and/or removable orthodontic appliances that have been lost, stolen, or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.

## B. Emergency Dental Care - Reimbursement

An emergency is a dental condition of recent onset and severity which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of dentistry to believe the condition needs immediate dental procedures necessary to

control excessive bleeding, relieve severe pain, or eliminate acute infection. Emergency dental care services may include examination, x-rays, sedative fillings, dispensing of antibiotics or pain relief medication or other palliative services prescribed by the treating dentist. You should contact your Network General Dentist if you have an emergency in your Service Area.

### 1. Emergency Care Away From Home

If you have an emergency while you are out of your Service Area or you are unable to contact your Network General Dentist, you may receive emergency Covered Services as defined above from any general dentist. Routine restorative procedures or definitive treatment (e.g., root canal) are not considered emergency care. You should return to your Network General Dentist for these procedures. For emergency Covered Services, you will be responsible for the Copayments listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. Cigna Dental will reimburse you the difference between the dentist's usual fee for emergency Covered Services and your Copayment, up to a total of \$50 per incident. To receive reimbursement, send the dentist's itemized statement to Cigna Dental at the address listed for your state on the front of this booklet.

### 2. Emergency Care After Hours

There is a Copayment listed on your Patient Charge Schedule for emergency care rendered after regularly scheduled office hours. This charge will be in addition to other applicable Copayments.

## VI. Exclusions

In addition to the exclusions and limitations listed in Section V, listed below are the services or expenses which are also NOT covered under your Dental Plan and which are your responsibility at the dentist's Usual Fees. There is no coverage for:

1. services not listed on the Patient Charge Schedule.
2. services provided by a non-Network Dentist without Cigna Dental's prior approval (except emergencies, as described in Section V.B.).
3. services to the extent you, or your Dependent, are compensated for them under any group medical plan.
4. services considered to be unnecessary in accordance with professionally recognized standards of dental practice.

5. cosmetic dentistry or cosmetic dental surgery (dentistry or dental surgery performed solely to improve appearance) unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
6. prescription drugs.
7. hospitalization, including any associated incremental charges for dental services performed in a hospital. (Benefits are available for Network Dentist charges for Covered Services performed at a hospital. Other associated charges are not covered and should be submitted to the medical carrier for benefit determination. If special circumstances arise where a Network Dentist is not available, the Plan will make special arrangements for the provision of covered benefits as necessary for the dental health of the member.)
8. procedures, appliances or restorations if the main purpose is to:
  - (1). change vertical dimension (degree of separation of the jaw when teeth are in contact);
  - (2). diagnose or treat abnormal conditions of the temporo-mandibular joint (TMJ), unless TMJ therapy is specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule; or if your Patient Charge Schedule ends in "04" or a higher number,
  - (3). restore asymptomatic teeth where loss of tooth structure was caused by attrition, abrasion, erosion and/or abfraction and the primary purpose of the restoration is:
    - (a). to change the vertical dimension of occlusion;
    - (b). to diagnose or treat abnormal condition of the temporo-mandibular joint; or
    - (c). for cosmetic purposes.
9. procedures or appliances for minor tooth guidance or to control harmful habits.
10. charges by dental offices for failing to cancel an appointment or canceling an appointment with less than 24 hours notice (i.e. a broken appointment). You will be responsible for paying any broken appointment fee unless your broken appointment was unavoidable due to emergency or exigent circumstances.

As noted in Section V, the following exclusions also apply:

11. if your Patient Charge Schedule number ends in "04" or a higher number, there is no coverage for crowns

and bridges used solely for splinting. This exclusion will not apply if a crown or bridge is determined by Cigna Dental to be the treatment most consistent with professionally accepted standards of care.

12. if your Patient Charge Schedule number ends in “04” or a higher number, there is no coverage for resin bonded retainers and associated pontics.
13. general anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide are not covered, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
14. replacement of fixed and/or removable orthodontic appliances that have been lost, stolen, or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.

## **VII. What To Do If There Is A Problem/Grievances**

For the purposes of this section, any reference to “you” or “your” also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf.

Most problems can be resolved between you and your dentist. However, we want you to be completely satisfied with the Dental Plan. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and complaints. The complaint procedure is voluntary and will be used only upon your request.

### **A. Your Rights to File Grievances With Cigna Dental**

We want you to be completely satisfied with the care you receive. That is why we have established an internal grievance process for addressing your concerns and resolving your problems.

Grievances include both complaints and appeals. Complaints may include concerns about people, quality of service, quality of care, benefit interpretations or eligibility. Appeals are requests to reverse a prior denial or modified decision about your care. You may contact us by telephone or in writing with a grievance.

### **B. How to File a Grievance**

To contact us by phone, call us toll-free at 1-800-Cigna24 or the toll-free telephone number on your Cigna identification card. The hearing impaired may call the state TTY toll-free service listed in their local telephone directory.

Send written grievances to:

Cigna Dental Health of California, Inc.  
P.O. Box 188047  
Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047

We will provide you with a grievance form upon request, but you are not required to use the form in order to make a written grievance.

You may also submit a grievance online through the following Cigna website:  
<http://www.cigna.com/health/consumer/medical/state/ca.html#dental>.

If the Member is a minor, is incompetent or unable to exercise rational judgment or give consent, the parent, guardian, conservator, relative, or other legal representative acting on behalf of the Member, as appropriate, may submit a grievance to Cigna Dental or the California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC or “Department”), as the agent of the Member. Also, a participating provider may join with or assist you or your agent in submitting a grievance to Cigna Dental or the DMHC.

### **1. Complaints**

If you are concerned about the quality of service or care you have received, a benefit interpretation, or have an eligibility issue, you should contact us to file a verbal or written complaint. If you contact us by telephone to file a complaint, we will attempt to document and/or resolve your complaint over the telephone. If we receive your complaint in writing, we will send you a letter confirming that we received the complaint within 5 calendar days of receiving your notice. This notification will tell you whom to contact should you have questions or would like to submit additional information about your complaint. We will investigate your complaint and will notify you of the outcome within 30 calendar days.

### **2. Appeals**

If your grievance does not involve a complaint about the quality of service or care, a benefit interpretation or an eligibility issue, but instead involves dissatisfaction with the outcome of a decision that was made about your care and you want to request Cigna Dental to reverse the previous decision, you should contact us within one year of receiving the denial notice to file a verbal or written appeal. Be sure to share any new information that may help justify a reversal of the original decision. Within 5 calendar days from when we receive your appeal, we will confirm with you, in writing, that we received it. We will tell you whom to contact at Cigna Dental should you have questions or would like to submit additional information about your appeal. We will make sure your appeal is handled by someone who has authority to take action and who was not involved

in the original decision. We will investigate your appeal and notify you of our decision, within 30 calendar days. You may request that the appeal process be expedited, if there is an imminent and serious threat to your health, including severe pain, potential loss of life, limb or major bodily function. A Dental Director for Cigna Dental, in consultation with your treating dentist, will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, Cigna Dental will respond orally and in writing with a decision within 72 hours.

#### **C. You Have Additional Rights Under State Law**

Cigna Dental is regulated by the California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC or the “Department”). If you are dissatisfied with the resolution of your complaint or appeal, the law states that you have the right to submit the grievance to the Department for review as follows:

The California Department of Managed Health Care is responsible for regulating health care service plans. If you have a grievance against your health plan, you should first telephone your health plan at 1-800-Cigna24 and use your health plan’s grievance process before contacting the department. Utilizing this grievance procedure does not prohibit any potential legal rights or remedies that may be available to you. If you need help with a grievance involving an emergency, a grievance that has not been satisfactorily resolved by your health plan, or a grievance that has remained unresolved for more than 30 days, you may call the department for assistance. You may also be eligible for an Independent Medical Review (IMR). If you are eligible for IMR, the IMR process will provide an impartial review of medical decisions made by a health plan related to the medical necessity of a proposed service or treatment, coverage decisions for treatments that are experimental or investigational in nature and payment disputes for emergency or urgent medical services. The department also has a toll-free telephone number (1-888-HMO-2219) and a TDD line (1-877-688-9891) for the hearing and speech impaired. The department’s Internet Web site <http://www.hmohelp.ca.gov> has complaint forms, IMR application forms and instructions online.

You may file a grievance with the DMHC if Cigna Dental has not completed the complaint or appeal process described above within 30 days of receiving your grievance. You may immediately file an appeal with Cigna Dental and/or the DMHC in a case involving an imminent and serious threat to the health, including, but not limited to, severe pain, the potential loss of life, limb, or major bodily function, or in any other case where the DMHC determines that an earlier review is warranted.

#### **D. Voluntary Mediation**

If you have received an appeal decision from Cigna Dental with which you are not satisfied, you may also request voluntary mediation with us before exercising the right to submit a grievance to the DMHC. In order for mediation to take place, you and Cigna Dental each have to voluntarily agree to the mediation. Cigna Dental will consider each request for mediation on a case by case basis. Each side will equally share the expenses of the mediation. To initiate mediation, please submit a written request to the Cigna Dental address listed above. If you request voluntary mediation, you may elect to submit your grievance directly to the DMHC after participating in the voluntary mediation process for at least 30 days.

For more specific information regarding these grievance procedures, please contact our Member Services Department.

### **VIII. Coordination of Benefits**

Coordination of benefit rules explain the payment process when you are covered by more than one dental plan. You and your Dependents may not be covered twice under this Dental Plan. If you and your spouse have enrolled each other or the same Dependents twice, please contact your Benefit Administrator.

If you or your Dependents have dental coverage through your spouse’s employer or other sources, applicable coordination of benefit rules will determine which coverage is primary or secondary. In most cases, the plan covering you as an employee is primary for you, and the plan covering your spouse as an employee is primary for him or her. Your children are generally covered as primary by the plan of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the year. Coordination of Benefits should result in lowering or eliminating your out-of-pocket expenses. It should not result in reimbursement for more than 100% of your expenses.

Coordination of benefit rules are attached to the Group Contract and may be reviewed by contacting your Benefit Administrator. Cigna Dental coordinates benefits only for specialty care services.





## **IX. Disenrollment From the Dental Plan – Termination of Benefits**

Except for extensions of coverage as otherwise provided in the sections titled “Extension/Continuation of Benefits” or in your Group Contract, disenrollment from the Dental Plan/termination of benefits and coverages will be as follows:

### **A. For the Group**

The Dental Plan is renewable with respect to the Group except as follows:

1. for nonpayment of the required Prepayment Fees;
2. for fraud or other intentional misrepresentation of material fact by the Group;
3. low participation (i.e. less than ten enrollees);
4. if the Dental Plan ceases to provide or arrange for the provision of dental services for new Dental Plans in the state; provided, however, that notice of the decision to cease new or existing dental plans shall be provided as required by law at least 180 days prior to discontinuation of coverage; or
5. if the Dental Plan withdraws a Group Dental Plan from the market; provided, however, that notice of withdrawal shall be provided as required by law at least 90 days prior to the discontinuation and that any other Dental Plan offered is made available to the Group.

### **B. For You and Your Enrolled Dependents**

The Dental Plan may not be canceled or not renewed except as follows:

1. failure to pay the charge for coverage if you have been notified and billed for the charge and at least 15 days have elapsed since the date of notification.
2. fraud or deception in the use of services or Dental Offices or knowingly permitting such fraud or deception by another.
3. your behavior is disruptive, unruly, abusive or uncooperative to such an extent that the Dental Plan or the Network Dental Office is materially impaired in its ability to provide services to you or another Member. Cigna Dental will provide reasonable opportunities to transfer to another Dental Office prior to such termination. In the event of such termination, Cigna Dental will cooperate as needed to help you establish a relationship with a non-participating dental office.
4. you threaten the life or well-being of any Dental Plan employee, Network Dentist, Dental Office employee or another Member and the Dental Office is

materially impaired in its ability to provide services to you. Cigna Dental will provide reasonable opportunities to transfer to another Dental Office prior to such termination.

### **C. Termination Effective Date**

The effective date of the termination shall be as follows:

1. in the case of nonpayment of Prepayment Fees, enrollment will be canceled as of the last day of the month in which payment was received, subject to compliance with notice requirements.
2. in the case of failure to meet eligibility requirements or for disruptive or threatening behavior described above, enrollment will be canceled as of the date of termination specified in the written notice, provided that at least 15 days have expired since the date of notification.
3. on the last day of the month after voluntary disenrollment.
4. termination of Benefits due to fraud or deception shall be effective immediately upon receipt of notice of cancellation.

### **D. Effect on Dependents**

When one of your Dependents disenrolls, you and your other Dependents may continue to be enrolled. When you are disenrolled, your Dependents will be disenrolled as well.

For you and your Dependents, disenrollment will be effective the last day of the month in which Prepayment Fees are not paid to Cigna Dental. Cigna Dental will provide at least 15 days notice to your Group as to the date your coverage will be discontinued.

### **E. Right to Review**

If you believe that your termination from the Dental Plan is due to your dental health status or requirements for dental care services, you may request review of the termination by the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care.

### **F. Notice of Termination**

If the Group Contract is terminated for any reason described in this section, the notice of termination of the Group Contract or your coverage under the Group Contract shall be mailed by the Dental Plan to your Group or to you, as applicable. Such notice shall be dated and shall state:

1. the cause for termination, with specific reference to the applicable provision of the Group Contract or Plan Booklet;



2. the cause for termination was not the Subscriber's or a Member's health status or requirements for health care services;
3. the time the termination is effective;
4. the fact that a Subscriber or Member alleging that the termination was based on health status or requirements for health care services may request a review of the termination by the Director of the California Department of Managed HealthCare;
5. in instances of termination of the Group Contract for non-payment of fees, that receipt by the Dental Plan of any such past due fees within 15 days following receipt of notice of termination will reinstate the Group Contract as though it had never been terminated; if payment is not made within such 15 day period a new application will be required and the Dental Plan shall refund such payment within 20 business days;
6. any applicable rights you may have under the "Continuation of Benefits" Section.

## X. Continuity of Care

Current members may have the right to the benefit of completion of care with their terminated network dentist for certain specified dental conditions. Please call the Plan at 1-800-Cigna24 to see if you may be eligible for this benefit. You may request a copy of the Dental Plan's Continuity of Care Policy. You must make a specific request to continue under the care of your terminated network dentist. We are not required to continue your care with that dentist if you are not eligible under our policy or if we cannot reach agreement with your terminated network dentist on the terms regarding your care in accordance with California law. For purposes of this section "terminated network dentist" means a dentist who was a Network General Dentist or a Network Specialty Dentist when treatment commenced, but whose contract with the Dental Plan ends before treatment has been completed.

## XI. Continuation of Benefits (COBRA)

For Groups with 20 or more employees, federal law requires the employer to offer continuation of benefits coverage for a specified period of time after termination of employment or reduction of work hours, for any reason other than gross misconduct. You will be responsible for sending payment of the required Prepayment Fees to the Group. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

## XII. Individual Continuation of Benefits

If you are no longer eligible for coverage under your Group's Dental Plan, you and your enrolled Dependents may continue your dental coverage by enrolling in the Cigna Dental conversion plan. You must enroll within 3 months after becoming ineligible for your Group's Dental Plan. Premium payments and coverage will be retroactive to the date coverage under your Group's Dental Plan ended. You and your enrolled Dependents are eligible for conversion coverage unless benefits were discontinued due to:

- permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship,
- fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices,
- nonpayment of Prepayment Fees by the Subscriber,
- selection of alternate dental coverage by your Group, or
- lack of network/service area.

Benefits and rates for Cigna Dental conversion coverage and any succeeding renewals will be based on the Covered Services listed in the then-current standard conversion plan and may not be the same as those for your Group's Dental Plan. Please call the Cigna Dental Conversion Department at 1-800-Cigna24 to obtain current rates and make arrangements for continuing coverage.

## XIII. Confidentiality/Privacy

Cigna Dental is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal and sensitive information. Information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures is made available to you during the enrollment process and/or as part of your member plan materials. You may obtain additional information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24, or via the Internet at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com).

**A STATEMENT DESCRIBING Cigna DENTAL'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PRESERVING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAL RECORDS IS AVAILABLE AND WILL BE FURNISHED TO YOU UPON REQUEST.**

## XIV. Miscellaneous

### A. Programs Promoting General Health

As a Cigna Dental plan member, you may be eligible for various benefits, or other consideration for the purpose of promoting your general health and well being. Please visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) for details.

If you are a Cigna Dental Care member you may also be eligible for additional dental benefits during certain health

conditions. For example, certain frequency limitations for dental services may be relaxed for pregnant women and members participating in certain disease management programs. Please review your plan enrollment materials for details.

## B. Organ and Tissue Donation

Donating organ and tissue provides many societal benefits. Organ and tissue donation allows recipients of transplants to go on to lead fuller and more meaningful lives. Currently, the need for organ transplants far exceeds availability. The California Health and Safety Code states that an anatomical gift may be made by one of the following ways:

- a document of gift signed by the donor.
- a document of gift signed by another individual and by two witnesses, all of whom have signed at the direction and in the presence of the donor and of each other and state that it has been so signed.
- a document of gift orally made by a donor by means of a tape recording in his or her own voice.

One easy way individuals can make themselves eligible for organ donation is through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Every time a license is renewed or a new one is issued to replace one that was lost, the DMV will automatically send an organ donor card. Individuals may complete the card to indicate that they are willing to have their organs donated upon their death. They will then be given a small dot to stick on their driver's license, indicating they have an organ donor card on file. For more information, contact your local DMV office and request an organ donor card.

## C. 911 Emergency Response System

You are encouraged to use appropriately the '911' emergency response system, in areas where the system is established and operating, when you have an emergency medical condition that requires an emergency response.

are covered under a policy issued in California. You can get an interpreter. You can get documents read to you and some sent to you in your language. For help, call us at the number listed on your ID card or 1-800-244-6224 for Cigna medical/dental or 1-866-421-8629 for Cigna Behavioral Health mental health/substance abuse. For more help, call either the HMO Help Center at 1-888-466-2219 or for Non-HMO plans (e.g. PPO) call the CA Dept. of Insurance at 1-800-927-4357. **English**

**Servicios de idioma sin costo** para asegurados que viven en California y para asegurados que viven fuera de California y que están cubiertos por una póliza emitida en California. Puede obtener un intérprete. Puede hacer que le lean los documentos en español y que le envíen algunos de ellos en ese idioma. Para obtener ayuda, llámenos al número que aparece en su tarjeta de identificación o al 1-800-244-6224 para servicios médicos/dentales de Cigna o al 1-866-421-8629 para servicios de salud mental/farmacodependencia de Cigna Behavioral Health. Para obtener ayuda adicional, llame al Centro de ayuda HMO al 1-888-466-2219 o para los planes que no sean HMO (p. ej. PPO) llame al Departamento de Seguros de CA al 1-800-927-4357.

### Spanish

居住在加州境內的被保人和居住在加州境外但受到加州境內核發保單承保的被保人可取得免費語言服務。您可取得口譯員服務。我們可以用中文將文件讀給您聽，並將部分備有中文版的文件寄送給您。欲取得協助，請撥打您會員卡上所列表的電話號碼，或致電 1-800-244-6224 與 Cigna 醫療 / 牙科聯絡，或撥打 1-866-421-8629 聯繫 Cigna Behavioral Health 精神健康 / 物質濫用。欲取得其他協助，請致電 1-888-466-2219 與 HMO 協助中心聯絡，或非 HMO 計畫 (例如：PPO) 請致電

1-800-927-4357 與加州保險部聯絡。 **Chinese**

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## CALIFORNIA LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NOTICE

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FREE LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

**No Cost Language Services** for customers who live in California and customers who live outside of California who

خدمات لغوية بدون تكلفة للعملاء المقيمين في ولاية كاليفورنيا والعملاء المقيمين خارج ولاية كاليفورنيا الذين تشملهم سياسة تأمين صادرة في ولاية كاليفورنيا. يُمكنك الاستعانة بمترجم. يمكنك طلب قراءة الوثائق لك وإرسال بعض منها إليك بلغتك. للحصول على المساعدة، اتصل بنا على الرقم المبين على بطاقة عضويتك أو على الرقم

1-800-244-6244 لخدمات Cigna الطبية / صحة الأسنان أو على الرقم 1-866-421-8629 لخدمات Cigna للصحة السلوكية والنفسية / إساءة استخدام المواد المخدرة. للحصول على المزيد من المساعدة،



اتصل إما بمركز HMO للمساعدة على الرقم 1-888-466-2219 أو للبرامج الأخرى غير HMO (مثل PPO)، اتصل بإدارة التأمين لولاية كاليفورنيا على الرقم 1-800-927-4357. **Arabic**

California tại số 1-800-927-4357 cho các vấn đề thuộc các chương trình bảo hiểm không thuộc loại HMO (như các chương trình PPO). **Vietnamese**

캘리포니아 거주 고객 및 캘리포니아에서 발행된 보험으로 보장을 받는 캘리포니아 이외 지역 거주 고객님들을 위한 **무료 언어 지원 서비스**. 귀하는 통역 서비스를 받으실 수 있습니다. 한국어로 서류를 낭독해주는 서비스를 받으실 수 있으며 한국어로 번역된 서류를 받아보실 수도 있습니다. 도움이 필요하신 분은 본인의 ID 카드상에 기재된 안내번호 혹은 Cigna 의료/치과 안내번호(1-800-244-6224번), 혹은 Cigna Behavioral Health 정신 건강/약물 남용 안내번호(1-866-421-2219번)으로 연락해주시십시오. 더 많은 도움이 필요하신 분은 HMO 헬프 센터(HMO Help Center), 안내번호 1-888-466-2219번으로 문의하시거나 비-HMO 플랜(예: PPO)에 해당하시는 분은 캘리포니아주 보험국(CA Dept. of Insurance), 안내번호 1-800-927-4357번으로 연락해주시십시오. **Korean**

**សំរាប់អ្នកប្រើភាសាខ្មែរ**  
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**Walang Gastos na Mga Serbisyo sa Wika** para sa mga customer na nakatira sa California at mga customer na nakatira sa labas ng California na sakop ng isang polisiyang inisyu sa California. Makakakuha ka ng interpreter. Maaari mong ipabasa para sa iyo ang mga dokumento at maaaring ipadala sa iyo ang ilan sa iyong wika. Para sa tulong, tawagan kami sa numerong nakalista sa iyong ID card o sa 1-800-244-6224 para sa medikal/dental ng Cigna o sa 1-866-421-8629 para sa kalusugang pangkaisipan/pag-abuso sa droga ng Cigna Behavioral Health. Para sa karagdagang tulong, tumawag sa HMO Help Center sa 1-888-466-2219 o para sa mga planong Hindi HMO (hal. PPO) tawagan ang CA Dept. of Insurance sa 1-800-927-4357. **Tagalog**

**ਮੁਫਤ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ** ਉਹਨਾਂ ਗਾਹਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਹਨ ਜੋ ਕੈਲੀਫੋਰਨੀਆ ਵੱਚਿ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਗਾਹਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਜੋ ਕੈਲੀਫੋਰਨੀਆ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਕੈਲੀਫੋਰਨੀਆ ਵੱਚਿ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਪਾਲਿਸੀ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਕਵਰਡ ਹਨ। ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਦੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਆ ਮਲਿ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵੱਚਿ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਸੁਣਾਏ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਕੁਝ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਈ.ਡੀ. ਕਾਰਡ ਉੱਤੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ ਜਾਂ Cigna ਮੈਡੀਕਲ/ਡੈਂਟਲ ਲਈ 1-800-244-6224 ਤੇ ਜਾਂ Cigna ਵਵਿਹਾਰਕ ਸਹਿਤ ਮਾਨਸਿਕ ਸਹਿਤ/ਪਦਾਰਥਾਂ ਦੇ ਦੁਰਉਪਯੋਗ ਲਈ 1-866-421-8629 ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ। ਹੋਰ ਮਦਦ ਲਈ, ਜਾਂ ਤਾਂ HMO ਮਦਦ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਨੂੰ 1-888-466-2219 ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ ਜਾਂ ਗੈਰ HMO ਯੋਜਨਾਵਾਂ (ਉਦਾਹਰਣ ਲਈ PPO) ਲਈ CA ਦੇ ਬੀਮਾ ਵਭਿਗ (CA Dept. of Insurance) ਨੂੰ 1-800-927-4357 ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ। **Punjabi**

**Dịch vụ trợ giúp ngôn ngữ miễn phí** cho khách hàng sinh sống trong tiểu bang California và khách hàng sống ngoài California được đài thọ qua một hợp đồng bảo hiểm y tế ký kết tại California. Quý vị có thể được cấp thông dịch viên. Quý vị có thể được có người đọc văn bản cho quý vị hoặc được nhận tài liệu, văn bản bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Để được giúp đỡ, vui lòng gọi cho chúng tôi tại số điện thoại ghi trên thẻ hội viên (ID) của quý vị hoặc gọi cho chương trình bảo hiểm y tế/nha khoa Cigna tại số 1-800-244-6224, hoặc gọi số 1-866-421-8629 cho chương trình chăm sóc sức khỏe tâm thần/lạm dụng chất gây nghiện thuộc Chương trình Sức khỏe Hành vi của Cigna. Để được giúp đỡ thêm, vui lòng gọi Trung tâm Trợ giúp HMO tại 1-888-466-2219 hoặc gọi Bộ Bảo hiểm

**خدمات مجاني مربوط به زبان برای مشتریانی که در کالیفرنیا زندگی می کنند و مشتریانی که در خارج کالیفرنیا زندگی کرده و بر اساس بیمه نامه ای که در کالیفرنیا صادر شده تحت پوشش هستند. می توانید از خدمات یک مترجم شفاهی برخوردار شوید. می توانید بگویند که مدارک به زبان شما برایتان قرانت شوند و برخی از آنها به زبان شما برایتان ارسال شوند. برای دریافت کمک، با ما از طریق شماره تلفنی که روی کارت شناسایی شما قید شده است تماس بگیرید و یا به شماره 1-800-244-6224 برای طرح پزشکی/دندانپزشکی Cigna و یا به شماره 1-866-421-8629 برای برنامه بهداشت روانی/سوء استفاده از مواد مخدر طرح بهداشت رفتاری Cigna تلفن کنید. برای دریافت کمک بیشتر، به مرکز کمک HMO به شماره 1-866-466-2219 و یا برای طرح های غیر HMO (برای مثال PPO) به اداره بیمه کالیفرنیا به شماره 1-800-927-4357 تلفن کنید.** Persian

**無料の言語サービス。**カリフォルニア州にお住まいのお客様、および、カリフォルニア州外にお住まいで、カリフォルニア州において発行された保険のお客様が対象。通訳がご利用でき、書類を日本語でお読みします。また、書類によっては日本語版をお届けできるものもあります。サービスをご希望の方は、IDカードに記載の電話番号、またはCigna医療・歯科サービス担当：1-800-244-6224、またはCigna Behavioral Health（メンタルヘルス・薬物乱用）サービス担当：1-866-421-8629までご連絡ください。その他のお問い合わせは、HMO Help Center：1-888-466-2219、またはNon-HMOプラン（例：PPO「優先医療給付機構」）については、カリフォルニア州保険庁、1-800-927-4357までご連絡ください。 Japanese

**Бесплатные услуги перевода** для клиентов, проживающих на территории штата Калифорния, а также для тех клиентов, которые проживают за его пределами и имеют страховой полис, выданный в штате Калифорния. Вы имеете право воспользоваться услугами устного переводчика. Вам могут прочесть ваши документы, а также выслать перевод некоторых из них на вашем языке. Для получения помощи, позвоните нам по телефону, указанному в вашей Идентификационной карте, по вопросам медицинского и стоматологического обслуживания, предоставляемого компанией Cigna, позвоните по телефону 1-800-244-6224, по вопросам связанным с психическим

здоровьем/злоупотреблением алкоголем или наркотиками обращайтесь по телефону 1-866-421-8629 в программу Cigna Behavioral Health. Для получения дополнительной помощи обращайтесь либо в Центр поддержки HMO по телефону 1-888-466-2219 либо обращайтесь в Министерство страхования штата Калифорния (CA Dept. of Insurance) по телефону 1-800-927-4357 для получения информации в отношении не HMO планов (например PPO). **Russian**

**Անվճար Լեզվական Ծառայություններ** անդամների համար, ովքեր բնակվում են Կալիֆորնիայում և անդամների համար, ովքեր բնակվում են Կալիֆորնիայից դուրս բայց ապահովագրված են Կալիֆորնիայում տրված ապահովագրությամբ: Դուք կարող եք թարգմանիչ ձեր բերել: Դուք կարող եք փաստաթղթերը ձեր լեզվով ընթերցել տալ ձեր համար և նրանց մի մասը ստանալ ձեր լեզվով: Օգնության համար, զանգահարեք մեզ ձեր ինքնության (ID) տոմսի վրա նշված համարով կամ՝ 1-800-244-6224, Cigna-ի բժշկական/ատամնաբուժական ծրագրի համար կամ՝ 1-866-421-8629 Cigna Կարվեցողական Առողջապահության հոգվեան առողջության/թմրամոլության համար: Լրացուցիչ օգնության համար զանգահարեք կա մ HMO-ի Օգնության կենտրոն 1-888-466-2219 համարով կամ՝ Ոչ-HMO ծրագրերի համար (օրինակ՝ PPO) զանգահարեք Կալիֆորնիայի Ապահովագրության Բաժանմունք 1-800-927-4357 համարով: **Armenian**

**Cov Kev Pab Txhais Lus Uas Tsis Tau Them Nqi** rau cov qhua uas nyob hauv xeev California thiab cov qhua uas nyob tawm Xeev California uas tau muaj kev pov fwm los ntawm California. Koj yeej muaj tau tus neeg txhais lus. Koj hais tau kom muab cov ntawv nycem rau koj mloog thiab kom muab qee cov ntaub ntawv txhais ua koj hom lus xa rau. Yog xav tau kev pab, hu rau peb ntawm tus xov tooj nyob hauv koj daim yuaj ID los sis 1-800-244-6224 rau Cigna chaw pab them nqi kho mob/kho hniav los sis 1-866-421-8629 rau Cigna Chaw pab them nqi kho Kev Coj Cuj Pwm kev puas hlwb/kev quav tshuaj yeeb dej caw. Yog xav tau kev pab ntxiv, hu rau HMO Qhov Chaw Muab Kev Pab ntawm tus xov tooj 1-888-466-2219 los sis rau cov chaw pab them nqi kho mob uas Tsis Koom HMO (piv txwv li yog PPO) hu rau CA Lub Tuam Tsev Tswj Xyuas Txog Kev Tuav Pov Hwm ntawm 1-800-927-4357. **Hmong**







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If you need assistance filing a written grievance, please call the number on the back of your ID card or send an email to [ACAGrievance@Cigna.com](mailto:ACAGrievance@Cigna.com). You can also file a civil rights complaint or a discrimination complaint if there is a concern of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, ancestry, religion, marital status, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation 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, 800.537.7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

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## **Cigna HealthCare of Connecticut, Inc.**

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Hartford, CT 06152-1118**

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Sunrise, FL 33323  
Phone: 1-800-Cigna24**

**This Plan Booklet is intended for your information; it constitutes a summary of the Dental Plan and is included as a part of the agreement between Cigna HealthCare of Connecticut, Inc. and your Group (collectively, the “Group Contract”). The Group Contract must be consulted to determine the rates and the exact terms and conditions of coverage. If rates or coverages are changed under your Group Contract, your rates and coverage will also change.**

**Consumer Notice: Your out-of-pocket expense for certain complex procedures may exceed 50% of a dentist’s usual charge for those procedures. Please read your plan documents carefully and discuss your treatment options and financial obligations with your dentist. If you have any questions about your plan, please call Member Services or visit [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) for additional information.**

### **READ YOUR PLAN BOOKLET CAREFULLY**

**Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 if you have any questions. The hearing impaired may call the state TTY toll-free relay service listed in their local telephone directory.**

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## I. Definitions

Capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined, have the meanings listed below.

**Adverse Determination** - a decision by Cigna Dental not to authorize payment for certain limited specialty care procedures on the basis of necessity or appropriateness of care. To be considered clinically necessary, the treatment or service must be reasonable and appropriate and meet the following requirements:

- A. be consistent with the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the condition present;
- B. conform to commonly accepted standards throughout the dental field;
- C. not be used primarily for the convenience of the member or provider of care; and
- D. not exceed the scope, duration, or intensity of that level of care needed to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

Requests for payment authorizations that are declined by Cigna Dental based upon the above criteria will be the responsibility of the member at the dentist's Usual Fees. A licensed dentist will make any such denial.

**Cigna Dental** - Cigna Dental Health, Inc., on behalf of Cigna HealthCare of Connecticut, Inc. (said corporations are affiliates and are herein after referred to as "Cigna Dental"), contracts with participating general dentists for the provision of dental care. Cigna Dental Health, Inc. also provides management and information services to members and participating Dental Offices.

**Contract Fees** - the fees contained in the Network Specialty Dentist agreement with Cigna Dental.

**Covered Services** - the dental procedures listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Dental Office** - your selected office of Network General Dentist(s).

**Dental Plan** - managed dental care plan offered through the Group Contract between Cigna HealthCare of Connecticut, Inc. and your Group.

**Dependent** - your lawful spouse; your unmarried child (including newborns, adopted children, stepchildren, a child for whom you must provide dental coverage under a court order; or, a Dependent child who resides in your home as a result of court order or administrative placement) who is:

- A. less than 19 years old; or
- B. less than 23 years old if he or she is both:
  1. a full-time student enrolled at an accredited educational institution, and
  2. reliant upon you for maintenance and support; or
- C. any age if he or she is both:
  1. incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical disability; and
  2. reliant upon you for maintenance and support.

For a Dependent child 19 years of age or older who is a full-time student at an educational institution, coverage will be provided for an entire academic term during which the child begins as a full-time student and remains enrolled, regardless of whether the number of hours of instruction for which the child is enrolled is reduced to a level that changes the child's academic status to less than that of a full-time student.

For a child who falls into category (b) or (c) above, you will need to furnish Cigna Dental evidence of his or her reliance upon you, in the form requested, within 31 days after the Dependent reaches the age of 19 and once a year thereafter during his or her term of coverage.

Coverage for Dependents living outside a Cigna Dental Service Area is subject to the availability of an approved network where the Dependent resides.

This definition of "Dependent" applies unless modified by your State Rider or Group Contract.

**Group** - Employer, labor union or other organization that has entered into a Group Contract with Cigna HealthCare of Connecticut, Inc. for managed dental services on your behalf.

**Network Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide general dentistry or specialty care services to you. The term, when used, includes both Network General Dentists and Network Specialty Dentists.

**Network General Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide dental care services to you.

**Network Specialty Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide specialized dental care services to you.

**Patient Charge** - the amount you owe your Network Dentist for any dental procedure listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Patient Charge Schedule** - list of services covered under your Dental Plan and how much they cost you.

**Premiums** - fees that your Group remits directly or indirectly to Cigna HealthCare of Connecticut, Inc., on your behalf, during the term of your Group Contract.

**Service Area** - the geographical area designated by Cigna Dental within which it shall provide benefits and arrange for dental care services.

**Subscriber/You** - the enrolled employee or member of the Group.

**Usual Fee** - the customary fee that an individual dentist most frequently charges for a given dental service.

## II. Introduction To Your Cigna Dental Plan

Welcome to the Cigna Dental Plan. We encourage you to use your dental benefits. Please note that enrollment in the Dental Plan allows the release of patient records to Cigna Dental or its designee for health plan operation purposes.

### III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins

To enroll in the Dental Plan, you and your Dependents must be able to seek treatment for Covered Services within a Cigna Dental Service Area. Other eligibility requirements are determined by your Group.

If you enrolled in the Dental Plan before the effective date of your Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day the Group Contract is effective. If you enrolled in the Dental Plan after the effective date of the Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day of the month following processing of your enrollment (unless effective dates other than the first day of the month are provided for in your Group Contract).

Dependents may be enrolled in the Dental Plan at the time you enroll, during an open enrollment, or within 31 days of becoming eligible due to a life status change such as marriage, birth, adoption, placement, or court or administrative order. You may drop coverage for your Dependents only during the open enrollment periods for your Group, unless there is a change in status such as divorce. Cigna Dental may require evidence of good dental health at your expense if you or your Dependents enroll after the first period of eligibility, (except during open enrollment), or after disenrollment because of nonpayment of Premiums.

If you have family coverage, a newborn child is automatically covered during the first 61 days of life. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 61 days, your baby must be enrolled in the Dental Plan and you must begin paying Premiums, if any additional are due, during that period.

Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, you may be eligible to continue coverage during certain leaves of absence from work. During such leaves, you will be responsible for paying your Group the portion of the Premiums, if any, which you would have paid if you had not taken the leave. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

### IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage

The information below outlines your coverage and will help you to better understand your Dental Plan. Included is information about which services are covered, which are not and how much dental services will cost you. A copy of the Group Contract will be furnished to you upon your request.

#### A. Member Services

If you have any questions or concerns about the Dental Plan, Member Services Representatives are just a toll-free phone call away. They can explain your benefits or help with matters regarding your Dental Office or Dental Plan. For assistance with transfers, specialty referrals, eligibility, second opinions, emergencies, Covered Services, plan benefits, ID cards, location of Dental Offices, conversion coverage or other matters, call Member Services from any location at 1-800-Cigna24. The hearing impaired may contact the state TTY toll-free relay service number listed in their local telephone directory.

#### B. Premiums/Prepayment Fees

Your Group sends a monthly fee to Cigna Dental for members participating in the Dental Plan. The amount and term of this fee is set forth in your Group Contract. You may contact your Benefits Representative for information regarding any part of this fee to be withheld from your salary or to be paid by you to the Group.

#### C. Other Charges - Patient Charges

Network General Dentists are typically reimbursed by Cigna Dental through fixed monthly payments and supplemental payments for certain procedures. No bonuses or financial incentives are used as an inducement to limit services. Network Dentists are also compensated by the fees which you pay, as set out in your Patient Charge Schedule.

Your Patient Charge Schedule lists the dental procedures covered under your Dental Plan. Some dental procedures are covered at no charge to you. For other Covered Services, the Patient Charge Schedule lists the fees you must pay when you visit your Dental Office. There are no deductibles and no annual dollar limits for services covered by your Dental Plan.

Your Network General Dentist should tell you about Patient Charges for Covered Services, the amount you must pay for non-Covered Services and the Dental Office's payment policies. Timely payment is important. It is possible that the Dental Office may add late charges to overdue balances.

Your Patient Charge Schedule is subject to annual change in accordance with your Group Contract. Cigna Dental will give written notice to your Group of any change in Patient Charges at least 60 days prior to such change. You will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on the Patient Charge Schedule that is in effect on the date a procedure is started.

#### D. Choice of Dentist

You and your Dependents should have selected a Dental Office when you enrolled in the Dental Plan. If you did not, you must advise Cigna Dental of your Dental Office selection prior to receiving treatment. The benefits of the Dental Plan are available only at your Dental Office, except in the case of an emergency or when Cigna Dental otherwise authorizes payment for out-of-network benefits.

You may select a network Pediatric Dentist as the Network General Dentist for your Dependent child under age 7 by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to get a list of network Pediatric Dentists in your Service Area or if your Network General Dentist sends your child under the age of 7 to a network Pediatric Dentist, the network Pediatric Dentist's office will have primary responsibility for your child's care. For children 7 years and older, your Network General Dentist will provide care. If your child continues to visit the Pediatric Dentist upon the age of 7, you will be fully responsible for the Pediatric Dentist's Usual Fees. Exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If for any reason your selected Dental Office cannot provide your dental care, or if your Network General Dentist terminates from the network, Cigna Dental will let you know and will arrange a transfer to another Dental Office. Refer to the Section titled "Office Transfers" if you wish to change your Dental Office.

To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. If you would like to have the list faxed to you, enter your fax number, including your area code. You may always obtain a current Dental Office Directory by calling Member Services.

#### **E. Your Payment Responsibility (General Care)**

For Covered Services at your Dental Office, you will be charged the fees listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. For services listed on your Patient Charge Schedule at any other Dental Office, you may be charged Usual Fees. For non-Covered Services, you are responsible for paying Usual Fees.

If, on a temporary basis, there is no Network General Dentist in your Service Area, Cigna Dental will let you know and you may obtain Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist. You will pay the non-Network Dentist the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will pay the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge.

See Section IX, **Specialty Referrals**, regarding payment responsibility for specialty care.

All contracts between Cigna Dental and Network Dentists state that you will not be liable to the Network Dentist for any sums owed to the Network Dentist by Cigna Dental.

#### **F. Emergency Dental Care - Reimbursement**

An emergency is a dental condition of recent onset and severity which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of dentistry to believe the condition needs immediate dental procedures necessary to control excessive bleeding, relieve severe pain, or eliminate acute infection. You should contact your Network General Dentist if you have an emergency in your Service Area.

##### **1. Emergency Care Away From Home**

If you have an emergency while you are out of your Service Area or you are unable to contact your Network General Dentist, you may receive emergency Covered Services as defined above from any general dentist. Routine restorative procedures or definitive treatment (e.g. root canal) are not considered emergency care. You should return to your Network General Dentist for these procedures. For emergency Covered Services, you will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. Cigna Dental will reimburse you the difference, if any, between the dentist's Usual Fee for emergency Covered Services

and your Patient Charges. To receive reimbursement, send appropriate reports and x-rays to Cigna Dental at the address listed on the front of this booklet.

##### **2. Emergency Care After Hours**

There is a Patient Charge listed on your Patient Charge Schedule for emergency care rendered after regularly scheduled office hours. This charge will be in addition to other applicable Patient Charges.

#### **G. Limitations on Covered Services**

Listed below are limitations on services covered by your Dental Plan:

1. **Frequency** - The frequency of certain Covered Services, like cleanings, is limited. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on frequency.
2. **Specialty Care** - Except for Pediatric Dentistry and Endodontics, payment authorization is required for coverage of services performed by a Network Specialist Dentist.
3. **Pediatric Dentistry** - Coverage for treatment by a Pediatric Dentist ends on your child's 7th birthday; however, exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on an individual basis. Your Network General Dentist will provide care after your child's 7th birthday.
4. **Oral Surgery** - The surgical removal of an impacted wisdom tooth may not be covered if the tooth is not diseased or if the removal is only for orthodontic reasons. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on oral surgery.

#### **H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan**

Listed below are the services or expenses which are NOT covered under your Dental Plan and which are your responsibility at the dentist's Usual Fees. There is no coverage for:

1. services not listed on the Patient Charge Schedule.
2. services provided by a non-Network Dentist without Cigna Dental's prior approval (except emergencies, as described in Section IV.F.).
3. services related to an injury or illness paid under workers' compensation, occupational disease or similar laws.
4. services provided or paid by or through a federal or state governmental agency or authority, political subdivision or a public program, other than Medicaid.
5. services required while serving in the armed forces of any country or international authority or relating to a declared or undeclared war or acts of war.
6. cosmetic dentistry or cosmetic dental surgery (dentistry or dental surgery performed solely to improve appearance) unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
7. general anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. When listed on your Patient Charge Schedule,

general anesthesia and IV sedation are covered when medically necessary and provided in conjunction with Covered Services performed by an Oral Surgeon or Periodontist.

8. prescription drugs.
9. procedures, appliances or restorations if the main purpose is to: a. change vertical dimension (degree of separation of the jaw when teeth are in contact); b. diagnose or treat abnormal conditions of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ) unless TMJ therapy is specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule or if your Patient Charge Schedule ends in “-04” or a higher number; or c. restore teeth which have been damaged by attrition, abrasion, erosion, and/or abfraction.
10. replacement of fixed and/or removable appliances that have been lost; stolen; or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.
11. services associated with the placement or prosthodontic restoration of a dental implant.
12. services considered to be unnecessary or experimental in nature.
13. procedures or appliances for minor tooth guidance or to control harmful habits.
14. hospitalization, including any associated incremental charges for dental services performed in a hospital. (Benefits are available for Network Dentist charges for Covered Services performed at a hospital. Other associated charges are not covered and should be submitted to the medical carrier for benefit determination.)
15. services to the extent you or your enrolled Dependent is compensated under any group medical plan, no-fault auto insurance policy, or uninsured motorist policy.
16. the completion of crown and bridge, dentures or root canal treatment already in progress on the effective date of your Cigna Dental coverage.

In addition to the above, if your Patient Charge Schedule ends in “-04” or a higher number, there is no coverage for the following:

17. crowns and bridges used solely for splinting.
18. resin bonded retainers and associated pontics.

## V. Appointments

To make an appointment with your Network Dentist, call the Dental Office that you have selected. When you call, your Dental Office will ask for your identification number and will check your eligibility.

## VI. Broken Appointments

The time your Network Dentist schedules for your appointment is valuable to you and the dentist. Broken

appointments make it difficult for your Dental Office to schedule time with other patients.

If you or your enrolled Dependent breaks an appointment with less than 24 hours notice to the Dental Office, you may be charged a broken appointment fee.

## VII. Office Transfers

If you decide to change Dental Offices, we can arrange a transfer. You should complete any dental procedure in progress before transferring to another Dental Office. To arrange a transfer, call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24. To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24.

Your transfer request will take about 5 days to process. Transfers will be effective the first day of the month after the processing of your request. Unless you have an emergency, you will be unable to schedule an appointment at the new Dental Office until your transfer becomes effective.

There is no charge to you for the transfer; however, all Patient Charges which you owe to your current Dental Office must be paid before the transfer can be processed.

## VIII. Specialty Care

Your Network General Dentist at your Dental Office has primary responsibility for your professional dental care. Because you may need specialty care, the Cigna Dental Network includes the following types of specialty dentists:

- Pediatric Dentists - children’s dentistry.
- Endodontists - root canal treatment.
- Periodontists - treatment of gums and bone.
- Oral Surgeons - complex extractions and other surgical procedures.
- Orthodontists - tooth movement.

There is no coverage for referrals to prosthodontists or other specialty dentists not listed above.

When specialty care is needed, your Network General Dentist must start the referral process. X-rays taken by your Network General Dentist should be sent to the Network Specialty Dentist.

See Section IV.D., *Choice of Dentist*, regarding treatment by a Pediatric Dentist.

## IX. Specialty Referrals

### A. In General

Upon referral from a Network General Dentist, your Network Specialty Dentist will submit a specialty care treatment plan to Cigna Dental for payment authorization, except for Pediatrics and Endodontics, for which prior authorization is not required. You should verify with the Network Specialty Dentist that your treatment plan has



been authorized for payment by Cigna Dental before treatment begins.

When Cigna Dental authorizes payment to the Network Specialty Dentist, the fees or no-charge services listed on the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date each procedure is started will apply, except as set out in Section IX.B., Orthodontics. Treatment by the Network Specialty Dentist must begin within 90 days from the date of Cigna Dental's authorization. If you are unable to obtain treatment within the 90-day period, please call Member Services to request an extension. Your coverage must be in effect when each procedure begins.

For non-Covered Services or if Cigna Dental does not authorize payment to the Network Specialty Dentist for Covered Services, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the Network Specialty Dentist's Usual Fee. If you have a question or concern regarding an authorization or a denial, contact Member Services.

After the Network Specialty Dentist has completed treatment, you should return to your Network General Dentist for cleanings, regular checkups and other treatment. If you visit a Network Specialty Dentist without a referral or if you continue to see a Network Specialty Dentist after you have completed specialty care, it will be your responsibility to pay for treatment at the dentist's Usual Fees.

When your Network General Dentist determines that you need specialty care and a Network Specialty Dentist is not available, as determined by Cigna Dental, Cigna Dental will authorize a referral to a non-Network Specialty Dentist. The referral procedures applicable to specialty care will apply. In such cases, you will be responsible for the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will reimburse the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge. For non-Covered Services or services not authorized for payment, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the dentist's Usual Fee.

**B. Orthodontics** (This section is applicable only when Orthodontics is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.)

**1. Definitions**

If your Patient Charge Schedule indicates coverage for orthodontic treatment, the following definitions apply:

- a. **Orthodontic Treatment Plan and Records** - the preparation of orthodontic records and a treatment plan by the Orthodontist.
- b. **Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment** - treatment prior to full eruption of the permanent teeth, frequently a first phase preceding comprehensive treatment.
- c. **Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment** - treatment after the eruption of most permanent teeth, generally the final phase of treatment before retention.

- d. **Retention (Post Treatment Stabilization)** - the period following orthodontic treatment during which you may wear an appliance to maintain and stabilize the new position of the teeth.

**2. Patient Charges**

The Patient Charge for your entire orthodontic case, including retention, will be based upon the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date of your visit for Treatment Plan and Records. However, if a. banding/appliance insertion does not occur within 90 days of such visit, b. your treatment plan changes, or c. there is an interruption in your coverage or treatment, a later change in the Patient Charge Schedule may apply.

The Patient Charge for Orthodontic Treatment is based upon 24 months of interceptive and/or comprehensive treatment. If you require more than 24 months of treatment in total, you will be charged an additional amount for each additional month of treatment, based upon the Orthodontist's Contract Fee. If you require less than 24 months of treatment, your Patient Charge will be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

**3. Additional Charges**

You will be responsible for the Orthodontist's Usual Fees for the following non-Covered Services:

- a. incremental costs associated with optional/elective materials, including but not limited to ceramic, clear, lingual brackets, or other cosmetic appliances;
- b. orthognathic surgery and associated incremental costs;
- c. appliances to guide minor tooth movement;
- d. appliances to correct harmful habits; and
- e. services which are not typically included in Orthodontic Treatment. These services will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

**4. Orthodontics In Progress**

If Orthodontic Treatment is in progress for you or your Dependent at the time you enroll, the fee listed on the Patient Charge Schedule is not applicable. Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to find out if you are entitled to any benefit under the Dental Plan.

**X. Complex Rehabilitation/Multiple Crown Units**

Complex rehabilitation is extensive dental restoration involving 6 or more "units" of crown and/or bridge in the same treatment plan. Using full crowns (caps) and/or fixed bridges which are cemented in place, your Network General Dentist will rebuild natural teeth, fill in spaces where teeth are missing and establish conditions which allow each tooth to function in harmony with the occlusion (bite). The extensive

procedures involved in complex rehabilitation require an extraordinary amount of time, effort, skill and laboratory collaboration for a successful outcome.

Complex rehabilitation will be covered when performed by your Network General Dentist after consultation with you about diagnosis, treatment plan and charges. Each tooth or tooth replacement included in the treatment plan is referred to as a “unit” on your Patient Charge Schedule. The crown and bridge charges on your Patient Charge Schedule are for each unit of crown or bridge. You pay the per unit charge for each unit of crown and/or bridge PLUS an additional charge for each unit when 6 or more units are prescribed in your Network General Dentist’s treatment plan.

## **XI. What To Do If There Is A Problem**

For the purposes of this section, any reference to “you” or “your” also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf.

Most problems can be resolved between you and your dentist. However, we want you to be completely satisfied with the Dental Plan. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and complaints. The complaint procedure is voluntary and will be used only upon your request.

### **A. Start With Member Services**

We are here to listen and to help. If you have a concern about your Dental Office or the Dental Plan, you can call 1-800-Cigna24 toll-free and explain your concern to one of our Member Services Representatives. You can also express that concern in writing to Cigna Dental at P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047. We’ll do our best to resolve the matter during your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your concern, we’ll get back to you as soon as possible, usually by the end of the next business day, but in any case within 30 days.

If you are not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, you may start the appeals procedure.

### **B. Appeals Procedure**

Cigna Dental has a two-step appeals procedure for coverage decisions. To initiate an appeal, you must submit a request in writing to Cigna Dental, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047, within 1 year from the date of receipt of the initial Cigna Dental decision. You should state the reason you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information to support your appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask Member Services to register your appeal by calling 1-800-Cigna24.

#### **1. Level One Appeals**

Your level one appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial review. Appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness will be reviewed by a dental professional in the field related to the care under

consideration, under the authority of a Connecticut licensed dentist.

If your appeal concerns a denied pre-authorization, we will respond with a decision within 15 calendar days after we receive your appeal. For appeals concerning all other coverage issues, we will respond with a decision within 30 calendar days after we receive your appeal. If we need more time or information to make the decision, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the timeframes under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, Cigna Dental will respond orally with a decision within the lesser of 72 hours after the appeal is received, or 2 business days after the required information is received, followed up in writing.

If you are not satisfied with our level one appeal decision, you may request a level two appeal.

#### **2. Level Two Appeals**

To initiate a level two appeal, follow the same process required for a level one appeal. For postservice claim or administrative appeals, your request must be received before the 14th calendar day following our mailing of the level one determination. Level two appeals will be conducted by an Appeals Committee consisting of at least 3 people. Anyone involved in the prior decision may not vote on the Appeals Committee. For appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness, the Appeals Committee will include at least one dentist. If specialty care is in dispute, the Appeals Committee will consult with a dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under review.

Cigna Dental will acknowledge your appeal in writing and schedule an Appeals Committee review. The acknowledgment letter will include the name, address, and telephone number of the Appeals Coordinator. We may request additional information at that time. If your appeal concerns a denied preauthorization, the Appeals Committee review will be completed within 15 calendar days. For appeals concerning all other coverage issues, the Appeals Committee review will be completed within 60 calendar days after receipt of your original level one request for appeal, unless you request an extension. If we receive a request for a level two appeal post service claim appeal on or after the 14th calendar day following our mailing of the level one determination: a. it will be deemed as a request by you for an extension; and b. the 60 day review period will be

suspended on the 14th day we receive no level two appeal, then resume on the day we receive your level two appeal.

You may present your appeal to the Appeals Committee in person or by conference call. You must advise Cigna Dental 5 days in advance if you or your representative plan to attend in person. You will be notified in writing of the Appeals Committee's decision within 5 business days after the meeting. The decision will include the specific contractual or clinical reasons for the decision, as applicable.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the timeframes under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, the Dental Plan will respond orally with a decision within the lesser of 72 hours or 2 business days after the required information is received, followed up in writing.

Cigna Dental will not cancel or refuse to renew your coverage because you or your Dependent has filed a complaint or an appeal involving a decision made by Cigna Dental. You have the right to file suit in a court of law for any claim involving the professional treatment performed by a dentist.

## **XII. Dual Coverage**

If you and your spouse are employed by the same employer and by reason of that employment are participating in this Dental Plan, you may be covered as an employee under this plan in addition to being covered as a Dependent.

If you or your Dependents have dental coverage through your spouse's employer or other sources, applicable coordination of benefit rules will determine which coverage is primary or secondary. In most cases, the plan covering you as an employee is primary for you, and the plan covering your spouse as an employee is primary for him or her. Your children are generally covered as primary by the plan of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the year. Dual coverage should result in lowering or eliminating your out-of-pocket expenses. It should not result in reimbursement for more than 100% of your expenses.

Coordination of benefit rules are attached to the Group Contract and may be reviewed by contacting your Benefit Administrator. Benefits are coordinated only for specialty care services.

## **XIII. Disenrollment From the Dental Plan – Termination of Benefits**

### **A. Time Frames For Disenrollment/Termination**

Except as otherwise provided in the sections titled "Extension/Continuation of Benefits" or in your Group

Contract, disenrollment from the Dental Plan and Termination of benefits will occur on the last day of the month:

1. in which Premiums/Prepayment Fees are not remitted to Cigna Dental.
2. in which eligibility requirements are no longer met.
3. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship as determined by Cigna Dental, after at least two opportunities to transfer to another Dental Office.
4. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices.
5. after 60 days notice by Cigna Dental, due to continued lack of a Dental Office in your Service Area.
6. after voluntary disenrollment.

### **B. Effect on Dependents**

When one of your Dependents is disenrolled, you and your other Dependents may continue to be enrolled. When you are disenrolled, your Dependents will be disenrolled as well.

## **XIV. Extension of Benefits**

Coverage for completion of a dental procedure (other than orthodontics) which was started before your disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended for 90 days after disenrollment unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums/Prepayment Fees.

Coverage for orthodontic treatment which was started before disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended to the end of the quarter or for 60 days after disenrollment, whichever is later, unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums/Prepayment Fees.

## **XV. Continuation of Benefits (COBRA)**

For Groups with 20 or more employees, federal law requires the employer to offer continuation of benefits coverage for a specified period of time after termination of employment or reduction of work hours, for any reason other than gross misconduct. This provision also applies to any Group subject to continuation of benefit coverage under Connecticut state law. You will be responsible for sending payment of the required Premiums to the Group. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

## **XVI. Conversion Coverage**

If you are no longer eligible for coverage under your Group's Dental Plan, you and your enrolled Dependents may continue your dental coverage by enrolling in the Cigna Dental conversion plan. You must enroll within three months after becoming ineligible for your Group's Dental Plan. Premium payments and coverage will be retroactive to the date coverage

under your Group's Dental Plan ended. You and your enrolled Dependents are eligible for conversion coverage unless benefits were discontinued due to:

- permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship;
- fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices;
- nonpayment of Premium/Prepayment Fees by the Subscriber;
- selection of alternate dental coverage by your Group, or
- lack of network/Service Area.

Benefits and rates for Cigna Dental conversion coverage and any succeeding renewals will be based on the Covered Services listed in the then-current standard conversion plan and may not be the same as those for your Group's Dental Plan. Please call the Cigna Dental Conversion Department at 1-800-Cigna24 to obtain current rates and make arrangements for continuing coverage.

## **XVII. Confidentiality/Privacy**

Cigna HealthCare is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal and sensitive information. You may obtain additional information about Cigna HealthCare's privacy policies and procedures by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 or via the Internet at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com).

## **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

As a Cigna HealthCare plan member, you may be eligible for various discounts, benefits, or other consideration for the purpose of promoting your general health and well being. Please visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) for details.

If you are a Cigna Dental Care member you may also be eligible for additional dental benefits during certain health conditions. For example, certain frequency limitations for dental services may be relaxed for pregnant women and members participating in certain disease management programs. Please review your plan enrollment materials for details.

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## **State Rider Cigna HealthCare of Connecticut, Inc.**

### **Connecticut Residents:**

Your Cigna Dental Care coverage is provided by Cigna HealthCare of Connecticut, Inc.

This State Rider contains information that is in addition to the information contained in your Plan Booklet.

## **I. Definitions**

The following Medical Necessity definition is added to the definition section of your plan booklet immediately following the definition of "Group".

**Medically necessary or medical necessity** - means health care services that a physician/dentist, exercising prudent clinical judgment, would provide to a patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms, and that are:

- (1) In accordance with generally accepted standards of medical/dental practice;
- (2) Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration and considered effective for the patient's illness, injury or disease; and
- (3) Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, physician/dentist or other health care provider and not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient's illness, injury or disease.

For the purposes of this definition, "generally accepted standards of medical/dental practice" means standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical/dental literature generally recognized by the relevant medical/dental community or otherwise consistent with the standards set forth in policy issues involving clinical judgment.

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## **Cigna Dental Care – Cigna Dental Health Plan**

**If you are an Illinois and/or Kentucky resident the following Plan Booklet applies to you. Additionally, if you are an Illinois resident the Illinois rider that follows the Plan Booklet also applies to you.**

## **Cigna Dental Health of Kentucky, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 453099  
Sunrise, Florida 33345-3099**

**This Plan Booklet is intended for your information; it constitutes a summary of the Dental Plan and is included as a part of the agreement between Cigna Dental and your Group (collectively, the “Group Contract”). The Group Contract must be consulted to determine the rates and the exact terms and conditions of coverage. If rates or coverages are changed under your Group Contract, your rates and coverage will also change. A prospective customer has the right to view the Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form prior to enrollment. It should be read completely and carefully. Customers with special health care needs should read carefully those sections that apply to them. Please read the following information so you will know from whom or what group of dentists dental care may be obtained.**

**NOTICE: IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE HEALTH CARE PLAN, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COLLECT BENEFITS FROM BOTH PLANS. EACH PLAN MAY REQUIRE YOU TO FOLLOW ITS RULES OR USE SPECIFIC DOCTORS OR HOSPITALS, AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH BOTH PLANS AT THE SAME TIME. READ ALL OF THE RULES VERY CAREFULLY, INCLUDING THE DUAL COVERAGE SECTION.**

**Important Cancellation Information – Please Read the Provision Entitled “Disenrollment from the Dental Plan–Termination of Benefits.”**

### **READ YOUR PLAN BOOKLET CAREFULLY**

**Please call Customer Service at 1-800-Cigna24 if you have any questions. The hearing impaired may call the state TTY toll-free relay service listed in their local telephone directory.**

**In some instances, state laws will supersede or augment the provisions contained in this booklet. These requirements are listed at the end of this booklet as a State Rider. In case of a conflict between the provisions of this booklet and your State Rider, the State Rider will prevail.**



## I. Definitions

Capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined, have the meanings listed below.

**Adverse Determination** - a decision by Cigna Dental not to authorize payment for certain limited specialty care procedures on the basis of necessity or appropriateness of care. To be considered clinically necessary, the treatment or service must be reasonable and appropriate and meet the following requirements:

- A. be consistent with the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the condition present;
- B. conform to commonly accepted standards throughout the dental field;
- C. not be used primarily for the convenience of the customer or dentist of care; and
- D. not exceed the scope, duration, or intensity of that level of care needed to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

Requests for payment authorizations that are declined by Cigna Dental based upon the above criteria will be the responsibility of the customer at the dentist's Usual Fees. A licensed dentist will make any such denial.

**Cigna Dental** - the Cigna Dental Health organization that provides dental benefits in your state as listed on the face page of this booklet.

**Contract Fees** - the fees contained in the Network Dentist agreement with Cigna Dental.

**Covered Services** - the dental procedures listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Dental Office** - your selected office of Network General Dentist(s).

**Dental Plan** - managed dental care plan offered through the Group Contract between Cigna Dental and your Group.

**Dependent** - your lawful spouse, or your Domestic Partner; your unmarried child (including newborns, adopted children, stepchildren, a child for whom you must provide dental coverage under a court order; or, a dependent child who resides in your home as a result of court order or administrative placement) who is:

- (a) less than 26 years old; or
- (b) less than 26 years old if he or she is both:
  - i. a full-time student enrolled at an accredited educational institution, and
  - ii. reliant upon you for maintenance and support; or
- (c) any age if he or she is both:
  - i. incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical disability, and
  - ii. reliant upon you for maintenance and support.

For a dependent child 26 years of age or older who is a full-time student at an educational institution, coverage will be provided for an entire academic term during which the child begins as a full-time student and remains enrolled, regardless

of whether the number of hours of instruction for which the child is enrolled is reduced to a level that changes the child's academic status to less than that of a full-time student.

A Newly Acquired Dependent is a dependent child who is adopted, born, or otherwise becomes your dependent after you become covered under the Plan.

Coverage for dependents living outside a Cigna Dental service area is subject to the availability of an approved network where the dependent resides.

**Group** - employer, labor union or other organization that has entered into a Group Contract with Cigna Dental for managed dental services on your behalf.

**Network Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide general dentistry or specialty care services to you. The term, when used, includes both Network General Dentists and Network Specialty Dentists.

**Network General Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide dental care services to you.

**Network Specialty Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide specialized dental care services to you.

**Patient Charge** - the amount you owe your Network Dentist for any dental procedure listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Patient Charge Schedule** - list of services covered under your Dental Plan and how much they cost you.

**Premiums** - fees that your Group remits to Cigna Dental, on your behalf, during the term of your Group Contract.

**Service Area** - the geographical area designated by Cigna Dental within which it shall provide benefits and arrange for dental care services.

**Subscriber/You** - the enrolled employee or customer of the Group.

**Usual Fee** - the customary fee that an individual dentist most frequently charges for a given dental service.

## II. Introduction To Your Cigna Dental Plan

Welcome to the Cigna Dental Plan. We encourage you to use your dental benefits. Please note that enrollment in the Dental Plan allows the release of patient records to Cigna Dental or its designee for health plan operation purposes for up to 24 months.

## III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins

To enroll in the Dental Plan, you and your Dependents must be able to seek treatment for Covered Services within a Cigna Dental Service Area. Other eligibility requirements are determined by your Group.

If you enrolled in the Dental Plan before the effective date of your Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day the

Group Contract is effective. If you enrolled in the Dental Plan after the effective date of the Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day of the month following processing of your enrollment (unless effective dates other than the first day of the month are provided for in your Group Contract).

Dependents may be enrolled in the Dental Plan at the time you enroll, during an open enrollment, or within 31 days of becoming eligible due to a life status change such as marriage, birth, adoption, placement, or court or administrative order. You may drop coverage for your Dependents only during the open enrollment periods for your Group, unless there is a change in status such as divorce. Cigna Dental may require evidence of good dental health at your expense if you or your Dependents enroll after the first period of eligibility (except during open enrollment) or after disenrollment because of nonpayment of Premiums.

If you have family coverage, a newborn child is automatically covered during the first 31 days of life. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, your baby must be enrolled in the Dental Plan and you must begin paying Premiums, if any additional are due, during that period.

Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, you may be eligible to continue coverage during certain leaves of absence from work. During such leaves, you will be responsible for paying your Group the portion of the Premiums, if any, which you would have paid if you had not taken the leave. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

#### **IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage**

The information below outlines your coverage and will help you to better understand your Dental Plan. Included is information about which services are covered, which are not, and how much dental services will cost you. A copy of the Group Contract will be furnished to you upon your request.

##### **A. Customer Service**

If you have any questions or concerns about the Dental Plan, Customer Service Representatives are just a toll-free phone call away. They can explain your benefits or help with matters regarding your Dental Office or Dental Plan. For assistance with transfers, specialty referrals, eligibility, second opinions, emergencies, Covered Services, plan benefits, ID cards, location of Dental Offices, conversion coverage or other matters, call Customer Service from any location at 1-800-Cigna24. The hearing impaired may contact the state TTY toll-free relay service number listed in their local telephone directory.

##### **B. Premiums**

Your Group sends a monthly fee to Cigna Dental for customers participating in the Dental Plan. The amount and term of this fee is set forth in your Group Contract. You may contact your Benefits Representative for information regarding any part of this fee to be withheld from your salary or to be paid by you to the Group.

##### **C. Other Charges – Patient Charges**

Network General Dentists are typically reimbursed by Cigna Dental through fixed monthly payments and supplemental payments for certain procedures. No bonuses or financial incentives are used as an inducement to limit services. Network Dentists are also compensated by the fees which you pay, as set out in your Patient Charge Schedule.

Your Patient Charge Schedule lists the dental procedures covered under your Dental Plan. Some dental procedures are covered at no charge to you. For other Covered Services, the Patient Charge Schedule lists the fees you must pay when you visit your Dental Office. There are no deductibles and no annual dollar limits for services covered by your Dental Plan.

Your Network General Dentist should tell you about Patient Charges for Covered Services, the amount you must pay for non-Covered Services and the Dental Office's payment policies. Timely payment is important. It is possible that the Dental Office may add late charges to overdue balances.

Your Patient Charge Schedule is subject to annual change in accordance with your Group Contract. Cigna Dental will give written notice to your Group of any change in Patient Charges at least 60 days prior to such change. You will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on the Patient Charge Schedule that is in effect on the date a procedure is started.

##### **D. Choice of Dentist**

You and your Dependents should have selected a Dental Office when you enrolled in the Dental Plan. If you did not, you must advise Cigna Dental of your Dental Office selection prior to receiving treatment. The benefits of the Dental Plan are available only at your Dental Office, except in the case of an emergency or when Cigna Dental otherwise authorizes payment for out-of-network benefits.

You may select a network Pediatric Dentist as the Network General Dentist for your dependent child under age 7 by calling Customer Service at 1-800-Cigna24 to get a list of network Pediatric Dentists in your Service Area or if your Network General Dentist sends your child under the age of 7 to a network Pediatric Dentist, the network Pediatric Dentist's office will have primary responsibility for your child's care. For children 7 years and older, your Network General Dentist will provide care. If your child continues to visit the Pediatric Dentist upon the age of 7, you will be fully responsible for the Pediatric Dentist's Usual Fees. Exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If for any reason your selected Dental Office cannot provide your dental care, or if your Network General Dentist terminates from the network, Cigna Dental will let you know and will arrange a transfer to another Dental Office. Refer to the Section titled "Office Transfers" if you wish to change your Dental Office.

To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com), or call the Dental Office

Locator at 1-800-Cigna24. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. If you would like to have the list faxed to you, enter your fax number, including your area code. You may always obtain a current Dental Office Directory by calling Customer Service.

#### **E. Your Payment Responsibility (General Care)**

For Covered Services at your Dental Office, you will be charged the fees listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. For services listed on your Patient Charge Schedule at any other dental office, you may be charged Usual Fees. For non-Covered Services, you are responsible for paying Usual Fees.

If, on a temporary basis, there is no Network General Dentist in your Service Area, Cigna Dental will let you know and you may obtain Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist. You will pay the non-Network Dentist the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will pay the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge.

See Section IX, *Specialty Referrals*, regarding payment responsibility for specialty care.

All contracts between Cigna Dental and Network Dentists state that you will not be liable to the Network Dentist for any sums owed to the Network Dentist by Cigna Dental.

#### **F. Emergency Dental Care - Reimbursement**

An emergency is a dental condition of recent onset and severity which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of dentistry to believe the condition needs immediate dental procedures necessary to control excessive bleeding, relieve severe pain, or eliminate acute infection. You should contact your Network General Dentist if you have an emergency in your Service Area.

##### **1. Emergency Care Away From Home**

If you have an emergency while you are out of your Service Area or you are unable to contact your Network General Dentist, you may receive emergency Covered Services as defined above from any general dentist. Routine restorative procedures or definitive treatment (e.g. root canal) are not considered emergency care. You should return to your Network General Dentist for these procedures. For emergency Covered Services, you will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. Cigna Dental will reimburse you the difference, if any, between the dentist's Usual Fee for emergency Covered Services and your Patient Charge, up to a total of \$50 per incident. To receive reimbursement, send appropriate reports and x-rays to Cigna Dental at the address listed for your state on the front of this booklet.

##### **2. Emergency Care After Hours**

There is a Patient Charge listed on your Patient Charge Schedule for emergency care rendered after

regularly scheduled office hours. This charge will be in addition to other applicable Patient Charges.

#### **G. Limitations on Covered Services**

Listed below are limitations on services when covered by your Dental Plan:

- **Frequency** - The frequency of certain Covered Services, like cleanings, is limited. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on frequency.
- **Pediatric Dentistry** - Coverage for treatment by a Pediatric Dentist ends on your child's 7th birthday. Effective on your child's 7th birthday, dental services must be obtained from a Network General Dentist; however, exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on an individual basis.
- **Oral Surgery** - The surgical removal of an impacted wisdom tooth may not be covered if the tooth is not diseased or if the removal is only for orthodontic reasons. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on oral surgery.
- **Periodontal (gum tissue and supporting bone) Services** – Periodontal regenerative procedures are limited to one regenerative procedure per site (or per tooth, if applicable), when covered on the Patient Charge Schedule.  
  
Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents is limited to eight teeth (or eight sites, if applicable) per 12 consecutive months, when covered on the Patient Charge Schedule.
- **Clinical Oral Evaluations** – When this limitation is noted on the Patient Charge Schedule, periodic oral evaluations, comprehensive oral evaluations, comprehensive periodontal evaluations, and oral evaluations for patients under 3 years of age are limited to a combined total of 4 evaluations during a 12 consecutive month period.
- **Surgical Placement of Implant Services** – When covered on the Patient Charge Schedule, surgical placement of a dental implant; repair, maintenance, or removal of a dental implant; implant abutment(s); or any services related to the surgical placement of a dental implant are limited to one per year with replacement of a surgical implant frequency limitation of one every 10 years.
- **Prosthesis Over Implant** – When covered on the Patient Charge Schedule, a prosthetic device, supported by an implant or implant abutment is considered a separate distinct service(s) from surgical placement of an implant. Replacement of any type of prosthesis with a prosthesis supported by an implant or implant abutment is only covered if the existing prosthesis is at least 5 calendar years old, is not serviceable and cannot be repaired.

## General Limitations Dental Benefits

No payment will be made for expenses incurred or services received:

- for or in connection with an injury arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit; if eligible for benefits under any workers' compensation act or similar law;
- for charges which would not have been made in any facility, other than a Hospital or a Correctional Institution owned or operated by the United States Government or by a state or municipal government if the person had no insurance;
- to the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred or the services are received;
- for the charges which the person is not legally required to pay;
- for charges which would not have been made if the person had no insurance;
- due to injuries which are intentionally self-inflicted.

## H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan

Listed below are the services or expenses which are NOT covered under your Dental Plan and which are your responsibility at the dentist's Usual Fees. There is no coverage for:

- services not listed on the Patient Charge Schedule.
- services provided by a non-Network Dentist without Cigna Dental's prior approval (except emergencies, as described in Section IV.F).
- services related to an injury or illness paid under workers' compensation, occupational disease or similar laws.
- services provided or paid by or through a federal or state governmental agency or authority, political subdivision or a public program, other than Medicaid.
- services required while serving in the armed forces of any country or international authority or relating to a declared or undeclared war or acts of war.
- cosmetic dentistry or cosmetic dental surgery (dentistry or dental surgery performed solely to improve appearance) unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. If bleaching (tooth whitening) is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, only the use of take-home bleaching gel with trays is covered; all other types of bleaching methods are not covered.
- general anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. When listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, general anesthesia and IV sedation are covered when medically necessary and provided in conjunction with Covered Services performed by an Oral Surgeon or Periodontist. There is no coverage for general anesthesia or intravenous sedation when used for the purposes of anxiety control or patient management.
- prescription medications.
- procedures, appliances or restorations if the main purpose is to: change vertical dimension (degree of separation of the jaw when teeth are in contact) or restore teeth which have been damaged by attrition, abrasion, erosion and/or abfraction.
- replacement of fixed and/or removable appliances (including fixed and removable orthodontic appliances) that have been lost, stolen, or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.
- surgical placement of a dental implant; repair, maintenance, or removal of a dental implant; implant abutment(s); or any services related to the surgical placement of a dental implant, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
- services considered to be unnecessary or experimental in nature or do not meet commonly accepted dental standards.
- procedures or appliances for minor tooth guidance or to control harmful habits.
- hospitalization, including any associated incremental charges for dental services performed in a hospital. (Benefits are available for Network Dentist charges for Covered Services performed at a hospital. Other associated charges are not covered and should be submitted to the medical carrier for benefit determination.)
- services to the extent you or your enrolled Dependent are compensated under any group medical plan, no-fault auto insurance policy, or uninsured motorist policy. Kentucky residents: Services compensated under no-fault auto insurance policies or uninsured motorist policies are not excluded.
- the completion of crowns, bridges, dentures, or root canal treatment already in progress on the effective date of your Cigna Dental coverage.
- the completion of implant supported prosthesis (including crowns, bridges and dentures) already in progress on the effective date of your Cigna Dental coverage, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
- consultations and/or evaluations associated with services that are not covered.
- endodontic treatment and/or periodontal (gum tissue and supporting bone) surgery of teeth exhibiting a poor or hopeless periodontal prognosis.
- bone grafting and/or guided tissue regeneration when performed at the site of a tooth extraction unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
- bone grafting and/or guided tissue regeneration when performed in conjunction with an apicoectomy or periradicular surgery.
- intentional root canal treatment in the absence of injury or disease to solely facilitate a restorative procedure.
- services performed by a prosthodontist.

- localized delivery of antimicrobial agents when performed alone or in the absence of traditional periodontal therapy.
- any localized delivery of antimicrobial agent procedures when more than eight (8) of these procedures are reported on the same date of service.
- infection control and/or sterilization. Cigna Dental considers this to be incidental to and part of the charges for services provided and not separately chargeable.
- the recementation of any inlay, onlay, crown, post and core, or fixed bridge within 180 days of initial placement. Cigna Dental considers recementation within this timeframe to be incidental to and part of the charges for the initial restoration.
- the recementation of any implant supported prosthesis (including crowns, bridges and dentures) within 180 days of initial placement. Cigna Dental considers recementation within this timeframe to be incidental to and part of the charges for the initial restoration unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
- services to correct congenital malformations, including the replacement of congenitally missing teeth.
- the replacement of an occlusal guard (night guard) beyond one per any 24 consecutive month period, when this limitation is noted on the Patient Charge Schedule.
- crowns and bridges used solely for splinting.
- resin bonded retainers and associated pontics.

Pre-existing conditions are not excluded if the procedures involved are otherwise covered under your Patient Charge Schedule.

Should any law require coverage for any particular service(s) noted above, the exclusion or limitation for that service(s) shall not apply.

## V. Appointments

To make an appointment with your Network Dentist, call the Dental Office that you have selected. When you call, your Dental Office will ask for your identification number and will check your eligibility.

## VI. Broken Appointments

The time your Network Dentist schedules for your appointment is valuable to you and the dentist. Broken appointments make it difficult for your Dental Office to schedule time with other patients.

If you or your enrolled Dependent breaks an appointment with less than 24 hours notice to the Dental Office, you may be charged a broken appointment fee.

## VII. Office Transfers

If you decide to change Dental Offices, we can arrange a transfer. You should complete any dental procedure in progress before transferring to another Dental Office. To

arrange a transfer, call Customer Service at 1-800-Cigna24. To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24.

Your transfer request will take about 5 days to process. Transfers will be effective the first day of the month after the processing of your request. Unless you have an emergency, you will be unable to schedule an appointment at the new Dental Office until your transfer becomes effective.

There is no charge to you for the transfer; however, all Patient Charges which you owe to your current Dental Office must be paid before the transfer can be processed.

## VIII. Specialty Care

Your Network General Dentist at your Dental Office has primary responsibility for your professional dental care. Because you may need specialty care, the Cigna Dental Network includes the following types of specialty dentists:

- Pediatric Dentists – children’s dentistry.
- Endodontists – root canal treatment.
- Periodontists – treatment of gums and bone.
- Oral Surgeons – complex extractions and other surgical procedures.
- Orthodontists – tooth movement.

There is no coverage for referrals to prosthodontists or other specialty dentists not listed above.

When specialty care is needed, your Network General Dentist must start the referral process. X-rays taken by your Network General Dentist should be sent to the Network Specialty Dentist.

See Section IV.D, *Choice of Dentist*, regarding treatment by a Pediatric Dentist.

## IX. Specialty Referrals

### A. In General

Upon referral from a Network General Dentist, your Network Specialty Dentist will submit a specialty care treatment plan to Cigna Dental for payment authorization, except for Pediatrics, Orthodontics and Endodontics, for which prior authorization is not required. You should verify with the Network Specialty Dentist that your treatment plan has been authorized for payment by Cigna Dental before treatment begins.

When Cigna Dental authorizes payment to the Network Specialty Dentist, the fees or no-charge services listed on the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date each procedure is started will apply, except as set out in Section IX.B., *Orthodontics*. Treatment by the Network Specialty Dentist must begin within 90 days from the date of Cigna Dental’s authorization. If you are unable to obtain treatment within the 90 day period, please call Customer Service to request an extension. Your coverage must be in effect when each procedure begins.

For non-Covered Services or if Cigna Dental does not authorize payment to the Network Specialty Dentist for Covered Services, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the Network Specialty Dentist's Usual Fee. If you have a question or concern regarding an authorization or a denial, contact Customer Service.

After the Network Specialty Dentist has completed treatment, you should return to your Network General Dentist for cleanings, regular checkups and other treatment. If you visit a Network Specialty Dentist without a referral or if you continue to see a Network Specialty Dentist after you have completed specialty care, it will be your responsibility to pay for treatment at the dentist's Usual Fees.

When your Network General Dentist determines that you need specialty care and a Network Specialty Dentist is not available, as determined by Cigna Dental, Cigna Dental will authorize a referral to a non-Network Specialty Dentist. The referral procedures applicable to specialty care will apply. In such cases, you will be responsible for the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will reimburse the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge. For non-Covered Services or services not authorized for payment, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the dentist's Usual Fee.

**B. Orthodontics** (This section is applicable only when Orthodontics is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.)

1. **Definitions** – If your Patient Charge Schedule indicates coverage for orthodontic treatment, the following definitions apply:
  - a. **Orthodontic Treatment Plan and Records** – the preparation of orthodontic records and a treatment plan by the Orthodontist.
  - b. **Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment** – treatment prior to full eruption of the permanent teeth, frequently a first phase preceding comprehensive treatment.
  - c. **Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment** – treatment after the eruption of most permanent teeth, generally the final phase of treatment before retention.
  - d. **Retention (Post Treatment Stabilization)** – the period following orthodontic treatment during which you may wear an appliance to maintain and stabilize the new position of the teeth.

**2. Patient Charges**

The Patient Charge for your entire orthodontic case, including retention, will be based upon the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date of your visit for Treatment Plan and Records. However, if a. banding/appliance insertion does not occur within 90 days of such visit, b. your treatment plan changes, or c. there is an interruption in your coverage or treatment, a later change in the Patient Charge Schedule may apply.

The Patient Charge for Orthodontic Treatment is based upon 24 months of interceptive and/or comprehensive treatment. If you require more than 24 months of treatment in total, you will be charged an additional amount for each additional month of treatment, based upon the Orthodontist's Contract Fee. If you require less than 24 months of treatment, your Patient Charge will be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

**3. Additional Charges**

You will be responsible for the Orthodontist's Usual Fees for the following non-Covered Services:

- a. incremental costs associated with optional/elective materials, including but not limited to ceramic, clear, lingual brackets, or other cosmetic appliances;
- b. orthognathic surgery and associated incremental costs;
- c. appliances to guide minor tooth movement;
- d. appliances to correct harmful habits; and
- e. services which are not typically included in Orthodontic Treatment. These services will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

**4. Orthodontics In Progress**

If Orthodontic Treatment is in progress for you or your Dependent at the time you enroll, the fee listed on the Patient Charge Schedule is not applicable. Please call Customer Service at 1-800-Cigna24 to find out if you are entitled to any benefit under the Dental Plan.

**X. Complex Rehabilitation/Multiple Crown Units**

Complex rehabilitation is extensive dental restoration involving 6 or more "units" of crown, bridge and/or implant supported prosthesis (including crowns and bridges) in the same treatment plan. Using full crowns (caps), fixed bridges and/or implant supported prosthesis (including crowns and bridges) which are cemented in place, your Network General Dentist will rebuild natural teeth, fill in spaces where teeth are missing and establish conditions which allow each tooth to function in harmony with the occlusion (bite). The extensive procedures involved in complex rehabilitation require an extraordinary amount of time, effort, skill and laboratory collaboration for a successful outcome.

Complex rehabilitation will be covered when performed by your Network General Dentist after consultation with you about diagnosis, treatment plan and charges. Each tooth or tooth replacement included in the treatment plan is referred to as a "unit" on your Patient Charge Schedule. The crown, bridge and/or implant supported prosthesis (including crowns and bridges) charges on your Patient Charge Schedule are for each unit of crown or bridge. You pay the per unit charge for each unit of crown, bridge and/or implant supported prosthesis (including crowns and bridges) PLUS an additional charge for



each unit when 6 or more units are prescribed in your Network General Dentist's treatment plan.

Note: Complex rehabilitation only applies for implant supported prosthesis, when implant supported prosthesis are specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

## **XI. What To Do If There Is A Problem**

For the purposes of this section, any reference to "you" or "your" also refers to a representative or dentist designated by you to act on your behalf. **Time frames or requirements may vary depending on the laws in your State.**

Most problems can be resolved between you and your dentist. However, we want you to be completely satisfied with the Dental Plan. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and complaints. The complaint procedure is voluntary and will be used only upon your request.

### **A. Start with Customer Service**

We are here to listen and to help. If you have a concern about your Dental Office or the Dental Plan, you can call 1-800-Cigna24 toll-free and explain your concern to one of our Customer Service Representatives. You can also express that concern in writing to Cigna Dental, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047. We will do our best to resolve the matter during your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your concern, we will get back to you as soon as possible, usually by the end of the next business day, but in any case within 30 days.

If you are not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, you may start the appeals procedure.

### **B. Appeals Procedure**

Cigna Dental has a one-step appeals procedure for coverage decisions. To initiate an appeal, you must submit a request in writing to Cigna Dental, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047, within 1 year from the date of the initial Cigna Dental decision. You should state the reason you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information to support your appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask Customer Service to register your appeal by calling 1-800-Cigna24.

A customer is entitled to an internal appeal and can be attained with respect to the denial, reduction, or termination of a plan or the denial of a claim for a health care service in accordance with KRS 304.17C-030(2)(g)(2). A customer, authorized person, or dentist acting on behalf of the customer may request an internal appeal within at least 1 year of receipt of a notice of the initial decision made by Cigna Dental. Cigna Dental will provide a written internal appeal determination within thirty (30) days following receipt of a request for an internal appeal.

#### **1. Level-One Appeals**

Your level-one appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial

review. Appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness will be reviewed by a dental professional.

If your appeal concerns a denied pre-authorization, we will respond with a decision within 15 calendar days after we receive your appeal. For appeals concerning all other coverage issues, we will respond with a decision within 30 calendar days after we receive your appeal. If we need more information to make your level-one appeal decision, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the time frames under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, Cigna Dental will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

If you are not satisfied with our level-one appeal decision, you may request a level-two appeal.

#### **2. Independent Review Procedure**

The independent review procedure is a voluntary program arranged by the Dental Plan and is not available in all areas.

#### **3. Appeals to the State**

You have a right to contact the Kentucky Department of Insurance by sending to P.O. Box 517, Frankfort, KY 40602-0517 or toll free 1.800.648.6056.

Cigna Dental will not cancel or refuse to renew your coverage because you or your Dependent has filed a complaint or an appeal involving a decision made by Cigna Dental. You have the right to file suit in a court of law for any claim involving the professional treatment performed by a dentist.

## **XII. Dual Coverage**

You and your Dependents may not be covered twice under this Dental Plan. If you and your spouse have enrolled each other or the same Dependents twice, please contact your Benefit Administrator.

If you or your Dependents have dental coverage through your spouse's employer or other sources such as an HMO or similar dental plan, applicable coordination of benefit rules will determine which coverage is primary or secondary. In most cases, the plan covering you as an employee is primary for you, and the plan covering your spouse as an employee is primary for him or her. Your children are generally covered as primary by the plan of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the year. Dual coverage should result in lowering or eliminating your out-of-pocket expenses. It should not result in reimbursement for more than 100% of your expenses.

Coordination of benefit rules are attached to the Group Contract and may be reviewed by contacting your Benefit Administrator. Cigna Dental coordinates benefits only for specialty care services.

### **XIII. Disenrollment From the Dental Plan – Termination of Benefits**

#### **A. Time Frames for Disenrollment/Termination**

Except as otherwise provided in the sections titled “Extension/Continuation of Benefits” or in your Group Contract, disenrollment from the Dental Plan and termination of benefits will occur on the last day of the month:

1. in which Premiums are not remitted to Cigna Dental.
2. in which eligibility requirements are no longer met.
3. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship as determined by Cigna Dental, after at least two opportunities to transfer to another Dental Office.
4. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices.
5. after 60 days notice by Cigna Dental, due to continued lack of a Dental Office in your Service Area.
6. after voluntary disenrollment.

#### **B. Effect on Dependents**

When one of your Dependents is disenrolled, you and your other Dependents may continue to be enrolled. When you are disenrolled, your Dependents will be disenrolled as well.

### **XIV. Extension of Benefits**

Coverage for completion of a dental procedure (other than orthodontics) which was started before your disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended for 90 days after disenrollment unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

Coverage for orthodontic treatment which was started before disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended to the end of the quarter or for 60 days after disenrollment, whichever is later, unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

### **XV. Continuation of Benefits (COBRA)**

For Groups with 20 or more employees, federal law requires the employer to offer continuation of benefits coverage for a specified period of time after termination of employment or reduction of work hours, for any reason other than gross misconduct. You will be responsible for sending payment of the required Premiums to the Group. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

### **XVI. Conversion Coverage**

If you are no longer eligible for coverage under your Group’s Dental Plan, you and your enrolled Dependents may continue your dental coverage by enrolling in the Cigna Dental conversion plan. You must enroll within three (3) months after becoming ineligible for your Group’s Dental Plan. Premium payments and coverage will be retroactive to the date coverage under your Group’s Dental Plan ended. You and your enrolled Dependents are eligible for conversion coverage unless benefits were discontinued due to:

- Permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship,
- Fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices,
- Nonpayment of Premiums by the Subscriber,
- Selection of alternate dental coverage by your Group, or
- Lack of network/Service Area.

Benefits and rates for Cigna Dental conversion coverage and any succeeding renewals will be based on the Covered Services listed in the then-current standard conversion plan and may not be the same as those for your Group’s Dental Plan. Please call the Cigna Dental Conversion Department at 1-800-Cigna24 to obtain current rates and make arrangements for continuing coverage.

### **XVII. Confidentiality/Privacy**

Cigna Dental is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal and sensitive information. Information about Cigna Dental’s confidentiality policies and procedures is made available to you during the enrollment process and/or as part of your customer plan materials. You may obtain additional information about Cigna Dental’s confidentiality policies and procedures by calling Customer Service at 1-800-Cigna24, or via the Internet at [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com).

### **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

As a Cigna Dental plan customer, you may be eligible for various discounts, benefits, or other consideration for the purpose of promoting your general health and well being. Please visit our website at [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com) for details.

If you are a Cigna Dental Care customer, you may also be eligible for additional dental benefits during certain health conditions. For example, certain frequency limitations for dental services may be relaxed for pregnant women and customers participating in certain disease management programs. Please review your plan enrollment materials for details.

# State Amendment Cigna Dental Health of Kentucky, Inc. (Illinois)

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## Illinois Residents:

This State Amendment contains information that either replaces, or is in addition to, information contained in your Plan Booklet.

The following information is added (by means of this insert) to your Plan Booklet:

## I. Definitions:

- The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act, 750 ILCS 75, allows both same-sex and different-sex couples to enter into a civil union with all the obligations, protections, and legal rights, that Illinois provides to married heterosexual couples. The definition of “Dependent” is amended to include civil union partners and a child acquired through a civil union who meets the eligibility requirements outlined in your Plan Booklet.

**Dependent** - your lawful spouse, or your Domestic Partner;

Your unmarried child (including newborns, adopted children, stepchildren, a child for whom you must provide dental coverage under a court order; or, a dependent child who resides in your home as a result of court order or administrative placement) who is:

- (a) less than 19 years old; or
- (b) less than 23 years old if he or she is both:
  - i. a full-time student enrolled at an accredited educational institution, and
  - ii. reliant upon you for maintenance and support; or
- (c) any age if he or she is both:
  - i. incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical disability, and
  - ii. reliant upon you for maintenance and support.

For a dependent child 23 years of age or older who is a full-time student at an educational institution, coverage will be provided for an entire academic term during which the child begins as a full-time student and remains enrolled, regardless of whether the number of hours of instruction for which the child is enrolled is reduced to a level that changes the child’s academic status to less than that of a full-time student.

## IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage

### H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan

**Illinois Residents:** This exclusion does not apply to your Plan.

- services to the extent you or your enrolled Dependent are compensated under any group medical plan, no-fault auto insurance policy, or uninsured motorist policy.

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## **Cigna Dental Health of New Jersey, Inc.**

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**This Plan Booklet/Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form/Certificate of Coverage is intended for your information; it constitutes a summary of the Dental Plan and is included as a part of the agreement between Cigna Dental and your Group (collectively, the “Group Contract”). The Group Contract must be consulted to determine the rates and the exact terms and conditions of coverage. If rates or coverages are changed under your Group Contract, your rates and coverage will also change. Please read the following information so you will know from whom or what group of providers dental care may be obtained.**

**NOTICE: IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE HEALTH CARE PLAN, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COLLECT BENEFITS FROM BOTH PLANS. EACH PLAN MAY REQUIRE YOU TO FOLLOW ITS RULES OR USE SPECIFIC DOCTORS OR HOSPITALS, AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH BOTH PLANS AT THE SAME TIME. READ ALL OF THE RULES VERY CAREFULLY, INCLUDING THE DUAL COVERAGE SECTION.**

**Important Cancellation Information - Please Read the Provision Entitled “Disenrollment from the Dental Plan - Termination of Benefits.”**

### **READ YOUR PLAN BOOKLET CAREFULLY**

**Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 if you have any questions. The hearing impaired may call the state TTY toll-free relay service listed in their local telephone directory.**

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## I. Definitions

Capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined, have the meanings listed below.

**Adverse Determination** - a decision by Cigna Dental not to authorize payment for certain limited specialty care procedures on the basis of necessity or appropriateness of care. To be considered clinically necessary, the treatment or service must be reasonable and appropriate and meet the following requirements:

- A. be consistent with the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the condition present;
- B. conform to commonly accepted standards throughout the dental field;
- C. not be used primarily for the convenience of the member or provider of care; and
- D. not exceed the scope, duration, or intensity of that level of care needed to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

Requests for payment authorizations that are declined by Cigna Dental based upon the above criteria will be the responsibility of the member at the dentist's Usual Fees. A licensed dentist will make any such denial.

**Cigna Dental** - the Cigna Dental Health organization that provides dental benefits in your state as listed on the face page of this booklet.

**Contract Fees** - the fees contained in the Network Specialty Dentist Agreement with Cigna Dental.

**Covered Services** - the dental procedures listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Dental Office** - your selected office of Network General Dentist(s).

**Dental Plan** - managed dental care plan offered through the Group Contract between Cigna Dental and your Group.

**Dependent** - your lawful spouse; your unmarried child (including newborns, adopted children, stepchildren, a child for whom you must provide dental coverage under a court order; or, a Dependent child who resides in your home as a result of court order or administrative placement) who is:

- A. less than 19 years old; or
- B. less than 23 years old if he or she is both:
  1. a full-time student enrolled at an accredited educational institution, and
  2. reliant upon you for maintenance and support; or
- C. any age if he or she is both:
  1. incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical disability, and
  2. reliant upon you for maintenance and support.

For a Dependent child 19 years of age or older who is a full-time student at an educational institution, coverage will be provided for an entire academic term during which the child begins as a full-time student and remains enrolled, regardless of whether the number of hours of instruction for which the

child is enrolled is reduced to a level that changes the child's academic status to less than that of a full-time student.

For a child who falls into category (b) or (c) above, you will need to furnish Cigna Dental evidence of his or her reliance upon you, in the form requested, within 31 days after the Dependent reaches the age of 19 and once a year thereafter during his or her term of coverage.

Coverage for Dependents living outside a Cigna Dental Service Area is subject to the availability of an approved network where the Dependent resides.

This definition of "Dependent" applies unless modified by your Group Contract.

**Group** - Employer, labor union or other organization that has entered into a Group Contract with Cigna Dental for managed dental services on your behalf.

**Network Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide general dentistry or specialty care services to you. The term, when used, includes both Network General Dentists and Network Specialty Dentists.

**Network General Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide dental care services to you.

**Network Specialty Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide specialized dental care services to you.

**Patient Charge** - the amount you owe your Network Dentist for any dental procedure listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Patient Charge Schedule** - list of services covered under your Dental Plan and how much they cost you.

**Premiums/Prepayment Fees** - fees that your Group remits to Cigna Dental, on your behalf, during the term of your Group Contract.

**Service Area** - the geographical area designated by Cigna Dental within which it shall provide benefits and arrange for dental care services.

**Subscriber/You** - the enrolled employee or member of the Group.

**Usual Fee** - the customary fee that an individual dentist most frequently charges for a given dental service.

## II. Introduction To Your Cigna Dental Plan

Welcome to the Cigna Dental Plan. We encourage you to use your dental benefits. Please note that enrollment in the Dental Plan allows the release of patient records to Cigna Dental or its designee for health plan operation purposes.

## III. Eligibility When Coverage Begins

To enroll in the Dental Plan, you and your Dependents must be able to seek treatment for Covered Services within a Cigna



Dental Service Area. Other eligibility requirements are determined by your Group.

If you enrolled in the Dental Plan before the effective date of your Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day the Group Contract is effective. If you enrolled in the Dental Plan after the effective date of the Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day of the month following processing of your enrollment (unless effective dates other than the first day of the month are provided for in your Group Contract).

Dependents may be enrolled in the Dental Plan at the time you enroll, during an open enrollment, or within 31 days of becoming eligible due to a life status change such as marriage, birth, adoption, placement, or court or administrative order. You may drop coverage for your Dependents only during the open enrollment periods for your Group, unless there is a change in status such as divorce. Cigna Dental may require evidence of good dental health at your expense if you or your Dependents enroll after the first period of eligibility (except during open enrollment) or after disenrollment because of nonpayment of Premiums.

If you have family coverage, a newborn child is automatically covered during the first 31 days of life. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, your baby must be enrolled in the Dental Plan and you must begin paying Premiums, if any additional are due, during that period.

Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, you may be eligible to continue coverage during certain leaves of absence from work. During such leaves, you will be responsible for paying your Group the portion of the Premiums, if any, which you would have paid if you had not taken the leave. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

## **IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage**

The information below outlines your coverage and will help you to better understand your Dental Plan. Included is information about which services are covered, which are not, and how much dental services will cost you. A copy of the Group Contract will be furnished to you upon your request.

### **A. Member Services**

If you have any questions or concerns about the Dental Plan, Member Services Representatives are just a toll-free phone call away. They can explain your benefits or help with matters regarding your Dental Office or Dental Plan. For assistance with transfers, specialty referrals, eligibility, second opinions, emergencies, Covered Services, plan benefits, ID cards, location of Dental Offices, conversion coverage or other matters, call Member Services from any location at 1-800-Cigna24. The hearing impaired may contact the state TTY toll-free relay service number listed in their local telephone directory.

### **B. Premiums/Prepayment Fees**

Your Group sends a monthly fee to Cigna Dental for members participating in the Dental Plan. The amount and term of this fee is set forth in your Group Contract.

You may contact your Benefits Representative for information regarding any part of this fee to be withheld from your salary or to be paid by you to the Group.

### **C. Other Charges – Patient Charges**

Network General Dentists are reimbursed by Cigna Dental through fixed monthly payments and supplemental payments for certain procedures. No bonuses or financial incentives are used as an inducement to limit services. Network Dentists are also compensated by the fees which you pay, as set out in your Patient Charge Schedule.

Your Patient Charge Schedule lists the dental procedures covered under your Dental Plan. Some dental procedures are covered at no charge to you. For other Covered Services, the Patient Charge Schedule lists the fees you must pay when you visit your Dental Office. There are no deductibles and no annual dollar limits for services covered by your Dental Plan.

Your Network General Dentist should tell you about Patient Charges for Covered Services the amount you must pay for non-Covered Services and the Dental Office's payment policies. Timely payment is important. It is possible that the Dental Office may add late charges to overdue balances.

Your Patient Charge Schedule is subject to annual change in accordance with your Group Contract. Cigna Dental will give written notice to your Group of any change in Patient Charges at least 60 days prior to such change. You will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on the Patient Charge Schedule that is in effect on the date a procedure is started.

### **D. Choice of Dentist**

You and your Dependents should have selected a Dental Office when you enrolled in the Dental Plan. If you did not, you must advise Cigna Dental of your Dental Office selection prior to receiving treatment. The benefits of the Dental Plan are available only at your Dental Office, except in the case of an emergency or when Cigna Dental otherwise authorizes payment for out-of-network benefits.

You may select a network Pediatric Dentist as the Network General Dentist for your dependent child under age 7 by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to get a list of network Pediatric Dentists in your Service Area or if your Network General Dentist sends your child under the age of 7 to a network Pediatric Dentist, the network Pediatric Dentist's office will have primary responsibility for your child's care. For children 7 years and older, your Network General Dentist will provide care. If your child continues to visit the Pediatric Dentist upon the age of 7, you will be fully responsible for the Pediatric Dentist's Usual Fees. Exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If for any reason your selected Dental Office cannot provide your dental care, or if your Network General Dentist terminates from the network, Cigna Dental will let you know and will arrange a transfer to another Dental Office. Refer to the Section titled "Office Transfers" if you wish to change your Dental Office.

To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. If you would like to have the list faxed to you, enter your fax number, including your area code. You may always obtain a current Dental Office Directory by calling Member Services.

#### **E. Your Payment Responsibility (General Care)**

For Covered Services at your Dental Office, you will be charged the fees listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. For services listed on your Patient Charge Schedule at any other dental office, you may be charged Usual Fees. For non-Covered Services, you are responsible for paying Usual Fees.

If on a temporary basis, there is no Network General Dentist in your Service Area, Cigna Dental will let you know and you may obtain Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist. You will pay the non-Network Dentist the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will pay the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge.

See Section IX, *Specialty Referrals*, regarding payment responsibility for specialty care.

All contracts between Cigna Dental and Network Dentists state that you will not be liable to the Network Dentist for any sums owed to the Network Dentist by Cigna Dental.

#### **F. Emergency Dental Care – Reimbursement**

An emergency is a dental condition of recent onset and severity which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of dentistry to believe the condition needs immediate dental procedures necessary to control excessive bleeding, relieve severe pain, or eliminate acute infection. You should contact your Network General Dentist if you have an emergency in your Service Area.

1. **Emergency Care Away From Home** - If you have an emergency while you are out of your Service Area or you are unable to contact your Network General Dentist, you may receive emergency Covered Services as defined above from any general dentist. Routine restorative procedures or definitive treatment (e.g. root canal) are not considered emergency care. You should return to your Network General Dentist for these procedures. For emergency Covered Services, you will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. Cigna Dental will reimburse you the difference, if any, between the dentist's Usual Fee for emergency Covered Services and your Patient Charge, up to a total of \$50 per incident. To receive reimbursement, send appropriate reports and x-rays to Cigna Dental at the address listed on the front of this booklet.
2. **Emergency Care After Hours** - There is a Patient Charge listed on your Patient Charge Schedule for emergency care rendered after regularly scheduled

office hours. This charge will be in addition to other applicable Patient Charges.

#### **G. Limitations on Covered Services**

Listed below are limitations on services covered by your Dental Plan:

1. **Frequency** - The frequency of certain Covered Services, like cleanings, is limited. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on frequency.
2. **Specialty Care** - Except for Pediatric Dentistry and Endodontics, payment authorization is required for coverage of services performed by a Network Specialty Dentist.
3. **Pediatric Dentistry** - Coverage for treatment by a Pediatric Dentist ends on your child's 7th birthday; however, exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on an individual basis. Your Network General Dentist will provide care after your child's 7th birthday.
4. **Oral Surgery** - The surgical removal of an impacted wisdom tooth may not be covered if the tooth is not diseased or if the removal is only for orthodontic reasons. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on oral surgery.

#### **H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan**

Listed below are the services or expenses which are NOT covered under your Dental Plan and which are your responsibility at the dentist's Usual Fees. There is no coverage for:

1. services not listed on the Patient Charge Schedule.
2. services provided by a non-Network Dentist without Cigna Dental's prior approval (except emergencies, as described in Section IV. F.).
3. services related to an injury or illness paid under workers' compensation, occupational disease or similar laws.
4. services provided or paid by or through a federal or state governmental agency or authority, political subdivision or a public program, other than Medicaid.
5. services required while serving in the armed forces of any country or international authority or relating to a declared or undeclared war or acts of war.
6. cosmetic dentistry or cosmetic dental surgery (dentistry or dental surgery performed solely to improve appearance) unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
7. general anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. When listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, general anesthesia and IV Sedation are covered when medically necessary and provided in conjunction with Covered Services performed by an Oral Surgeon or Periodontist.
8. prescription drugs.

9. procedures, appliances or restorations if the main purpose is to: a. change vertical dimension (degree of separation of the jaw when teeth are in contact); b. diagnose or treat abnormal conditions of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), unless TMJ therapy is specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule or if your Patient Charge Schedule ends in “-04” or a higher number; c. restore teeth which have been damaged by attrition, abrasion, erosion and/or abfraction.
10. replacement of fixed and/or removable appliances that have been lost, stolen, or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.
11. services associated with the placement or prosthodontic restoration of a dental implant.
12. services considered to be unnecessary or experimental in nature.
13. procedures or appliances for minor tooth guidance or to control harmful habits.
14. hospitalization, including any associated incremental charges for dental services performed in a hospital. (Benefits are available for Network Dentist charges for Covered Services performed at a hospital. Other associated charges are not covered and should be submitted to the medical carrier for benefit determination.)
15. services to the extent you, or your enrolled Dependent, are compensated under any group medical plan, no-fault auto insurance policy, or uninsured motorist policy.
16. the completion of crown and bridge, dentures or root canal treatment already in progress on the effective date of your Cigna Dental coverage.

In addition to the above, if your Patient Charge Schedule number ends in “-04” or higher number, there is no coverage for the following:

17. crowns and bridges used solely for splinting.
18. resin bonded retainers and associated pontics.

Pre-existing conditions are not excluded if the procedures involved are otherwise covered under your Patient Charge Schedule.

## V. Appointments

To make an appointment with your Network Dentist, call the Dental Office that you have selected. When you call, your Dental Office will ask for your identification number and will check your eligibility.

## VI. Broken Appointments

The time your Network Dentist schedules for your appointment is valuable to you and the dentist. Broken appointments make it difficult for your Dental Office to schedule time with other patients.

If you or your enrolled Dependent break an appointment with less than 24 hours notice to the Dental Office, you may be charged a broken appointment fee.

## VII. Office Transfers

If you decide to change Dental Offices, we can arrange a transfer. You should complete any dental procedure in progress before transferring to another Dental Office. To arrange a transfer, call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24. To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24.

Your transfer request will take about 5 days to process. Transfers will be effective the first day of the month after the processing of your request. Unless you have an emergency, you will be unable to schedule an appointment at the new Dental Office until your transfer becomes effective.

There is no charge to you for the transfer, however, all Patient Charges which you owe to your current Dental Office must be paid before the transfer can be processed.

## VIII. Specialty Care

Your Network General Dentist at your Dental Office has primary responsibility for your professional dental care. Because you may need specialty care, the Cigna Dental Network includes the following types of specialty dentists:

- Pediatric Dentists - children’s dentistry.
- Endodontists - root canal treatment.
- Periodontists - treatment of gums and bone.
- Oral Surgeons - complex extractions and other surgical procedures.
- Orthodontists - tooth movement.

There is no coverage for referrals to Prosthodontists or other specialty dentists not listed above.

When specialty care is needed, your Network General Dentist must start the referral process. X-rays taken by your Network General Dentist should be sent to the Network Specialty Dentist.

See Section IV.D., *Choice of Dentist*, regarding treatment by a Pediatric Dentist.

## IX. Specialty Referrals

### A. In General

Upon referral from a Network General Dentist, your Network Specialty Dentist will submit a specialty care treatment plan to Cigna Dental for payment authorization, except for Pediatrics and Endodontics, for which prior authorization is not required. You should verify with the Network Specialist that your treatment plan has been authorized for payment by Cigna Dental before treatment begins.

When Cigna Dental authorizes payment to the Network Specialty Dentist, the fees for no-charge services listed on the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date each procedure is started will apply, except as set out in Section IX. B. *Orthodontics*. Treatment by the Network Specialty Dentist must begin within 90 days from the date of Cigna Dental's authorization. If you are unable to obtain treatment within the 90-day period, please call Member Services to request an extension. Your coverage must be in effect when each procedure begins.

For non-Covered Services or if Cigna Dental does not authorize payment to the Network Specialty Dentist for Covered Services, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the Network Specialty Dentist's Usual Fee. If you have a question or concern regarding an authorization or a denial, contact Member Services.

After the Network Specialty Dentist has completed treatment, you should return to your Network General Dentist for cleanings, regular checkups and other treatment. If you visit a Network Specialty Dentist without a referral or if you continue to see a Network Specialty Dentist after you have completed specialty care, it will be your responsibility to pay for treatment at the dentist's Usual Fees.

When your Network General Dentist determines that you need specialty care and a Network Specialty Dentist is not available, as determined by Cigna Dental, Cigna Dental will authorize a referral to a non-Network Specialty Dentist. The referral procedures applicable to specialty care will apply. In such cases, you will be responsible for the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will reimburse the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge. For non-Covered Services or services not authorized for payment, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the Dentist's Usual Fee.

**C. Orthodontics** (This section is applicable only when Orthodontics is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.)

- 1. Definitions** - If your Patient Charge Schedule indicates coverage for orthodontic treatment, the following definitions apply:
  - a. **Orthodontic Treatment Plan and Records** - the preparation of orthodontic records and a treatment plan by the Orthodontist.
  - b. **Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment** - treatment prior to full eruption of the permanent teeth, frequently a first phase preceding comprehensive treatment.
  - c. **Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment** - treatment after the eruption of most permanent teeth, generally the final phase of treatment before retention.
  - d. **Retention (Post Treatment Stabilization)** - the period following orthodontic treatment during which you may wear an appliance to maintain and stabilize the new position of the teeth.

**2. Patient Charges**

The Patient Charge for your entire orthodontic case, including retention, will be based upon the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date of your visit for Treatment Plan and Records. However, if a. banding/appliance insertion does not occur within 90 days of such visit, b. your treatment plan changes, or c. there is an interruption in your coverage or treatment, a later change in the Patient Charge Schedule may apply.

The Patient Charge for Orthodontic Treatment is based upon 24 months of interceptive and/or comprehensive treatment. If you require more than 24 months of treatment in total, you will be charged an additional amount for each additional month of treatment, based upon the Orthodontist's Contract Fee. If you require less than 24 months of treatment, your Patient Charge will be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

**3. Additional Charges**

You will be responsible for the Orthodontist's Usual Fees for the following non-Covered Services:

- a. incremental costs associated with optional/elective materials, including but not limited to ceramic, clear, lingual brackets, or other cosmetic appliances;
- b. orthognathic surgery and associated incremental costs;
- c. appliances to guide minor tooth movement;
- d. appliances to correct harmful habits; and
- e. services which are not typically included in orthodontic treatment. These services will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

**4. Orthodontics in Progress**

If orthodontic treatment is in progress for you or your Dependent at the time you enroll, the fee listed on the Patient Charge Schedule is not applicable. Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to find out if you are entitled to any benefit under the Dental Plan.

**X. Complex Rehabilitation/Multiple Crown Units**

Complex rehabilitation is extensive dental restoration involving 6 or more "units" of crown and/or bridge in the same treatment plan. Using full crowns (caps) and/or fixed bridges which are cemented in place, your Network General Dentist will rebuild natural teeth, fill in spaces where teeth are missing and establish conditions which allow each tooth to function in harmony with the occlusion (bite). The extensive procedures involved in complex rehabilitation require an extraordinary amount of time, effort, skill and laboratory collaboration for a successful outcome.

Complex rehabilitation will be covered when performed by your Network General Dentist after consultation with you

about diagnosis, treatment plan and charges. Each tooth or tooth replacement included in the treatment plan is referred to as a “unit” on your Patient Charge Schedule. The crown and bridge charges on your Patient Charge Schedule are for each unit of crown or bridge. You pay the per unit charge for each unit of crown and/or bridge PLUS an additional charge for each unit when 6 or more units are prescribed in your Network General Dentist’s treatment plan.

## **XI. What To Do If There Is A Problem**

For the purposes of this section, any reference to “you” or “your” also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf.

Most problems can be resolved between you and your dentist. However, we want you to be completely satisfied with the Dental Plan. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and complaints. The complaint procedure is voluntary and will be used only upon your request.

### **A. Start With Member Services**

We are here to listen and to help. If you have a concern about your Dental Office or the Dental Plan, you can call 1-800-Cigna24 toll-free and explain your concern to one of our Member Services Representatives. You can also express that concern in writing to Cigna Dental, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047. We will do our best to resolve the matter during your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your concern, we will get back to you as soon as possible, usually by the end of the next business day, but in any case within 15 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, you may start the appeals procedure.

### **B. Appeals Procedure**

Cigna Dental has a two-step appeals procedure for coverage decisions. To initiate an appeal, you must submit a request in writing to Cigna Dental, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047, within 1 year from the date of the initial Cigna Dental decision. You should state the reason you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information to support your appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask Member Services to register your appeal by calling 1-800-Cigna24.

#### **1. Level-One Appeals**

Your level-one appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial review. Appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness will be reviewed by a dental professional.

We will respond with a decision within 15 working days after we receive your appeal. If we need more time or information to make the decision, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the time frames under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition.

A dental professional, in consultation with the treating Dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, Cigna Dental will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

If you are not satisfied with our level-one appeal decision, you may request a level-two appeal.

#### **2. Level-Two Appeals**

To initiate a level-two appeal, follow the same process required for a level-one appeal. Your level-two appeal will be reviewed and a decision made by someone not involved in the level-one appeal. For appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness, the decision will be made by a dentist. If specialty care is in dispute, the appeal will be conducted by a dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under review. The Level-Two Appeal process does not apply to resolutions made solely on the basis that the Dental Plan does not provide benefits for the service performed or requested.

The review will be completed within 15 working days. If we need more time or information to complete the review, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review. The decision will include the specific contractual or clinical reasons for the decision, as applicable.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the time frames under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating Dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, the Dental Plan will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

#### **3. Appeals to the State**

You have the right to contact the New Jersey Department of Insurance and/or Department of Health for assistance at any time.

Cigna Dental will not cancel or refuse to renew your coverage because you or your Dependent has filed a complaint or an appeal involving a decision made by Cigna Dental. You have the right to file suit in a court of law for any claim involving the professional treatment performed by a dentist.

## **XII. Dual Coverage**

### **A. In General**

“Coordination of benefits” is the procedure used to pay health care expenses when a person is covered by more than one plan. Cigna Dental follows rules established by New Jersey law to decide which plan pays first and how much the other plan must pay. The objective is to make sure the combined payments of all plans are no more than your actual bills.

When you or your family members are covered by another group plan in addition to this one, we will follow New Jersey coordination of benefit rules to determine which plan is primary and which is secondary. You must submit all bills first to the primary plan. The primary plan must pay its full benefits as if you had no other coverage. If the primary plan denies the claim or does not pay the full bill, you may then submit the balance to the secondary plan.

Cigna Dental pays for dental care when you follow our rules and procedures. If our rules conflict with those of another plan, it may be impossible to receive benefits from both plans, and you will be forced to choose which plan to use.

### **B. How Cigna Dental Pays As Primary Plan**

When you receive care from a Network Specialty Dentist, Cigna Dental pays the Network Specialty Dentist a contracted fee amount less your copayment for the Covered Service. When we are primary, we will pay the full benefit allowed as if you had no other coverage.

### **C. How Cigna Dental Pays as Secondary Plan**

1. If your primary plan pays on the basis of UCR, Cigna Dental will pay the difference between the provider’s billed charges and the benefits paid by the primary plan up to the amount Cigna Dental would have paid if primary. Cigna Dental’s payment will first be applied toward satisfaction of your copayment of your primary plan. You will not be liable for any billed charges in excess of the sum of the benefits paid by your primary plan, Cigna Dental as your secondary plan and the copayment you paid under either the primary or secondary plan. When Cigna Dental pays as secondary, you will never be responsible for paying more than your copayment for the Covered Service.
2. When both your primary plan and Cigna Dental pay network providers on the basis of a contractual fee schedule and the provider is a network provider of both plans, the allowable expense will be considered to be the contractual fee of your primary plan. Your primary plan will pay the benefit it would have paid regardless of any other coverage you may have. Cigna Dental will pay the copayment for the Covered Service for which you are liable up to the amount Cigna Dental would have paid if primary and provided that the total amount received by the provider from the primary plan, Cigna Dental and

you does not exceed the contractual fee of the primary plan. You will not be responsible for an amount more than your copayment.

3. When your primary plan pays network providers on a basis of capitation or a contractual fee schedule or pays a benefit on the basis of UCR, and Cigna Dental pays network providers on the basis of capitation and a service or supply is provided by a network provider of Cigna Dental, we will not be obligated to pay to the network provider any amount other than the capitation payment required under the contract between Cigna Dental and the network provider and we shall not be liable for any deductible, coinsurance or copayment imposed by your primary plan. You will not be responsible for the payment of any amount for eligible services.
4. We will pay only for health care expenses that are covered by Cigna Dental.
5. We will pay only if you have followed all of our procedural requirements, including: care is obtained from or arranged by your primary care dentist; preauthorized referrals are made to network specialists; coverage in effect when procedures begin; procedures begin within 90 days of referral.

## **XIII. Disenrollment From the Dental Plan – Termination of Benefits**

### **A. Time Frames For Disenrollment/Termination**

Except as otherwise provided in the Sections titled “Extension/Continuation of Benefits” or in your Group Contract, disenrollment from the Dental Plan and Termination of benefits will occur on the last day of the month:

1. in which Premiums are not remitted to Cigna Dental;
2. in which eligibility requirements are no longer met;
3. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship as determined by Cigna Dental, after at least two opportunities to transfer to another Dental Office;
4. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices;
5. after 60 days notice by Cigna Dental, due to continued lack of a Dental Office in your Service Area;
6. after voluntary disenrollment.

### **B. Effect on Dependents**

When one of your Dependents is disenrolled, you and your other Dependents may continue to be enrolled. When you are disenrolled, your Dependents will be disenrolled as well.



#### **XIV. Extension of Benefits**

Coverage for completion of a dental procedure (other than orthodontics) which was started before your disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended for 90 days after disenrollment unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

Coverage for orthodontic treatment which was started before disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended to the end of the quarter or for 60 days after disenrollment, whichever is later, unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

#### **XV. Continuation of Benefits (COBRA)**

For Groups with 20 or more employees, federal law requires the employer to offer continuation of benefits coverage for a specified period of time after termination of employment or reduction of work hours, for any reason other than gross misconduct. You will be responsible for sending payment of the required Premiums to the Group. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

#### **XVI. Conversion Coverage**

If you are no longer eligible for coverage under your Group's Dental Plan, you and your enrolled Dependents may continue your dental coverage by enrolling in the Cigna Dental conversion plan. You must enroll within three months after becoming ineligible for your Group's Dental Plan. Premium payments and coverage will be retroactive to the date coverage under your Group's Dental Plan ended. You and your enrolled Dependents are eligible for conversion coverage unless benefits were discontinued due to:

- A. permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship;
- B. fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices;
- C. nonpayment of Premiums by the Subscriber;
- D. selection of alternate dental coverage by your Group; or
- E. lack of network/Service Area.

Benefits and rates for Cigna Dental conversion coverage and any succeeding renewals will be based on the Covered Services listed in the then-current standard conversion plan and may not be the same as those for your Group's Dental Plan. Please call the Cigna Dental Conversion Department at 1-800-Cigna24 to obtain current rates and make arrangements for continuing coverage.

#### **XVII. Confidentiality/Privacy**

Cigna Dental is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal and sensitive information. Information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures is made available to you during the enrollment process and/or as part of your member plan materials. You may obtain additional information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24, or via the Internet at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com).

#### **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

As a Cigna Dental plan member, you may be eligible for various discounts, benefits, or other consideration for the purpose of promoting your general health and well being. Please visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) for details.

If you are a Cigna Dental Care member you may also be eligible for additional dental benefits during certain health conditions. For example, certain frequency limitations for dental services may be relaxed for pregnant women and members participating in certain disease management programs. Please review your plan enrollment materials for details.

## **Cigna Dental Health of Texas, Inc.**

1640 Dallas Parkway  
Plano, TX 75093

**This Certificate of Coverage is intended for your information; and is included as a part of the agreement between Cigna Dental and your Group (collectively, the “Group Contract”). The Group Contract must be consulted to determine the rates and the exact terms and conditions of coverage. If rates or coverages are changed under your Group Contract, your rates and coverage will also be changed. Please read the following information so you will know from whom or what group of providers dental care may be obtained.**

**NOTICE: IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE HEALTH CARE PLAN, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COLLECT BENEFITS FROM BOTH PLANS. EACH PLAN MAY REQUIRE YOU TO FOLLOW ITS RULES OR USE SPECIFIC DOCTORS OR HOSPITALS, AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH BOTH PLANS AT THE SAME TIME. READ ALL OF THE RULES VERY CAREFULLY, INCLUDING THE DUAL COVERAGE SECTION.**

**Important Cancellation Information - Please Read the Provision Entitled “Disenrollment from the Dental Plan - Termination of Benefits.”**

### **READ YOUR PLAN BOOKLET CAREFULLY**

**Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 if you have any questions.**

**If you have a hearing or speech disability, please use your state Telecommunications Relay Service to call us. This service makes it easier for people who have hearing or speech disabilities to communicate with people who do not. Check your local telephone directory for your Relay Service’s phone number.**

**If you have a visual disability, you may call Member Services and request this booklet in a larger print type or Braille.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information to make a complaint;

You may call Cigna Dental Health's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

**1-800-Cigna24**

You may also write to:

Cigna Dental Health of Texas, Inc.  
1640 Dallas Parkway  
Plano, TX 75093

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

**1-800-252-3439**

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, TX 78714-9104, Fax No. (512) 475-1771.

### **Claim Disputes:**

Should you have a dispute about a claim, you should contact Cigna Dental Health first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

### **Attach This Notice to Your Policy:**

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

## **AVISO IMPORTANTE**

Para obtener información o para someter una queja;

Usted pueda llamar al número de teléfono gratis de Cigna Dental Health para información o para someter una queja al:

**1-800-Cigna24**

Usted también puede escribir a:

Cigna Dental Health of Texas, Inc.  
1640 Dallas Parkway  
Plano, TX 75093

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información acerca de compañías, coberturas, de-rechos o quejas al:

**1-800-252-3439**

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, TX 78714-9104, Fax No. (512) 475-1771.

### **Disputas sobre reclamos:**

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a un reclamo, debe comunicarse primero con Cigna Dental Health. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

### **Adjunte este aviso a su póliza:**

Este aviso es sólo para propósito de información y no se convierte en parte o condición del documento adjunto.

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## I. Definitions

Capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined, have the meanings listed below.

**Adverse Determination** - a determination that the dental care services furnished or proposed to be furnished to you or your Dependents are not clinically necessary or are not appropriate. Adverse Determinations do not affect services rendered by a Network General Dentist but apply only to limited specialty referral procedures. To be considered clinically necessary, the specialty referral procedure must be reasonable and appropriate and meet the following requirements:

- A. be consistent with the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the condition present;
- B. conform to commonly accepted standards throughout the dental field;
- C. not be used primarily for the convenience of the member or provider of care; and
- D. not exceed the scope, duration, or intensity of that level of care needed to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

Requests for payment authorizations that are declined by Cigna Dental based upon the above criteria will be the responsibility of the member at the dentist's Usual Fees. A licensed dentist will make any such denial.

**Cigna Dental** - the Cigna Dental Health organization that provides dental benefits in your state as listed on the face page of this booklet.

**Contract Fees** - the fees contained in the Network Specialty Dentist agreement with Cigna Dental.

**Covered Services** - the dental procedures listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Dental Office** - your selected office of Network General Dentist(s).

**Dental Plan** - managed dental care plan offered through the Group Contract between Cigna Dental and your Group.

**Dependent** - your lawful spouse; your unmarried child (including newborns, adopted children, stepchildren, a child for whom you must provide dental coverage under a court order; or, a dependent child who resides in your home as a result of court order or administrative placement) who is:

- A. less than 25 years old; or
- B. any age if he or she is both:
  1. incapable of self sustaining employment due to mental or physical disability; and
  2. reliant upon you for maintenance and support.

A Dependent includes your grandchild if the child is your dependent for federal income tax purposes at the time of application, or a child for whom you must provide medical support under a court order.

Coverage for dependents living outside a Cigna Dental Service Area is subject to the availability of an approved network where the dependent resides.

This definition of "Dependent" applies unless modified by your Group contract.

**Group** - Employer, labor union or other organization that has entered into a Group Contract with Cigna Dental for managed dental services on your behalf.

**Network Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide general dentistry or specialty care services to you. The term, when used, includes both Network General Dentists and Network Specialty Dentists.

**Network General Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide dental care services to you.

**Network Specialty Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide specialized dental care services to you.

**Patient Charge** - the amount you owe your Network Dentist for any dental procedure listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Patient Charge Schedule** - list of services covered under your Dental Plan and how much they cost you.

**Premiums** - fees that your Group remits to Cigna Dental, on your behalf, during the term of your Group Contract.

**Service Area** - the geographical area designated by Cigna Dental within which it shall provide benefits and arrange for dental care services, as set out in the attached list of service areas.

**Spouse** - the individual of the opposite sex with whom you have entered into a marriage relationship with would be considered valid under the Texas Family Code.

**Subscriber/You** - the enrolled employee or member of the Group.

**Usual Fee** - the customary fee that an individual dentist most frequently charges for a given dental service.

## II. Introduction To Your Cigna Dental Plan

Welcome to the Cigna Dental Plan. We encourage you to use your dental benefits. Please note that enrollment in the Dental Plan allows the release of patient records to Cigna Dental or its designee for health plan operation purposes.

## III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins

To enroll in the Dental Plan, you and your Dependents must live, work or reside within the Cigna Dental Service Area. Other eligibility requirements are determined by your Group.

If the legal residence of an enrolled Dependent is different from that of the Subscriber, the Dependent must:

- A. reside in the Service Area with a person who has temporary or permanent guardianship, including adoptees or children subject to adoption, and the Subscriber must have legal responsibility for that Dependent's health care; or

- B. reside in the Service Area, and the Subscriber must have legal responsibility for that Dependent's health care; or
- C. reside in the Service Area with the Subscriber's spouse; or
- D. reside anywhere in the United States when the Dependent's coverage is required by a medical support order.

If you or your Dependent becomes eligible for Medicare, you may continue coverage so long as you or your Medicare-eligible Dependent meet all other group eligibility requirements.

If you enrolled in the Dental Plan before the effective date of your Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day the Group Contract is effective. If you enrolled in the Dental Plan after the effective date of the Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day of the month following processing of your enrollment (unless effective dates other than the first day of the month are provided for in your Group Contract).

Dependents may be enrolled in the Dental Plan at the time you enroll, during an open enrollment, or within 31 days of becoming eligible due to a life status change such as marriage, birth, adoption, placement, or court or administrative order. You may drop coverage for your Dependents only during the open enrollment periods for your Group, unless there is a change in status such as divorce. Cigna Dental may require evidence of good dental health at your expense if you or your Dependents enroll after the first period of eligibility (except during open enrollment) or after disenrollment because of nonpayment of Premiums.

If you have family coverage, a newborn child is automatically covered during the first 31 days of life. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, your baby must be enrolled in the Dental Plan and you must begin paying Premiums, if any additional are due, during that period.

Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, you may be eligible to continue coverage during certain leaves of absence from work. During such leaves, you will be responsible for paying your Group the portion of the Premiums, if any, which you would have paid if you had not taken the leave. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

#### **IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage**

The information below outlines your coverage and will help you to better understand your Dental Plan. Included is information about which services are covered, which are not, and how much dental services will cost you. A copy of the Group Contract will be furnished to you upon your request.

##### **A. Member Services**

If you have any questions or concerns about the Dental Plan, Member Services Representatives are just a toll-free phone call away. They can explain your benefits or help with matters regarding your Dental Office or Dental Plan. For assistance with transfers, specialty referrals, eligibility, second opinions, emergencies, Covered Services, plan benefits, ID cards, location of Dental

Offices, conversion coverage or other matters, call Member Services from any location at 1-800-Cigna24. The hearing impaired may contact Member Services through the State Relay Service located in your local telephone directory.

##### **B. Premiums**

Your Group sends a monthly fee to Cigna Dental for members participating in the Dental Plan. The amount and term of this fee is set forth in your Group Contract. You may contact your Benefits Representative for information regarding any part of this fee to be withheld from your salary or to be paid by you to the Group. Your Premium is subject to annual change in accordance with your Group Contract. Cigna Dental will give written notice to your Group of any change in Premiums at least 60 days before any change.

##### **C. Other Charges – Patient Charges**

Cigna Dental typically pays Network General Dentists fixed monthly payments for each covered member and supplemental payments for certain procedures. No bonuses or financial incentives are used as an inducement to limit services. Network Dentists are also compensated by the fees that you pay, as set out in your Patient Charge Schedule.

Your Patient Charge Schedule lists the dental procedures covered under your Dental Plan. Some dental procedures are covered at no charge to you. For other Covered Services, the Patient Charge Schedule lists the fees you must pay when you visit your Dental Office. There are no deductibles and no annual dollar limits for services covered by your Dental Plan.

Your Network General Dentist should tell you about Patient Charges for Covered Services the amount you must pay for non-Covered Services and the Dental Office's payment policies. Timely payment is important. The Dental Office may add late charges to overdue balances.

Your Patient Charge Schedule is subject to annual change in accordance with your Group Contract. Cigna Dental will give written notice to your Group of any change in Patient Charges at least 60 days prior to such change. You must pay the Patient Charge listed on the Patient Charge Schedule that is in effect on the date a procedure is started.

##### **D. Choice of Dentist**

You and your Dependents should have selected a Dental Office when you enrolled in the Dental Plan. If you did not, you must advise Cigna Dental of your Dental Office selection prior to receiving treatment. The benefits of the Dental Plan are available only at your Dental Office, except in the case of an emergency or when Cigna Dental otherwise authorizes a payment for out-of-network benefits.

You may select a network Pediatric Dentist as the Network General Dentist for your dependent children under age 7 by calling Member Services at 1-800-



Cigna24 to get a list of network Pediatric Dentists in your Service Area or if your Network General Dentist sends your child under the age of 7 to a network Pediatric Dentist, the network Pediatric Dentist's office will have primary responsibility for your child's care. For children 7 years and older, your Network General Dentist will provide care. If your child continues to visit the Pediatric Dentist upon the age of 7, you will be fully responsible for the Pediatric Dentist's Usual Fees. Exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If for any reason your selected Dental Office cannot provide your dental care, or if your Network General Dentist terminates from the network, Cigna Dental will let you know and will arrange a transfer to another Dental Office. Refer to the Section titled "Office Transfers" if you wish to change your Dental Office.

To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. If you would like to have the list faxed to you, enter your fax number, including your area code. You may always obtain a current Dental Office Directory by calling Member Services.

#### **E. Your Payment Responsibility (General Care)**

For Covered Services at your Dental Office, you will be charged the fees listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. For services listed on your Patient Charge Schedule at any other dental office, you may be charged Usual Fees. For non-Covered Services, you are responsible for paying Usual Fees.

If on a temporary basis, there is no Network General Dentist in your Service Area, Cigna Dental will let you know and you may obtain Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist. You will pay the non-Network Dentist the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will pay the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge.

See Section IX, *Specialty Referrals*, regarding payment responsibility for specialty care.

All contracts between Cigna Dental and Network Dentists state that you will not be liable to the Network Dentist for any sums owed to the Network Dentist by Cigna Dental.

#### **F. Emergency Dental Care - Reimbursement**

Emergency dental services are limited to procedures administered in a dental office, dental clinic or other comparable facility to evaluate and stabilize emergency dental conditions of recent onset and severity accompanied by excessive bleeding, severe pain, or acute infection that would lead a prudent layperson with average knowledge of dentistry to believe that immediate care is needed. You should contact your Network General Dentist if you have an emergency in your Service Area.

1. **Emergency Care Away From Home** - If you have an emergency while you are out of your Service Area

or unable to contact your Network General Dentist, you may receive emergency Covered Services as defined above from any general dentist. Routine restorative procedures or definitive treatment (e.g. root canal) are not considered emergency care. You should return to your Network General Dentist for these procedures. For emergency Covered Services, you will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. Cigna Dental will reimburse you the difference, if any, between the Dentist's Usual Fee for emergency Covered Services and your Patient Charge.

To receive reimbursement, send appropriate reports and x-rays to Cigna Dental at the address listed on the front of this booklet. Cigna Dental Health will acknowledge your claim for emergency services within 15 days and will accept, deny, or request additional information within 15 business days of receipt. If Cigna Dental Health accepts your claim, reimbursement for all appropriate emergency services will be made within 5 days of acceptance.

2. **Emergency Care After Hours** - There is a Patient Charge listed on your Patient Charge Schedule for emergency care rendered after regularly scheduled office hours. This charge will be in addition to other applicable Patient Charges.

#### **G. Limitations on Covered Services**

Listed below are limitations on services covered by your Dental Plan:

1. **Frequency** - The frequency of certain Covered Services, like cleanings, is limited. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on frequency. If your Network General Dentist certifies to Cigna Dental that, due to medical necessity, you require certain Covered Services more frequently than the limitation allows, Cigna Dental may waive the applicable limitation.
2. **Specialty Care** - Except for Pediatric Dentistry and Endodontics, payment authorization is required for coverage of services performed by a Network Specialty Dentist.
3. **Pediatric Dentistry** - Coverage for treatment by a Pediatric Dentist ends on your child's 7th birthday; however, exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on an individual basis. Your Network General Dentist will provide care after your child's 7th birthday.
4. **Oral Surgery** - The surgical removal of an impacted wisdom tooth may not be covered if the tooth is not diseased or if the removal is only for orthodontic reasons. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on oral surgery.

#### **H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan**

Listed below are the services or expenses which are NOT covered under your Dental Plan and which are your

responsibility at the dentist's Usual Fees. There is no coverage for:

1. services not listed on the Patient Charge Schedule;
2. services provided by a non-Network Dentist without Cigna Dental's prior approval (except emergencies, as described in Section IV, F.);
3. services related to an injury or illness paid under workers' compensation, occupational disease or similar laws;
4. services provided or paid by or through a federal or state governmental agency or authority, political subdivision or a public program, other than Medicaid;
5. services required while serving in the armed forces of any country or international authority or relating to a declared or undeclared war or acts of war.
6. cosmetic dentistry or cosmetic dental surgery (dentistry or dental surgery performed solely to improve appearance) unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
7. general anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. When listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, general anesthesia and IV Sedation are covered when medically necessary and are provided in conjunction with Covered Services performed by an Oral Surgeon or Periodontist.
8. prescription drugs.
9. procedures, appliances or restorations if the main purpose is to: a. change vertical dimension (degree of separation of the jaw when the teeth are in contact); b. diagnose or treat abnormal conditions of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), unless TMJ therapy is specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule; or c\*. restore teeth which have been damaged by attrition, abrasion, erosion and/or abfraction.
10. replacement of fixed and/or removable appliances that have been lost, stolen, or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.
11. services associated with the placement or prosthodontic restoration of a dental implant.
12. services considered to be unnecessary or experimental in nature.
13. procedures or appliances for minor tooth guidance or to control harmful habits.
14. hospitalization, including any associated incremental charges for dental services performed in a hospital. (Benefits are available for Network Dentist charges for Covered Services performed at a hospital. Other associated charges are not covered and should be submitted to the medical carrier for benefit determination.)
15. services to the extent you, or your enrolled Dependent, are compensated for them under any

group medical plan, no-fault auto insurance policy, or uninsured motorist policy.

16. crowns and bridges used solely for splinting.\*
17. resin bonded retainers and associated pontics.\*

Pre-existing conditions are not excluded if the procedures involved are otherwise covered under your Patient Charge Schedule.

\*If you are on an "-03" Patient Charge Schedule, these exclusions do not apply.

## V. Appointments

To make an appointment with your Network Dentist, call the Dental Office that you have selected. When you call, your Dental Office will ask for your identification number and will check your eligibility.

## VI. Broken Appointments

The time your Network Dentist schedules for your appointment is valuable to you and the dentist. Broken appointments make it difficult for your Dental Office to schedule time with other patients. If you must change your appointment, please contact your dentist at least 24 hours before the scheduled time.

## VII. Office Transfers

If you decide to change Dental Offices, we can arrange a transfer at no charge. You should complete any dental procedure in progress before transferring to another Dental Office. To arrange a transfer, call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24. To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1-800-Cigna24.

Your transfer will take about 5 days to process. Unless you have an emergency, you will be unable to schedule an appointment at the new Dental Office until your transfer becomes effective.

Network Dentists are Independent Contractors. Cigna Dental cannot require that you pay your Patient Charges before processing of your transfer request; however, it is suggested that all Patient Charges owed to your current Dental Office be paid prior to transfer.

## VIII. Specialty Care

Your Network General Dentist at your Dental Office has primary responsibility for your professional dental care. Because you may need specialty care, the Cigna Dental Network includes the following types of Specialty Dentists:

- Pediatric Dentists - children's dentistry.
- Endodontists - root canal treatment.
- Periodontists - treatment of gums and bone.
- Oral Surgeons - complex extractions and other surgical procedures.

- Orthodontists - tooth movement.

There is no coverage for referrals to prosthodontists or other specialty dentists not listed above.

When specialty care is needed, your Network General Dentist must start the referral process. X-rays taken by your Network General Dentist should be sent to the Network Specialty Dentist.

See Section IV.D, *Choice of Dentist*, regarding treatment by a Pediatric Dentist

## IX. Specialty Referrals

### A. In General

Upon referral from a Network General Dentist, your Network Specialty Dentist will submit a specialty care treatment plan to Cigna Dental for payment authorization, except for Pediatrics and Endodontics, for which prior authorization is not required. You should verify with the Network Specialty Dentist that your treatment plan has been authorized for payment by Cigna Dental before treatment begins.

When Cigna Dental authorizes payment to the Network Specialty Dentist, the fees or no-charge services listed on the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date each procedure is started will apply, except as set out in Section IX. B, *Orthodontics*. Treatment by the Network Specialty Dentist must begin within 90 days from the date of Cigna Dental's authorization. If you are unable to obtain treatment within the 90-day period, please call Member Services to request an extension. Your coverage must be in effect when each procedure begins.

For non-Covered Services or if Cigna Dental does not authorize payment to the Network Specialty Dentist for Covered Services, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the Network Specialty Dentist's Usual Fee. If you have a question or concern regarding an authorization or a denial, contact Member Services.

After the Network Specialty Dentist has completed treatment, you should return to your Network General Dentist for cleanings, regular checkups and other treatment. If you visit a Network Specialty Dentist without a referral or if you continue to see a Network Specialty Dentist after you have completed specialty care, you must pay for treatment at the dentist's Usual Fees.

When your Network General Dentist determines that you need specialty care and a Network Specialty Dentist is not available, as determined by Cigna Dental, Cigna Dental will authorize a referral to a non-Network Specialty Dentist. The referral procedures applicable to specialty care will apply. In such cases, you will be responsible for the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will pay the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge. For non-Covered Services or services not authorized for payment, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the dentist's Usual Fee.

### B. Orthodontics (This section is applicable only when Orthodontics is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.)

1. **Definitions** - If your Patient Charge Schedule indicates coverage for orthodontic treatment, the following definitions apply:

- Orthodontic Treatment Plan and Records** - the preparation of orthodontic records and a treatment plan by the Orthodontist.
- Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment** - treatment prior to full eruption of the permanent teeth, frequently a first phase preceding comprehensive treatment.
- Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment** - treatment after the eruption of most permanent teeth, generally the final phase of treatment before retention.
- Retention (Post Treatment Stabilization)** - the period following orthodontic treatment during which you may wear an appliance to maintain and stabilize the new position of the teeth.

#### 2. Patient Charges

The Patient Charge for your entire orthodontic case, including retention, will be based upon the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date of your visit for Treatment Plan and Records. However, if a. banding/appliance insertion does not occur within 90 days of such visit, b. your treatment plan changes, or c. there is an interruption in your coverage or treatment a later change in the Patient Charge Schedule may apply.

The Patient Charge for Orthodontic Treatment is based upon 24 months of interceptive and/or comprehensive treatment. If you require more than 24 months of treatment in total, you will be charged an additional amount for each additional month of treatment, based upon the Orthodontist's Contract Fee. If you require less than 24 months of treatment, your Patient Charge will be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

3. **Additional Charges** - You will be responsible for the Orthodontist's Usual Fees for the following non-Covered Services:

- incremental costs associated with optional/elective materials, including but not limited to ceramic, clear, lingual brackets, or other cosmetic appliances;
- orthognathic surgery and associated incremental costs;
- appliances to guide minor tooth movement;
- appliances to correct harmful habits; and
- services which are not typically included in orthodontic treatment. These services will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

4. **Orthodontics in Progress** - If orthodontic treatment is in progress for you or your Dependent at the time

you enroll, the fee listed on the Patient Charge Schedule is not applicable. Please call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 to find out if you are entitled to any benefit under the Dental Plan.

## **X. Complex Rehabilitation/Multiple Crown Units**

Complex rehabilitation is extensive dental restoration involving 6 or more “units” of crown and/or bridge in the same treatment plan. Using full crowns (caps) and/or fixed bridges which are cemented in place, your Network General Dentist will rebuild natural teeth, fill in spaces where teeth are missing and establish conditions which allow each tooth to function in harmony with the occlusion (bite). The extensive procedures involved in complex rehabilitation require an extraordinary amount of time, effort, skill and laboratory collaboration for a successful outcome.

Complex rehabilitation will be covered when performed by your Network General Dentist after consultation with you about diagnosis, treatment plan and charges. Each tooth or tooth replacement included in the treatment plan is referred to as a “unit” on your Patient Charge Schedule. The crown and bridge charges on your Patient Charge Schedule are for each unit of crown or bridge. You pay the per unit charge for each unit of crown and/or bridge PLUS an additional charge for each unit when 6 or more units are prescribed in your Network General Dentist’s treatment plan.

## **XI. What To Do If There Is A Problem**

For the purposes of this section, any reference to “you” or “your” also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf.

Most problems can be resolved between you and your dentist. However, we want you to be completely satisfied with the Dental Plan. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and complaints. The complaint procedure is voluntary and will be used only upon your request.

### **A. Start With Member Services**

We are here to listen and to help. If you have a question about your Dental Office or the Dental Plan, you can call the toll-free number to reach one of our Member Services Representatives. We will do our best to respond upon your initial contact or get back to you as soon as possible, usually by the end of the next business day. You can call Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 or you may write P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047.

## **B. Appeals Procedure**

### **1. Problems Concerning Plan Benefits, Quality of Care, or Plan Administration**

The Dental Plan has a two-step procedure for complaints and appeals.

#### **a. Level One Review (“Complaint”)**

For the purposes of this section, a complaint means a written or oral expression of dissatisfaction with any aspect of the Dental Plan’s operation. A complaint is not (1) a misunderstanding or misinformation that is resolved promptly by supplying the appropriate information or clearing up a misunderstanding to your satisfaction; nor (2) you or your provider’s dissatisfaction or disagreement with an Adverse Determination.

To initiate a complaint, submit a request in writing to the Dental Plan stating the reason why you feel your request should be approved and include any information supporting your request. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask Member Services to register your request by calling the toll-free number.

Within 5 business days of receiving your complaint, we will send you a letter acknowledging the date the complaint was received, a description of the complaint procedure and timeframes for resolving your complaint. For oral complaints, you will be asked to complete a complaint form to confirm the nature of your problem or to provide additional information.

Upon receipt of your written complaint or complaint form, Member Services will review and/or investigate your problem. Your complaint will be considered and the resolution made by someone not involved in the initial decision or occurrence. Issues involving clinical appropriateness will be considered by a dental professional. A written resolution will be provided to you within 30 calendar days. If applicable, the written resolution will include a statement of the specific dental or contractual reasons for the resolution, the specialization of any dentist consulted, and a description of the appeals process, including the time frames for the appeals process and final decision of the appeal. If you are not satisfied with our decision, you may request an appeal.

#### **b. Level Two Review (“Appeal”)**

Cigna Dental will acknowledge your appeal in writing within 5 business days. The acknowledgment will include the name, address, and telephone number of the Appeals Coordinator. The review will be held at Cigna Dental Health’s administrative offices or at

another location within the Service Area, unless you agree to another site.

Additional information may be requested at that time. Second level reviews will be conducted by an Appeals Committee, which will include:

- (1) An employee of Cigna Dental Health;
- (2) A Dentist who will preside over the Appeals Panel; and
- (3) An enrollee who is not an employee of Cigna Dental Health.

Anyone involved in the prior decision may not vote on the Appeals Committee. If specialty care is in dispute, the Committee will include a dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration, as determined by Cigna Dental. The review will be held and you will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision within 30 calendar days.

Cigna Dental will identify the committee members to you and provide copies of any documentation to be used during the review no later than 5 business days before the review, unless you agree otherwise. You, or your designated representative if you are a minor or disabled, may appear in person or by conference call before the Appeals Committee; present expert testimony; and, request the presence of and question any person responsible for making the prior determination that resulted in your appeal.

Please advise Cigna Dental 5 days in advance if you or your representative plans to be present. Cigna Dental will pay the expenses of the Appeals Committee; however, you must pay your own expenses, if any, relating to the Appeals process including any expenses of your designated representative.

The appeal will be heard and you will be notified in writing of the committee's decision within 30 calendar days from the date of your request. Notice of the Appeals Committee's decision will include a statement of the specific clinical determination, the clinical basis and contractual criteria used, and the toll-free telephone number and address of the Texas Department of Insurance.

## **2. Problems Concerning Adverse Determinations**

### **a. Appeals**

For the purpose of this section, a complaint concerning an Adverse Determination constitutes an appeal of that determination. You, your designated representative, or your provider may appeal an Adverse Determination orally or in writing. We will acknowledge the appeal in writing within 5 working days of receipt, confirming the date we received the appeal,

outlining the appeals procedure, and requesting any documents you should send to us. For oral appeals, we will include a one-page appeal form.

Appeal decisions will be made by a licensed dentist; provided that, if the appeal is denied and your dentist sends us a letter showing good cause, the denial will be reviewed, by a specialty dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under review. The specialty review will be completed within 15 working days of receipt.

We will send you and your dentist a letter explaining the resolution of your appeal as soon as practical but in no case later than 30 calendar days after we receive the request. If the appeal is denied, the letter will include:

- (1) the clinical basis for the denial;
- (2) the specialty of the dentist making the denial; and
- (3) notice of the rights to seek review of the denial by an independent review organization and the procedure for obtaining that review.

### **b. Independent Review Organization**

If the appeal of an Adverse Determination is denied, you, your representative, or your provider have the right to request a review of that decision by an Independent Review Organization ("IRO".) The written denial outlined above will include information on how to appeal the denial to an IRO, and the forms that must be completed and returned to us to begin the independent review process.

In life-threatening situations, you are entitled to an immediate review by an IRO without having to comply with our procedures for internal appeals of Adverse Determinations. Call Member Services to request the review by the IRO if you have a life-threatening condition and we will provide the required information.

In order to request a referral to an IRO, the reason for the denial must be based on a dental necessity determination by Cigna Dental. Administrative, eligibility or benefit coverage limits are not eligible for additional review under this process.

### **c. Expedited Appeals**

You may request that the above complaint and appeal process be expedited if the timeframes under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating Dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary.

Investigation and resolution of expedited complaints and appeals will be concluded in accordance with the clinical immediacy of the case but will not exceed 1 business day from receipt of the complaint. If an expedited appeal involves an ongoing emergency, you may request that the appeal be reviewed by a dental professional in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration.

**d. Filing Complaints with the Texas Department of Insurance**

Any person, including persons who have attempted to resolve complaints through our complaint system process and who are dissatisfied with the resolution, may file a complaint in writing with the Texas Department of Insurance at P.O. Box 149091, Austin, Texas 78714-9091, or you may call their toll-free number, 1-800-252-3439.

The Department will investigate a complaint against Cigna Dental to determine compliance with insurance laws within 60 days after the Department receives your complaint and all information necessary for the Department to determine compliance. The Department may extend the time necessary to complete an investigation in the event any of the following circumstances occur:

- (1) additional information is needed;
- (2) an on-site review is necessary;
- (3) we, the physician or provider, or you do not provide all documentation necessary to complete the investigation; or
- (4) other circumstances occur that are beyond the control of the Department.

Cigna Dental cannot retaliate against a Network General Dentist or Network Specialty Dentist for filing a complaint or appealing a decision on your behalf. Cigna Dental will not cancel or refuse to renew coverage because you or your Dependent has filed a complaint or appealed a decision made by Cigna Dental. You have the right to file suit in a court of law for any claim involving the professional treatment performed by a Dentist.

## **XII. Dual Coverage**

You and your Dependents may not be covered twice under this Dental Plan. If you and your spouse have enrolled each other or the same Dependents twice, please contact your Benefit Administrator.

If you or your Dependents have dental coverage through your spouse's employer or other sources, applicable coordination of benefit rules will determine which coverage is primary or secondary. In most cases, the plan covering you as an employee is primary for you, and the plan covering your

spouse as an employee is primary for him or her. Your children are generally covered as primary by the plan of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the year. Dual coverage should result in lowering or eliminating your out-of-pocket expenses. It should not result in reimbursement for more than 100% of your expenses.

Coordination of benefit rules are attached to the Group Contract and may be reviewed by contacting your Benefit Administrator. Cigna Dental coordinates benefits only for specialty care services.

## **XIII. Disenrollment From the Dental Plan - Termination of Benefits**

Except as otherwise provided in the Sections titled "Extension/Continuation of Benefits" or in your Group Contract, disenrollment from the Dental Plan/termination of benefits and coverages will be as follows:

### **A. Termination of Your Group**

1. due to nonpayment of Premiums, coverage shall remain in effect for 30 days after the due date of the Premium. If the late payment is received within the 30-day grace period, a 20% penalty will be added to the Premium. If payment is not received within the 30 days, coverage will be canceled on the 31st day and the terminated members will be liable for the cost of services received during the grace period.
2. either the Group or Cigna Dental Health may terminate the Group Contract, effective as of any renewal date of the Group Contract, by providing at least 60 days prior written notice to the other party.

### **B. Termination of Benefits For You and/or Your Dependents**

1. the last day of the month in which Premiums are not paid to Cigna Dental.
2. the last day of the month in which eligibility requirements are no longer met.
3. the last day of the month in which your Group notifies Cigna Dental of your termination from the Dental Plan.
4. the last day of the month after voluntary disenrollment.
5. upon 15 days written notice from Cigna Dental due to fraud or intentional material misrepresentation or fraud in the use of services or dental offices.
6. immediately for misconduct detrimental to safe plan operations and delivery of services.
7. for failure to establish a satisfactory patient-dentist relationship, Cigna Dental will give 30 days written notification that it considers the relationship unsatisfactory and will specify necessary changes. If you fail to make such changes, coverage may be cancelled at the end of the 30-day period.
8. upon 30 days notice, due to neither residing, living nor working in the Service Area. Coverage for a

dependent child who is the subject of a medical support order cannot be cancelled solely because the child does not reside, live or work in the Service Area.

When coverage for one of your Dependents ends, you and your other Dependents may continue to be enrolled. When your coverage ends, your Dependents coverage will also end.

#### **XIV. Extension of Benefits**

Coverage for completion of a dental procedure (other than orthodontics) which was started before your disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended for 90 days after disenrollment unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

Coverage for orthodontic treatment which was started before disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended to the end of the quarter or for 60 days after disenrollment, whichever is later, unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

#### **XV. Continuation of Benefits (COBRA)**

For Groups with 20 or more employees, federal law requires the employer to offer continuation of benefits coverage for a specified period of time after termination of employment or reduction of work hours, for any reason other than gross misconduct. You will be responsible for sending payment of the required Premiums to the Group. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

Under Texas law you may also choose continuation coverage for you and your Dependents if coverage is terminated for any reason except your involuntary termination for cause and if you or your Dependent has been continuously covered for 3 consecutive months prior to the termination. You must request continuation coverage from your Group in writing and pay the monthly Premiums, in advance, within 31 days of the date your termination ends or the date your Group notifies you of your rights to continuation. If you elect continuation coverage, it will not end until the earliest of:

- A. 6 months after the date you choose continuation coverage;
- B. the date you and/or your Dependent becomes covered under another dental plan;
- C. the last day of the month in which you fail to pay Premiums; or
- D. the date the Group Contract ends.

You must pay your Group the amount of Premiums plus 2% in advance on a monthly basis.

#### **XVI. Conversion Coverage**

If you are no longer eligible for coverage under your Group's Dental Plan, you and your enrolled Dependents may continue your dental coverage by enrolling in the Cigna Dental conversion plan. You must enroll within three months after becoming ineligible for your Group's Dental Plan. Premium payments and coverage will be retroactive to the date your

Group coverage ended. You and your enrolled Dependents are eligible for conversion coverage unless benefits were discontinued due to:

- A. permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship;
- B. fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices;
- C. nonpayment of Premiums by the Subscriber; or
- D. selection of alternate dental coverage by your Group.

Benefits for conversion coverage will be based on the then-current standard conversion plan and may not be the same as those for your Group's Dental Plan. Premiums will be the Cigna Dental conversion premiums in effect at the time of conversion. Conversion premiums may not exceed 200% of Cigna Dental's premiums charged to groups with similar coverage. Please call the Cigna Dental Conversion Department at 1-800-Cigna24 to obtain rates and make arrangements for continuing coverage.

#### **XVII. Confidentiality/Privacy**

Cigna Dental is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal and sensitive information. Information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures is made available to you during the enrollment process and/or as part of your member plan materials. You may obtain additional information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures by calling Member Services at 1-800-Cigna24 or via the Internet at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com).

#### **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

- A. As a Cigna Dental plan member, you may be eligible for various discounts, benefits, or other consideration for the purpose of promoting your general health and well being. Please visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) for details.

If you are a Cigna Dental Care member you may also be eligible for additional dental benefits during certain health conditions. For example, certain frequency limitations for dental services may be relaxed for pregnant women and members participating in certain disease management programs. Please review your plan enrollment materials for details.

- B. **Notice:** Any notice required by the Group Contract shall be in writing and mailed with postage fully prepaid and addressed to the entities named in the Group Contract.
- C. **Incontestability:** All statements made by a Subscriber on the enrollment application shall be considered representations and not warranties. The statements are considered to be truthful and are made to the best of the Subscriber's knowledge and belief. A statement may not be used in a contest to void, cancel, or non-renew an enrollee's coverage or reduce benefits unless it is in a written enrollment application signed by you, and a signed copy of the enrollment application is or has been furnished to you or your personal representative.



This Certificate of Coverage may only be contested because of fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact on the enrollment application.

- D. **Entire Agreement:** The Contract, Pre-Contract Application, amendments and attachments thereto represent the entire agreement between Cigna Dental Health and your Group. Any change in the Group Contract must be approved by an officer of Cigna Dental Health and attached thereto; no agent has the authority to change the Group Contract or waive any of its provisions. In the event this Certificate contains any provision not in conformity with the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Act (the Act) or other applicable laws, this Certificate shall not be rendered invalid but shall be construed and implied as if it were in full compliance with the Act or other applicable laws.

**Cigna Dental Health  
Texas Service Areas**

**Amarillo Area:**

Armstrong  
Briscoe  
Carson  
Castro  
Childress  
Collingsworth  
Dallam  
Deaf Smith  
Donley  
Gray  
Hall  
Hansford  
Hartley  
Hemphill  
Hutchinson  
Lipscomb  
Moore  
Ochiltree  
Oldham  
Parmer  
Potter  
Randall  
Roberts  
Sherman  
Swisher  
Wheeler

**Austin Area:**

Bastrop  
Caldwell  
Fayette  
Hays  
Travis  
Williamson

**Houston-Beaumont Area:**

Austin  
Brazoria  
Chambers  
Colorado  
Fort Bend  
Galveston  
Grimes  
Hardin  
Harris  
Jasper  
Jefferson  
Liberty  
Montgomery  
Newton  
Orange  
Polk  
San Jacinto  
Tyler  
Walker  
Waller  
Washington  
Wharton

**San Angelo Area:**

Coke  
Concho  
Irion  
Menard  
Runnels  
Schleicher  
Sterling  
Tom Greene

**Lubbock Area:**

Bailey  
Borden  
Cochran  
Cottle  
Crosby  
Dawson  
Dickson  
Floyd  
Gaines  
Garza  
Hale  
Hockley  
Kent  
King  
Lamb  
Lubbock  
Lynn  
Motley  
Scurry  
Stonewall  
Terry  
Yoakum

**Lufkin Area:**

Angelina  
Houston  
Leon  
Madison  
Nacogdoches  
Sabine  
San Augustine  
Shelby  
Trinity

**Fort Worth Area:**

Clay  
Collin  
Cooke  
Dallas  
Denton  
Ellis  
Fannin  
Grayson  
Hill  
Hood  
Hunt  
Jack  
Johnson  
Kaufman  
Montague  
Navarro  
Parker  
Rockwall  
Somerville  
Tarrant  
Wise

**Brownsville, McAllen,**

**Laredo Area:**

Cameron  
Dimmit  
Hidalgo  
Jim Hogg  
LaSalle  
Starr  
Web  
Willacy  
Zapata

**Tyler/Longview Area:**

Anderson  
 Cherokee  
 Camp  
 Cass  
 Franklin  
 Gregg  
 Harrison  
 Henderson  
 Hopkins  
 Marion  
 Morris  
 Panola  
 Rains  
 Rusk  
 Smith  
 Titus  
 Upshur  
 Van Zandt  
 Wood

**Victoria Area:**

Aransas  
 Bastrop  
 Calhoun  
 DeWitt  
 Jackson  
 Lavaca  
 Lee  
 Matagorda  
 Victoria

**College Station-Bryan Area:**

Brazos  
 Burleson  
 Madison

**Abilene Area:**

Brown  
 Callahan  
 Coleman  
 Comanche  
 Eastland  
 Fisher  
 Hamilton  
 Llano  
 Jones  
 Mason  
 McCulloch  
 Mills  
 Mitchell  
 Nolan  
 San Saba  
 Shackelford  
 Taylor

**Waco Area:**

Bell  
 Bosque  
 Burnet  
 Coryell  
 Falls  
 Freestone  
 Lampasas  
 Limestone  
 McClellan  
 Milam  
 Robertson

**Texarkana Area:**

Bowie  
 Delta  
 Lamar  
 Red River

**San Antonio Area:**

Atascosa  
 Bandera  
 Bexar  
 Blanco  
 Comal  
 Frio  
 Gillespie  
 Gonzales  
 Guadeloupe  
 Karnes  
 Kendall  
 Kerr  
 Medina  
 Wilson

**Corpus Christi Area:**

Bee  
 Brooks  
 Duval  
 Goliad  
 Jim Wells  
 Kennedy  
 Kleberg  
 Live Oak  
 McMullen  
 Nueces  
 Refugio  
 San Patricio

**El Paso Area:**

Culberson  
 El Pasob  
 Hudspeth  
 Jeff Davis  
 Reeves

**Wichita Falls Area:**

Archer  
 Baylor  
 Erath  
 Foard  
 Hardeman  
 Haskell  
 Knox  
 Palo Pinto  
 Stephins  
 Throckmorton  
 Wichita  
 Wilbarger  
 Young

**Midland Odessa Area:**

Andrews  
 Crane  
 Ector  
 Glasscock  
 Howard  
 Loving  
 Martin  
 Midland  
 Reagan  
 Upton  
 Ward  
 Winkler

## **Cigna Dental Health of Pennsylvania, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 453099**

**Sunrise, Florida 33345-3099**

**This Plan Booklet/Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form/Certificate of Coverage is intended for your information; it constitutes a summary of the Dental Plan and is included as a part of the agreement between Cigna Dental and your Group (collectively, the “Group Contract”). The Group Contract must be consulted to determine the rates and the exact terms and conditions of coverage. If rates or coverages are changed under your Group Contract, your rates and coverage will also change. A prospective customer has the right to view the Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form prior to enrollment. It should be read completely and carefully. Customers with special health care needs should read carefully those sections that apply to them. Please read the following information so you will know from whom or what group of providers dental care may be obtained.**

**NOTICE: IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE COVERED BY MORE THAN ONE HEALTH CARE PLAN, YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO COLLECT BENEFITS FROM BOTH PLANS. EACH PLAN MAY REQUIRE YOU TO FOLLOW ITS RULES OR USE SPECIFIC DOCTORS OR HOSPITALS, AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH BOTH PLANS AT THE SAME TIME. READ ALL OF THE RULES VERY CAREFULLY, INCLUDING THE DUAL COVERAGE SECTION.**

**Important Cancellation Information – Please Read the Provision Entitled “Disenrollment from the Dental Plan–Termination of Benefits.”**

### **READ YOUR PLAN BOOKLET CAREFULLY**

**Please call Customer Service at 1.800.Cigna24 if you have any questions. The hearing impaired may call the state TTY toll-free relay service listed in their local telephone directory.**

## I. Definitions

Capitalized terms, unless otherwise defined, have the meanings listed below.

**Adverse Determination** - a decision by Cigna Dental not to approve payment for certain limited specialty care procedures on the basis of necessity or appropriateness of care. To be considered clinically necessary, the treatment or service must be reasonable and appropriate and meet the following requirements:

- A. be consistent with the symptoms, diagnosis or treatment of the condition present;
- B. conform to commonly accepted standards throughout the dental field;
- C. not be used primarily for the convenience of the customer or provider of care; and
- D. not exceed the scope, duration, or intensity of that level of care needed to provide safe and appropriate treatment.

Requests for payment approvals that are declined by Cigna Dental based upon the above criteria will be the responsibility of the customer at the dentist's Usual Fees. A licensed dentist will make any such denial.

**Cigna Dental** - the Cigna Dental Health organization that provides dental benefits in your state as listed on the face page of this booklet.

**Contract Fees** - the fees contained in the Network Dentist agreement with Cigna Dental.

**Covered Services** - the dental procedures listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Dental Office** - your selected office of Network General Dentist(s).

**Dental Plan** - managed dental care plan offered through the Group Contract between Cigna Dental and your Group.

**Dependent** - your lawful spouse, or your Domestic Partner;

Your unmarried child (including newborns, adopted children, stepchildren, a child for whom you must provide dental coverage under a court order; or, a Dependent child who resides in your home as a result of court order or administrative placement) who is:

- (a) less than 26 years old; or
- (b) less than 26 years old if he or she is both:
  - i. a full-time student enrolled at an accredited educational institution, and
  - ii. reliant upon you for maintenance and support; or

- (c) any age if he or she is both:
  - i. incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical disability, and
  - ii. reliant upon you for maintenance and support; or
- (d) any unmarried child of yours who is:
  - i. 19 years but less than 23 years old, enrolled in school as a full-time student and primarily supported by you. If while a full-time registered student, the child was called or ordered to active duty (other than active duty for training) for 30 or more consecutive days in the Pennsylvania National Guard or any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, the child is eligible to enroll as a Dependent while a full-time student for a period equal to the duration of the military service. Eligibility in this situation will end when the child is no longer a full-time student. The child must submit the form provided by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to Cigna when initially called to duty, when returning from duty, and when reenrolling as a full-time student.

For a Dependent child 26 years of age or older who is a full-time student at an educational institution, coverage will be provided for an entire academic term during which the child begins as a full-time student and remains enrolled, regardless of whether the number of hours of instruction for which the child is enrolled is reduced to a level that changes the child's academic status to less than that of a full-time student.

For a child who falls into category (b) or (c) above, you will need to furnish Cigna Dental evidence of the child's reliance upon you, in the form requested, within 31 days after the Dependent reaches the age of 19 and once a year thereafter for as long as the child is claimed as a Dependent under the Plan.

A newly acquired dependent is a Dependent child who is adopted, born or otherwise becomes your Dependent after you become covered under the Plan. A child born of a Dependent child of a Subscriber shall also be considered a Subscriber's Dependent so long as such Dependent child remains eligible for benefits. Coverage for Dependents living outside a Cigna Dental Service Area is subject to the availability of an approved network where the Dependent resides.

### **Domestic Partner** -

- A. A person of the same or opposite sex who:
  - 1. shares your permanent residence;
  - 2. has resided with you for no less than one year;
  - 3. is no less than eighteen years of age;
  - 4. is financially interdependent with you and has proven such interdependence by providing documentation of at least two of the following arrangements: common

ownership of real property or a common leasehold interest in such property, common ownership of a motor vehicle, a joint bank account or a joint credit account, designation as a beneficiary for life insurance or retirement benefits or under your partner's will, assignment of durable power of attorney or health care power of attorney, or such other proof as is considered by Cigna Dental Health to be sufficient to establish financial interdependency under the circumstances of your particular case;

5. is not your blood relative any closer than would be prohibited for a legal marriage; and
  6. has signed jointly with you a notarized affidavit in form and content satisfactory to Cigna Dental Health which shall be made available to Cigna Dental Health upon request; or
- B. A person of the same or opposite sex who has registered jointly with you as Domestic Partners with a governmental entity pursuant to a state or local law authorizing such registration and signed jointly with you a notarized affidavit of such registration which can be made available to Cigna Dental Health upon request.

The above definition applies so long as neither you nor your Domestic Partner hereunder:

- A. has signed a Domestic Partner affidavit or declaration with any other person within twelve months prior to designating each other as Domestic Partners hereunder;
- B. is currently legally married to another person; or
- C. has any other Domestic Partner, spouse or spouse equivalent of the same or opposite sex.

Domestic Partner coverage cannot be transferred to states in which such coverage has been disapproved by regulatory authorities.

**Group** - employer, labor union or other organization that has entered into a Group Contract with Cigna Dental for managed dental services on your behalf.

**Network Dentist** – a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental to provide general dentistry or specialty care services to you. The term, when used, includes both Network General Dentists and Network Specialty Dentists.

**Network General Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide dental care services to you.

**Network Specialty Dentist** - a licensed dentist who has signed an agreement with Cigna Dental under which he or she agrees to provide specialized dental care services to you.

**Patient Charge** - the amount you owe your Network Dentist for any dental procedure listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

**Patient Charge Schedule** - list of services covered under your Dental Plan and how much they cost you.

**Premiums** - fees that your Group remits to Cigna Dental, on your behalf, during the term of your Group Contract.

**Service Area** - the geographical area designated by Cigna Dental within which it shall provide benefits and arrange for dental care services.

**Subscriber/You** - the enrolled employee or customer of the Group.

**Usual Fee** - the customary fee that an individual dentist most frequently charges for a given dental service.

## II. Introduction To Your Cigna Dental Plan

Welcome to the Cigna Dental Plan. We encourage you to use your dental benefits. Please note that enrollment in the Dental Plan allows the release of patient records to Cigna Dental or its designee for health plan operation purposes.

## III. Eligibility/When Coverage Begins

To enroll in the Dental Plan, you and your Dependents must be able to seek treatment for Covered Services within a Cigna Dental Service Area. Other eligibility requirements are determined by your Group.

If you enrolled in the Dental Plan before the effective date of your Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day the Group Contract is effective. If you enrolled in the Dental Plan after the effective date of the Group Contract, you will be covered on the first day of the month following processing of your enrollment (unless effective dates other than the first day of the month are provided for in your Group Contract).

Dependents may be enrolled in the Dental Plan at the time you enroll, during an open enrollment, or within 31 days of becoming eligible due to a life status change such as marriage, birth, adoption, placement, or court or administrative order. You may drop coverage for your Dependents only during the open enrollment periods for your Group, unless there is a change in status such as divorce. Cigna Dental may require evidence of good dental health at your expense if you or your Dependents enroll after the first period of eligibility (except during open enrollment) or after disenrollment because of nonpayment of Premiums.

A Dependent child may be enrolled within 60 days of a court order.



If you have family coverage, a newly born child of a Dependent child is automatically covered during the first 31 days of life. If you wish to continue coverage beyond the first 31 days, the newborn needs to be enrolled in the Dental Plan and you need to begin to pay Premiums/Prepayment Fees during that period.

Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, you may be eligible to continue coverage during certain leaves of absence from work. During such leaves, you will be responsible for paying your Group the portion of the Premiums, if any, which you would have paid if you had not taken the leave. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

#### **IV. Your Cigna Dental Coverage**

The information below outlines your coverage and will help you to better understand your Dental Plan. Included is information about which services are covered, which are not, and how much dental services will cost you. A copy of the Group Contract will be furnished to you upon your request.

##### **A. Customer Service**

If you have any questions or concerns about the Dental Plan, Customer Service Representatives are just a toll-free phone call away. They can explain your benefits or help with matters regarding your Dental Office or Dental Plan. For assistance with transfers, specialty referrals, eligibility, second opinions, emergencies, Covered Services, plan benefits, ID cards, location of Dental Offices, conversion coverage or other matters, call Customer Service from any location at 1.800.Cigna24. The hearing impaired may contact the state TTY toll-free relay service number listed in their local telephone directory.

##### **B. Premiums**

Your Group sends a monthly fee to Cigna Dental for customers participating in the Dental Plan. The amount and term of this fee is set forth in your Group Contract. You may contact your Benefits Representative for information regarding any part of this fee to be withheld from your salary or to be paid by you to the Group.

##### **C. Other Charges – Patient Charges**

Network General Dentists are typically reimbursed by Cigna Dental through fixed monthly payments and supplemental payments for certain procedures. No bonuses or financial incentives are used as an inducement to limit services. Network Dentists are also compensated by the fees which you pay, as set out in your Patient Charge Schedule.

Your Patient Charge Schedule lists the dental procedures covered under your Dental Plan. Some dental procedures are covered at no charge to you. For other Covered Services, the Patient Charge Schedule lists the fees you must pay when you visit your Dental Office. There are no deductibles and no annual dollar limits for services covered by your Dental Plan.

Your Network General Dentist should tell you about Patient Charges for Covered Services, the amount you must pay for non-Covered Services and the Dental Office's payment policies. Timely payment is important. It is possible that the Dental Office may add late charges to overdue balances.

Your Patient Charge Schedule is subject to annual change in accordance with your Group Contract. Cigna Dental will give written notice to your Group of any change in Patient Charges at least 60 days prior to such change. You will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on the Patient Charge Schedule that is in effect on the date a procedure is started.

##### **D. Choice of Dentist**

You and your Dependents should have selected a Dental Office when you enrolled in the Dental Plan. If you did not, you must advise Cigna Dental of your Dental Office selection prior to receiving treatment. The benefits of the Dental Plan are available only at your Dental Office, except in the case of an emergency or when Cigna Dental otherwise approves payment for out-of-network benefits.

You may select a network Pediatric Dentist as the Network General Dentist for your Dependent child under age 13 by calling Customer Service at 1.800.Cigna24 to get a list of network Pediatric Dentists in your Service Area or if your Network General Dentist sends your child under the age of 13 to a network Pediatric Dentist, the network Pediatric Dentist's office will have primary responsibility for your child's care. For children 13 years and older, your Network General Dentist will provide care. If your child continues to visit the Pediatric Dentist upon the age of 13, you will be fully responsible for the Pediatric Dentist's Usual Fees. Exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

If for any reason your selected Dental Office cannot provide your dental care, or if your Network General Dentist terminates from the network, Cigna Dental will let you know and will arrange a transfer to another Dental Office. Refer to the Section titled "Office Transfers" if you wish to change your Dental Office.

To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com), or call the Dental Office



Locator at 1.800.Cigna24. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. If you would like to have the list faxed to you, enter your fax number, including your area code. You may always obtain a current Dental Office Directory by calling Customer Service.

#### **E. Your Payment Responsibility (General Care)**

For Covered Services at your Dental Office, you will be charged the fees listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. For services listed on your Patient Charge Schedule at any other dental office, you may be charged Usual Fees. For non-Covered Services, you are responsible for paying Usual Fees.

If, on a temporary basis, there is no Network General Dentist in your Service Area, Cigna Dental will let you know and you may obtain Covered Services from a non-Network Dentist. You will pay the non-Network Dentist the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will pay the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge.

See Section IX, *Specialty Referrals*, regarding payment responsibility for specialty care.

All contracts between Cigna Dental and Network Dentists state that you will not be liable to the Network Dentist for any sums owed to the Network Dentist by Cigna Dental.

#### **F. Emergency Dental Care - Reimbursement**

An emergency is a dental condition of recent onset and severity which would lead a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of dentistry to believe the condition needs immediate dental procedures necessary to control excessive bleeding, relieve severe pain, or eliminate acute infection. You should contact your Network General Dentist if you have an emergency in your Service Area.

##### **1. Emergency Care Away From Home**

If you have an emergency while you are out of your Service Area or you are unable to contact your Network General Dentist, you may receive emergency Covered Services as defined above from any general dentist. Routine restorative procedures or definitive treatment (e.g. root canal) are not considered emergency care. You should return to your Network General Dentist for these procedures. For emergency Covered Services, you will be responsible for the Patient Charges listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. Cigna Dental will reimburse you the difference, if any, between the dentist's Usual Fee for emergency Covered Services and your Patient Charge, up to a total of \$50 per

incident. To receive reimbursement, send appropriate reports and x-rays to Cigna Dental at the address listed for your state on the front of this booklet.

##### **2. Emergency Care After Hours**

There is a Patient Charge listed on your Patient Charge Schedule for emergency care rendered after regularly scheduled office hours. This charge will be in addition to other applicable Patient Charges.

#### **G. Limitations on Covered Services**

Listed below are limitations on services when covered by your Dental Plan:

- **Frequency** - The frequency of certain Covered Services, like cleanings, is limited. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on frequency.
- **Pediatric Dentistry** - Coverage for treatment by a Pediatric Dentist ends on your child's 13th birthday. Effective on your child's 13th birthday, dental services must be obtained from a Network General Dentist however, exceptions for medical reasons may be considered on an individual basis.
- **Oral Surgery** - The surgical removal of an impacted wisdom tooth may not be covered if the tooth is not diseased or if the removal is only for orthodontic reasons. Your Patient Charge Schedule lists any limitations on oral surgery.
- **Periodontal (gum tissue and supporting bone) Services** – Periodontal regenerative procedures are limited to one regenerative procedure per site (or per tooth, if applicable), when covered on the Patient Charge Schedule.
  - Localized delivery of antimicrobial agents is limited to eight teeth (or eight sites, if applicable) per 12 consecutive months, when covered on the Patient Charge Schedule.
- **Clinical Oral Evaluations** – When this limitation is noted on the Patient Charge Schedule, periodic oral evaluations, comprehensive oral evaluations, comprehensive periodontal evaluations, and oral evaluations for patients under 3 years of age, are limited to a combined total of 4 evaluations during a 12 consecutive month period.
- **Surgical Placement of Implant Services** – When covered on the Patient Charge Schedule, surgical placement of a dental implant; repair, maintenance, or removal of a dental implant; implant abutment(s); or any services related to the surgical placement of a dental implant are limited to one per year with replacement of a surgical implant frequency limitation of one every 10 years.
- **Prosthesis Over Implant** - When covered on the Patient Charge Schedule, a prosthetic device, supported by an implant or implant abutment is considered a separate

distinct service(s) from surgical placement of an implant. Replacement of any type of prosthesis with a prosthesis supported by an implant or implant abutment is only covered if the existing prosthesis is at least 5 calendar years old, is not serviceable and cannot be repaired.

#### **General Limitations Dental Benefits**

No payment will be made for expenses incurred or services received:

- for or in connection with an injury arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit;
- for charges which would not have been made in any facility, other than a Hospital or a Correctional Institution owned or operated by the United States Government or by a state or municipal government if the person had no insurance;
- to the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred or the services are received;
- for the charges which the person is not legally required to pay;
- for charges which would not have been made if the person had no insurance;
- due to injuries which are intentionally self-inflicted.

#### **H. Services Not Covered Under Your Dental Plan**

Listed below are the services or expenses which are NOT covered under your Dental Plan and which are your responsibility at the dentist's Usual Fees. There is no coverage for:

- services not listed on the Patient Charge Schedule.
- services provided by a non-Network Dentist without Cigna Dental's prior approval (except emergencies, as described in Section IV.F).
- services related to an injury or illness paid under workers' compensation, occupational disease or similar laws.
- services provided or paid by or through a federal or state governmental agency or authority, political subdivision or a public program, other than Medicaid.
- services required while serving in the armed forces of any country or international authority or relating to a declared or undeclared war or acts of war.
- cosmetic dentistry or cosmetic dental surgery (dentistry or dental surgery performed solely to improve appearance) unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. If bleaching (tooth whitening) is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, only the use of take-home bleaching gel with trays is covered; all other types of bleaching methods are not covered.

- general anesthesia, sedation and nitrous oxide, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule. When listed on your Patient Charge Schedule, general anesthesia and IV sedation are covered when medically necessary and provided in conjunction with Covered Services performed by an Oral Surgeon or Periodontist. There is no coverage for general anesthesia or intravenous sedation when used for the purposes of anxiety control or patient management.
- prescription medications.
- procedures, appliances or restorations if the main purpose is to: change vertical dimension (degree of separation of the jaw when teeth are in contact) or restore teeth which have been damaged by attrition, abrasion, erosion and/or abfraction.
- replacement of fixed and/or removable appliances (including fixed and removable orthodontic appliances) that have been lost, stolen, or damaged due to patient abuse, misuse or neglect.
- surgical placement of a dental implant; repair, maintenance, or removal of a dental implant; implant abutment(s); or any services related to the surgical placement of a dental implant, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
- services considered to be unnecessary or experimental in nature or do not meet commonly accepted dental standards.
- procedures or appliances for minor tooth guidance or to control harmful habits.
- hospitalization, including any associated incremental charges for dental services performed in a hospital. (Benefits are available for Network Dentist charges for Covered Services performed at a hospital. Other associated charges are not covered and should be submitted to the medical carrier for benefit determination.)
- services to the extent you or your enrolled Dependent are compensated under any group medical plan, no-fault auto insurance policy, or uninsured motorist policy. Coverage for Covered Services to the extent compensated under group medical plan, no fault auto insurance policies or uninsured motorist policies is not excluded.
- the completion of crowns, bridges, dentures, or root canal treatment, already in progress on the effective date of your Cigna Dental coverage.
- the completion of implant supported prosthesis (including crowns, bridges and dentures) already in progress on the effective date of your Cigna Dental coverage, unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
- consultations and/or evaluations associated with services that are not covered.

- endodontic treatment and/or periodontal (gum tissue and supporting bone) surgery of teeth exhibiting a poor or hopeless periodontal prognosis.
- bone grafting and/or guided tissue regeneration when performed at the site of a tooth extraction unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
- bone grafting and/or guided tissue regeneration when performed in conjunction with an apicoectomy or periradicular surgery.
- intentional root canal treatment in the absence of injury or disease to solely facilitate a restorative procedure.
- services performed by a prosthodontist.
- localized delivery of antimicrobial agents when performed alone or in the absence of traditional periodontal therapy.
- any localized delivery of antimicrobial agent procedures when more than eight (8) of these procedures are reported on the same date of service.
- infection control and/or sterilization. Cigna Dental considers this to be incidental to and part of the charges for services provided and not separately chargeable.
- the recementation of any inlay, onlay, crown, post and core or fixed bridge within 180 days of initial placement. Cigna Dental considers recementation within this timeframe to be incidental to and part of the charges for the initial restoration.
- the recementation of any implant supported prosthesis (including crowns, bridges and dentures) within 180 days of initial placement. Cigna Dental considers recementation within this timeframe to be incidental to and part of the charges for the initial restoration unless specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.
- services to correct congenital malformations, including the replacement of congenitally missing teeth.
- the replacement of an occlusal guard (night guard) beyond one per any 24 consecutive month period, when this limitation is noted on the Patient Charge Schedule.
- crowns, bridges and/or implant supported prosthesis used solely for splinting.
- resin bonded retainers and associated pontics.
  - Pre-existing conditions are not excluded if the procedures involved are otherwise covered under your Patient Charge Schedule.
  - Should any law require coverage for any particular service(s) noted above, the exclusion or limitation for that service(s) shall not apply.

## V. Appointments

To make an appointment with your Network Dentist, call the Dental Office that you have selected. When you call, your Dental Office will ask for your identification number and will check your eligibility.

## VI. Broken Appointments

The time your Network Dentist schedules for your appointment is valuable to you and the dentist. Broken appointments make it difficult for your Dental Office to schedule time with other patients.

If you or your enrolled Dependent breaks an appointment with less than 24 hours notice to the Dental Office, you may be charged a broken appointment fee.

## VII. Office Transfers

If you decide to change Dental Offices, we can arrange a transfer. You should complete any dental procedure in progress before transferring to another Dental Office. To arrange a transfer, call Customer Service at 1.800.Cigna24. To obtain a list of Dental Offices near you, visit our website at [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com), or call the Dental Office Locator at 1.800.Cigna24.

Your transfer request may take up to 5 days to process. Transfers will be effective the first day of the month after the processing of your request. Unless you have an emergency, you will be unable to schedule an appointment at the new Dental Office until your transfer becomes effective. You can check the status of your request by visiting [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com) or by calling us at 1.800.Cigna24.

There is no charge to you for the transfer; however, all Patient Charges which you owe to your current Dental Office must be paid before the transfer can be processed.

## VIII. Specialty Care

Your Network General Dentist at your Dental Office has primary responsibility for your professional dental care. Because you may need specialty care, the Cigna Dental Network includes the following types of specialty dentists:

- Pediatric Dentists – children’s dentistry.
- Endodontists – root canal treatment.
- Periodontists – treatment of gums and bone.
- Oral Surgeons – complex extractions and other surgical procedures.
- Orthodontists – tooth movement.

There is no coverage for referrals to prosthodontists or other specialty dentists not listed above.

When specialty care is needed, your Network General Dentist must start the referral process. X-rays taken by your Network General Dentist should be sent to the Network Specialty Dentist.

See Section IV.D, *Choice of Dentist*, regarding treatment by a Pediatric Dentist.

## IX. Specialty Referrals

### A. In General

Preauthorization is not required for coverage of services by a Network Specialty Dentist.

When Cigna Dental approves payment to the Network Specialty Dentist, the fees or no-charge services listed on the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date each procedure is started will apply, except as set out in Section IX.B., Orthodontics. Treatment by the Network Specialty Dentist must begin within 90 days from the date of Cigna Dental's approval. If you are unable to obtain treatment within the 90 day period, please call Customer Service to request an extension. Your coverage must be in effect when each procedure begins.

For non-Covered Services or if Cigna Dental does not approve payment to the Network Specialty Dentist for Covered Services, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the Network Specialty Dentist's Usual Fee. If you have a question or concern regarding an approval or a denial, contact Customer Service.

After the Network Specialty Dentist has completed treatment, you should return to your Network General Dentist for cleanings, regular checkups and other treatment. If you visit a Network Specialty Dentist without a referral or if you continue to see a Network Specialty Dentist after you have completed specialty care, it will be your responsibility to pay for treatment at the dentist's Usual Fees.

When your Network General Dentist determines that you need specialty care and a Network Specialty Dentist is not available, as determined by Cigna Dental, Cigna Dental will approve a referral to a non-Network Specialty Dentist. The referral procedures applicable to specialty care will apply. In such cases, you will be responsible for the applicable Patient Charge for Covered Services. Cigna Dental will reimburse the non-Network Dentist the difference, if any, between his or her Usual Fee and the applicable Patient Charge. For non-Covered Services or

services not approved for payment, including Adverse Determinations, you must pay the dentist's Usual Fee.

### B. Orthodontics (This section is applicable only when Orthodontics is listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.)

1. **Definitions** – If your Patient Charge Schedule indicates coverage for orthodontic treatment, the following definitions apply:
  - a. **Orthodontic Treatment Plan and Records** – the preparation of orthodontic records and a treatment plan by the Orthodontist.
  - b. **Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment** – treatment prior to full eruption of the permanent teeth, frequently a first phase preceding comprehensive treatment.
  - c. **Comprehensive Orthodontic Treatment** – treatment after the eruption of most permanent teeth, generally the final phase of treatment before retention.
  - d. **Retention (Post Treatment Stabilization)** – the period following orthodontic treatment during which you may wear an appliance to maintain and stabilize the new position of the teeth.

### 2. Patient Charges

The Patient Charge for your entire orthodontic case, including retention, will be based upon the Patient Charge Schedule in effect on the date of your visit for Treatment Plan and Records. However, if a. banding/appliance insertion does not occur within 90 days of such visit, b. your treatment plan changes, or c. there is an interruption in your coverage or treatment, a later change in the Patient Charge Schedule may apply.

The Patient Charge for Orthodontic Treatment is based upon 24 months of interceptive and/or comprehensive treatment. If you require more than 24 months of treatment in total, you will be charged an additional amount for each additional month of treatment, based upon the Orthodontist's Contract Fee. If you require less than 24 months of treatment, your Patient Charge will be reduced on a pro-rated basis.

### 3. Additional Charges

You will be responsible for the Orthodontist's Usual Fees for the following non-Covered Services:

- a. incremental costs associated with optional/elective materials, including but not limited to ceramic, clear, lingual brackets, or other cosmetic appliances;



- b. orthognathic surgery and associated incremental costs;
- c. appliances to guide minor tooth movement;
- d. appliances to correct harmful habits; and
- e. services which are not typically included in Orthodontic Treatment. These services will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

#### **4. Orthodontics In Progress**

If Orthodontic Treatment is in progress for you or your Dependent at the time you enroll, the fee listed on the Patient Charge Schedule is not applicable. Please call Customer Service at 1.800.Cigna24 to find out if you are entitled to any benefit under the Dental Plan.

### **X. Complex Rehabilitation/Multiple Crown Units**

Complex rehabilitation is extensive dental restoration involving 6 or more “units” of crown, bridge and/or implant supported prosthesis (including crowns and bridges) in the same treatment plan. Using full crowns (caps), fixed bridges and/or implant supported prosthesis (including crowns and bridges) which are cemented in place, your Network General Dentist will rebuild natural teeth, fill in spaces where teeth are missing and establish conditions which allow each tooth to function in harmony with the occlusion (bite). The extensive procedures involved in complex rehabilitation require an extraordinary amount of time, effort, skill and laboratory collaboration for a successful outcome.

Complex rehabilitation will be covered when performed by your Network General Dentist after consultation with you about diagnosis, treatment plan and charges. Each tooth or tooth replacement included in the treatment plan is referred to as a “unit” on your Patient Charge Schedule. The crown, bridge and/or implant supported prosthesis (including crowns and bridges) charges on your Patient Charge Schedule are for each unit of crown or bridge. You pay the per unit charge for each unit of crown, bridge and/or implant supported prosthesis (including crowns and bridges) PLUS an additional charge for each unit when 6 or more units are prescribed in your Network General Dentist’s treatment plan.

Note: Complex rehabilitation only applies for implant supported prosthesis, when implant supported prosthesis are specifically listed on your Patient Charge Schedule.

### **XI. What To Do If There Is A Problem**

For the purposes of this section, any reference to “you” or “your” also refers to a representative or provider designated by you to act on your behalf.

Most problems can be resolved between you and your dentist. However, we want you to be completely satisfied with the Dental Plan. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and complaints. The complaint procedure is voluntary and will be used only upon your request.

#### **A. Start with Customer Service**

We are here to listen and to help. If you have a concern about your Dental Office or the Dental Plan, you can call 1.800.Cigna24 toll-free and explain your concern to one of our Customer Service Representatives. You can also express that concern in writing to Cigna Dental, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047. We will do our best to resolve the matter during your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your concern, we will get back to you as soon as possible, usually by the end of the next business day, but in any case within 30 days.

If you are not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, you may start the appeals procedure.

#### **B. Appeals Procedure**

Cigna Dental has a two-step appeals procedure for coverage decisions. To initiate an appeal, you must submit a request in writing to Cigna Dental, P.O. Box 188047, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8047, within 1 year from the date of the initial Cigna Dental decision. You should state the reason you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information to support your appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask Customer Service to register your appeal by calling 1.800.Cigna24.

##### **1. Level-One Appeals**

Your level-one appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial review. Appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness will be reviewed by a dental professional.

If your appeal concerns a denied pre-authorization, we will respond with a decision within 15 calendar days after we receive your appeal. For appeals concerning all other coverage issues, we will respond with a decision within 30 calendar days after we receive your appeal. If we need more information to make your level-one appeal decision, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15

calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the time frames under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, Cigna Dental will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

If you are not satisfied with our level-one appeal decision, you may request a level-two appeal.

## **2. Level-Two Appeals**

To initiate a level-two appeal, follow the same process required for a level-one appeal. Your level-two appeal will be reviewed and a decision made by someone not involved in the level-one appeal. For appeals involving dental necessity or clinical appropriateness, the decision will be made by a dentist. If specialty care is in dispute, the appeal will be conducted by a dentist in the same or similar specialty as the care under review.

The review will be completed within 30 calendar days. If we need more information to complete the appeal, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review. The decision will include the specific contractual or clinical reasons for the decision, as applicable.

You may request that the appeal resolution be expedited if the time frames under the above process would seriously jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain the dental functionality that existed prior to the onset of your current condition. A dental professional, in consultation with the treating dentist, will decide if an expedited review is necessary. When a review is expedited, the Dental Plan will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing.

## **3. Independent Review Procedure**

The independent review procedure is a voluntary program arranged by the Dental Plan and is not available in all areas.

## **4. Appeals to the State**

You have the right to contact your State's Department of Insurance and/or Department of Health for assistance at any time.

You always have the right to file a complaint with or seek assistance from the Pennsylvania Insurance Department, 1326 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17120-0701, (717) 787-2317.

Cigna Dental will not cancel or refuse to renew your coverage because you or your Dependent has filed a complaint or an appeal involving a decision made by Cigna Dental. You have the right to file suit in a court of law for any claim involving the professional treatment performed by a dentist.

## **XII. Dual Coverage**

You and your Dependents may not be covered twice under this Dental Plan. If you and your spouse have enrolled each other or the same Dependents twice, please contact your Benefit Administrator.

If you or your Dependents have dental coverage through your spouse's employer or other sources such as an HMO or similar dental plan, applicable coordination of benefit rules will determine which coverage is primary or secondary. In most cases, the plan covering you as an employee is primary for you, and the plan covering your spouse as an employee is primary for him or her. Your children are generally covered as primary by the plan of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the year. Dual coverage should result in lowering or eliminating your out-of-pocket expenses. It should not result in reimbursement for more than 100% of your expenses.

Coordination of benefit rules are attached to the Group Contract and may be reviewed by contacting your Benefit Administrator. Cigna Dental coordinates benefits only for specialty care services.

All benefits provided under the Dental Plan shall be in excess of and not in duplication of first party medical benefits payable under the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Law, 75 Pa. C.S.A. § 1711, et. seq.

## **XIII. Disenrollment From the Dental Plan – Termination of Benefits**

### **A. Time Frames for Disenrollment/Termination**

Except as otherwise provided in the sections titled "Extension/Continuation of Benefits" or in your Group Contract, disenrollment from the Dental Plan and



termination of benefits will occur on the last day of the month:

1. in which Premiums are not remitted to Cigna Dental.
2. in which eligibility requirements are no longer met.
3. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship as determined by Cigna Dental, after at least two opportunities to transfer to another Dental Office.
4. after 30 days notice from Cigna Dental due to fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices.
5. after 60 days notice by Cigna Dental, due to continued lack of a Dental Office in your Service Area.
6. after voluntary disenrollment.

#### **B. Effect on Dependents**

When one of your Dependents is disenrolled, you and your other Dependents may continue to be enrolled.

When you are disenrolled, your Dependents will be disenrolled as well.

#### **XIV. Extension of Benefits**

Coverage for completion of a dental procedure (other than orthodontics) which was started before your disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended for 90 days after disenrollment unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

Coverage for orthodontic treatment which was started before disenrollment from the Dental Plan will be extended to the end of the quarter or for 60 days after disenrollment, whichever is later, unless disenrollment was due to nonpayment of Premiums.

#### **XV. Continuation of Benefits (COBRA)**

For Groups with 20 or more employees, federal law requires the employer to offer continuation of benefits coverage for a specified period of time after termination of employment or reduction of work hours, for any reason other than gross misconduct. You will be responsible for sending payment of the required Premiums to the Group. Additional information is available through your Benefits Representative.

#### **XVI. Conversion Coverage**

If you are no longer eligible for coverage under your Group's Dental Plan, you and your enrolled Dependents may continue

your dental coverage by enrolling in the Cigna Dental conversion plan. You must enroll within three (3) months after becoming ineligible for your Group's Dental Plan. Premium payments and coverage will be retroactive to the date coverage under your Group's Dental Plan ended. You and your enrolled Dependents are eligible for conversion coverage unless benefits were discontinued due to:

- Permanent breakdown of the dentist-patient relationship,
- Fraud or misuse of dental services and/or Dental Offices,
- Nonpayment of Premiums by the Subscriber,
- Selection of alternate dental coverage by your Group, or
- Lack of network/Service Area.

Benefits and rates for Cigna Dental conversion coverage and any succeeding renewals will be based on the Covered Services listed in the then-current standard conversion plan and may not be the same as those for your Group's Dental Plan. Please call the Cigna Dental Conversion Department at 1.800.Cigna24 to obtain current rates and make arrangements for continuing coverage.

#### **XVII. Confidentiality/Privacy**

Cigna Dental is committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your personal and sensitive information. Information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures is made available to you during the enrollment process and/or as part of your customer plan materials. You may obtain additional information about Cigna Dental's confidentiality policies and procedures by calling Customer Service at 1.800.Cigna24, or via the Internet at [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com).

#### **XVIII. Miscellaneous**

As a Cigna Dental plan customer, you may be eligible for various discounts, benefits, or other consideration for the purpose of promoting your general health and well being. Please visit our website at [myCigna.com](http://myCigna.com) for details.

As a Cigna Dental plan customer, you may also be eligible for additional dental benefits during certain health conditions. For example, certain frequency limitations for dental services may be relaxed for pregnant women and customers participating in certain disease management programs. Please review your plan enrollment materials for details.

The Group Contract, including the Patient Charge Schedule, Pre-Contract Application, and Coordination of Benefits provisions, and any amendments or additions thereto, represents the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section or sub-section of the contract





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will not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining sections or sub-sections.

The Group Contract is construed for all purposes as a legal document and will be interpreted and enforced in accordance with the pertinent laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and with pertinent federal laws and regulations.

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## **Cigna Dental Care – Cigna Dental Health Plan**

**The rider(s) listed in the next section are general provisions that apply to residents of: AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, IL, KS/NE, KY, MD, MO, NJ, NC, OH, TX**

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## Domestic Partner Rider

The following definition of Domestic Partner applies:

- A. A person of the same or opposite sex who:
1. shares your permanent residence;
  2. has resided with you for no less than one year;
  3. is no less than eighteen years of age;
  4. is financially interdependent with you and has proven such interdependence by providing documentation of at least two of the following arrangements: common ownership of real property or a common lease hold interest in such property, common ownership of a motor vehicle, a joint bank account or a joint credit account, designation as a beneficiary for life insurance or retirement benefits or under your partner's will, assignment of durable power of attorney or health care power of attorney, or such other proof as is considered by Cigna Dental Health to be sufficient to establish financial interdependency under the circumstances of your particular case;
  5. Is not your blood relative any closer than would be prohibited for a legal marriage; and
  6. has signed jointly with you a notarized affidavit in form and content satisfactory to Cigna Dental Health which shall be made available to Cigna Dental Health upon request; or
- B. A person of the same or opposite sex who has registered jointly with you as Domestic Partners with a governmental entity pursuant to a state or local law authorizing such registration and signed jointly with you a notarized affidavit of such registration which can be made available to Cigna Dental Health upon request.

The above definition applies so long as neither you nor your Domestic Partner:

- A. has signed a Domestic Partner affidavit or declaration with any other person within twelve months prior to designating each other as Domestic Partners hereunder.
- B. is currently legally married to another person; or
- C. has any other Domestic Partner, spouse or spouse equivalent of the same or opposite sex.

Domestic Partner coverage cannot be transferred to states in which such coverage has been disapproved by regulatory authorities.

This insert contains Cigna Dental's standard Domestic Partner definition. Your Group may have purchased one or both coverages (same/opposite sex partners). Consult your Group Contract for additional information.

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## Federal Requirements

The following Federal Requirement section is not part of your group insurance certificate. The following pages explain your rights and responsibilities under federal laws and regulations. Some states may have similar requirements. If a similar provision appears elsewhere in your group insurance certificate, the provision which provides the better benefit will apply.

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## Notice of Provider Directory/Networks

### Notice Regarding Provider Directories and Provider Networks

A list of network providers is available to you without charge by visiting the website or by calling the phone number on your ID card. The network consists of dental practitioners, of varied specialties as well as general practice, affiliated or contracted with Cigna or an organization contracting on its behalf.

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## Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO)

### Eligibility for Coverage Under a QMCSO

If a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) is issued for your child, that child will be eligible for coverage as required by the order and you will not be considered a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance.

You must notify your Employer and elect coverage for that child, and yourself if you are not already enrolled, within 31 days of the QMCSO being issued.

### Qualified Medical Child Support Order Defined

A Qualified Medical Child Support Order is a judgment, decree or order (including approval of a settlement agreement) or administrative notice, which is issued pursuant to a state domestic relations law (including a community property law), or to an administrative process, which provides for child support or provides for health benefit coverage to such child and relates to benefits under the group health plan, and satisfies all of the following:

- the order recognizes or creates a child's right to receive group health benefits for which a participant or beneficiary is eligible;
- the order specifies your name and last known address, and the child's name and last known address, except that the name and address of an official of a state or political subdivision may be substituted for the child's mailing address;
- the order provides a description of the coverage to be provided, or the manner in which the type of coverage is to be determined;
- the order states the period to which it applies; and
- if the order is a National Medical Support Notice completed in accordance with the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998, such Notice meets the requirements above.

The QMCSO may not require the health insurance policy to provide coverage for any type or form of benefit or option not otherwise provided under the policy, except that an order may require a plan to comply with State laws regarding health care coverage.

### Payment of Benefits

Any payment of benefits in reimbursement for Covered Expenses paid by the child, or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, shall be made to the child, the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, or a state official whose name and address have been substituted for the name and address of the child.

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## Effect of Section 125 Tax Regulations on This Plan

Your Employer has chosen to administer this Plan in accordance with Section 125 regulations of the Internal Revenue Code. Per this regulation, you may agree to a pretax

salary reduction put toward the cost of your benefits. Otherwise, you will receive your taxable earnings as cash (salary).

#### **A. Coverage elections**

Per Section 125 regulations, you are generally allowed to enroll for or change coverage only before each annual benefit period. However, exceptions are allowed:

- if your Employer agrees, and you meet the criteria shown in the following Sections B through F and enroll for or change coverage within the time period established by your Employer.

#### **B. Change of status**

A change in status is defined as:

- change in legal marital status due to marriage, death of a spouse, divorce, annulment or legal separation;
- change in number of Dependents due to birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or death of a Dependent;
- change in employment status of Employee, spouse or Dependent due to termination or start of employment, strike, lockout, beginning or end of unpaid leave of absence, including under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), or change in worksite;
- changes in employment status of Employee, spouse or Dependent resulting in eligibility or ineligibility for coverage;
- change in residence of Employee, spouse or Dependent to a location outside of the Employer's network service area; and
- changes which cause a Dependent to become eligible or ineligible for coverage.

#### **C. Court order**

A change in coverage due to and consistent with a court order of the Employee or other person to cover a Dependent.

#### **D. Medicare or Medicaid eligibility/entitlement**

The Employee, spouse or Dependent cancels or reduces coverage due to entitlement to Medicare or Medicaid, or enrolls or increases coverage due to loss of Medicare or Medicaid eligibility.

#### **E. Change in cost of coverage**

If the cost of benefits increases or decreases during a benefit period, your Employer may, in accordance with plan terms, automatically change your elective contribution.

When the change in cost is significant, you may either increase your contribution or elect less-costly coverage. When a significant overall reduction is made to the benefit option you have elected, you may elect another available benefit

option. When a new benefit option is added, you may change your election to the new benefit option.

#### **F. Changes in coverage of spouse or Dependent under another employer's plan**

You may make a coverage election change if the plan of your spouse or Dependent: incurs a change such as adding or deleting a benefit option; allows election changes due to Change in Status, Court Order or Medicare or Medicaid Eligibility/Entitlement; or this Plan and the other plan have different periods of coverage or open enrollment periods.

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### **Eligibility for Coverage for Adopted Children**

Any child who is adopted by you, including a child who is placed with you for adoption, will be eligible for Dependent Insurance, if otherwise eligible as a Dependent, upon the date of placement with you. A child will be considered placed for adoption when you become legally obligated to support that child, totally or partially, prior to that child's adoption.

If a child placed for adoption is not adopted, all health coverage ceases when the placement ends, and will not be continued.

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### **Group Plan Coverage Instead of Medicaid**

If your income and liquid resources do not exceed certain limits established by law, the state may decide to pay premiums for this coverage instead of for Medicaid, if it is cost effective. This includes premiums for continuation coverage required by federal law.

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## Requirements of Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (as amended) (FMLA)

Any provisions of the policy that provide for: continuation of insurance during a leave of absence; and reinstatement of insurance following a return to Active Service; are modified by the following provisions of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, where applicable:

### Continuation of Health Insurance During Leave

Your health insurance will be continued during a leave of absence if:

- that leave qualifies as a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended; and
- you are an eligible Employee under the terms of that Act.

The cost of your health insurance during such leave must be paid, whether entirely by your Employer or in part by you and your Employer.

### Reinstatement of Canceled Insurance Following Leave

Upon your return to Active Service following a leave of absence that qualifies under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, any canceled insurance (health, life or disability) will be reinstated as of the date of your return.

You will not be required to satisfy any eligibility or benefit waiting period to the extent that they had been satisfied prior to the start of such leave of absence.

Your Employer will give you detailed information about the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended.

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## Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA)

The Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) sets requirements for continuation of health coverage and re-employment in regard to an Employee's military leave of absence. These requirements apply to medical and dental coverage for you and your Dependents. They do not apply to any Life, Short-term or Long-term Disability or Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage you may have.

### Continuation of Coverage

For leaves of less than 31 days, coverage will continue as described in the Termination section regarding Leave of Absence.

For leaves of 31 days or more, you may continue coverage for yourself and your Dependents as follows:

You may continue benefits by paying the required premium to your Employer, until the earliest of the following:

- 24 months from the last day of employment with the Employer;
- the day after you fail to return to work; and
- the date the policy cancels.

Your Employer may charge you and your Dependents up to 102% of the total premium.

### Reinstatement of Benefits (applicable to all coverages)

If your coverage ends during the leave of absence because you do not elect USERRA at the expiration of USERRA and you are reemployed by your current Employer, coverage for you and your Dependents may be reinstated if you gave your Employer advance written or verbal notice of your military service leave, and the duration of all military leaves while you are employed with your current Employer does not exceed 5 years.

You and your Dependents will be subject to only the balance of a waiting period that was not yet satisfied before the leave began. However, if an Injury or Sickness occurs or is aggravated during the military leave, full Plan limitations will apply.

If your coverage under this plan terminates as a result of your eligibility for military medical and dental coverage and your order to active duty is canceled before your active duty service commences, these reinstatement rights will continue to apply.

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## Claim Determination Procedures

### Procedures Regarding Medical Necessity Determinations

In general, health services and benefits must be Medically Necessary to be covered under the plan. The procedures for determining Medical Necessity vary, according to the type of service or benefit requested, and the type of health plan.

You or your authorized representative (typically, your health care professional) must request Medical Necessity determinations according to the procedures described below, in the Certificate, and in your provider's network participation documents as applicable.

When services or benefits are determined to be not covered, you or your representative will receive a written description of the adverse determination, and may appeal the determination.



Appeal procedures are described in the Certificate, in your provider's network participation documents as applicable, and in the determination notices.

### **Postservice Determinations**

When you or your representative requests a coverage determination or a claim payment determination after services have been rendered, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the determination within 30 days after receiving the request. However, if more time is needed to make a determination due to matters beyond Cigna's control Cigna will notify you or your representative within 30 days after receiving the request. This notice will include the date a determination can be expected, which will be no more than 45 days after receipt of the request.

If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what information is needed and you or your representative must provide the specified information to Cigna within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on the date Cigna sends such a notice of missing information, and the determination period will resume on the date you or your representative responds to the notice.

### **Notice of Adverse Determination**

Every notice of an adverse benefit determination will be provided in writing or electronically, and will include all of the following that pertain to the determination: the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; a description of any additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; a description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable, including a statement of a claimant's rights to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse benefit determination on appeal, if applicable; upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your claim, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit; and in the case of a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

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## **COBRA Continuation Rights Under Federal Law**

### **For You and Your Dependents**

#### **What is COBRA Continuation Coverage?**

Under federal law, you and/or your Dependents must be given the opportunity to continue health insurance when there is a "qualifying event" that would result in loss of coverage under the Plan. You and/or your Dependents will be permitted to continue the same coverage under which you or your Dependents were covered on the day before the qualifying event occurred, unless you move out of that plan's coverage area or the plan is no longer available. You and/or your Dependents cannot change coverage options until the next open enrollment period.

#### **When is COBRA Continuation Available?**

For you and your Dependents, COBRA continuation is available for up to 18 months from the date of the following qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan:

- your termination of employment for any reason, other than gross misconduct; or
- your reduction in work hours.

For your Dependents, COBRA continuation coverage is available for up to 36 months from the date of the following qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan:

- your death;
- your divorce or legal separation; or
- for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

#### **Who is Entitled to COBRA Continuation?**

Only a "qualified beneficiary" (as defined by federal law) may elect to continue health insurance coverage. A qualified beneficiary may include the following individuals who were covered by the Plan on the day the qualifying event occurred: you, your spouse, and your Dependent children. Each qualified beneficiary has their own right to elect or decline COBRA continuation coverage even if you decline or are not eligible for COBRA continuation.

The following individuals are not qualified beneficiaries for purposes of COBRA continuation: domestic partners, grandchildren (unless adopted by you), stepchildren (unless adopted by you). Although these individuals do not have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage, if you elect COBRA continuation coverage for yourself, you may also cover your Dependents even if they are not considered qualified beneficiaries under COBRA. However,



such individuals' coverage will terminate when your COBRA continuation coverage terminates. The sections titled "Secondary Qualifying Events" and "Medicare Extension For Your Dependents" are not applicable to these individuals.

### **Secondary Qualifying Events**

If, as a result of your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, your Dependent(s) have elected COBRA continuation coverage and one or more Dependents experience another COBRA qualifying event, the affected Dependent(s) may elect to extend their COBRA continuation coverage for an additional 18 months (7 months if the secondary event occurs within the disability extension period) for a maximum of 36 months from the initial qualifying event. The second qualifying event must occur before the end of the initial 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage or within the disability extension period discussed below. Under no circumstances will COBRA continuation coverage be available for more than 36 months from the initial qualifying event. Secondary qualifying events are: your death; your divorce or legal separation; or, for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

### **Disability Extension**

If, after electing COBRA continuation coverage due to your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, you or one of your Dependents is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be totally disabled under Title II or XVI of the SSA, you and all of your Dependents who have elected COBRA continuation coverage may extend such continuation for an additional 11 months, for a maximum of 29 months from the initial qualifying event.

To qualify for the disability extension, all of the following requirements must be satisfied:

- SSA must determine that the disability occurred prior to or within 60 days after the disabled individual elected COBRA continuation coverage; and
- A copy of the written SSA determination must be provided to the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the date the SSA determination is made AND before the end of the initial 18-month continuation period.

If the SSA later determines that the individual is no longer disabled, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 30 days after the date the final determination is made by SSA. The 11-month disability extension will terminate for all covered persons on the first day of the month that is more than 30 days after the date the SSA makes a final determination that the disabled individual is no longer disabled.

All causes for "Termination of COBRA Continuation" listed below will also apply to the period of disability extension.

### **Medicare Extension for Your Dependents**

When the qualifying event is your termination of employment or reduction in work hours and you became enrolled in Medicare (Part A, Part B or both) within the 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage for your Dependents will last for up to 36 months after the date you became enrolled in Medicare. Your COBRA continuation coverage will last for up to 18 months from the date of your termination of employment or reduction in work hours.

### **Termination of COBRA Continuation**

COBRA continuation coverage will be terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- the end of the COBRA continuation period of 18, 29 or 36 months, as applicable;
- failure to pay the required premium within 30 calendar days after the due date;
- cancellation of the Employer's policy with Cigna;
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary enrolls in Medicare (Part A, Part B, or both);
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary becomes covered under another group health plan, unless the qualified beneficiary has a condition for which the new plan limits or excludes coverage under a pre-existing condition provision. In such case coverage will continue until the earliest of: the end of the applicable maximum period; the date the pre-existing condition provision is no longer applicable; or the occurrence of an event described in one of the first three bullets above;
- any reason the Plan would terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary who is not receiving continuation coverage (e.g., fraud).

### **Employer's Notification Requirements**

Your Employer is required to provide you and/or your Dependents with the following notices:

- An initial notification of COBRA continuation rights must be provided within 90 days after your (or your spouse's) coverage under the Plan begins (or the Plan first becomes subject to COBRA continuation requirements, if later). If you and/or your Dependents experience a qualifying event before the end of that 90-day period, the initial notice must be provided within the time frame required for the COBRA continuation coverage election notice as explained below.
- A COBRA continuation coverage election notice must be provided to you and/or your Dependents within the following timeframes:
  - if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the

Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the loss of coverage, 44 days after loss of coverage under the Plan;

- if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the occurrence of a qualifying event, 44 days after the qualifying event occurs; or
- in the case of a multi-employer plan, no later than 14 days after the end of the period in which Employers must provide notice of a qualifying event to the Plan Administrator.

### **How to Elect COBRA Continuation Coverage**

The COBRA coverage election notice will list the individuals who are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage and inform you of the applicable premium. The notice will also include instructions for electing COBRA continuation coverage. You must notify the Plan Administrator of your election no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If a written election notice is required, it must be post-marked no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If you do not make proper notification by the due date shown on the notice, you and your Dependents will lose the right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If you reject COBRA continuation coverage before the due date, you may change your mind as long as you furnish a completed election form before the due date.

Each qualified beneficiary has an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Continuation coverage may be elected for only one, several, or for all Dependents who are qualified beneficiaries. Parents may elect to continue coverage on behalf of their Dependent children. You or your spouse may elect continuation coverage on behalf of all the qualified beneficiaries. You are not required to elect COBRA continuation coverage in order for your Dependents to elect COBRA continuation.

### **How Much Does COBRA Continuation Coverage Cost?**

Each qualified beneficiary may be required to pay the entire cost of continuation coverage. The amount may not exceed 102% of the cost to the group health plan (including both Employer and Employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated active Employee or family member. The premium during the 11-month disability extension may not exceed 150% of the cost to the group health plan (including both employer and employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated active Employee or family member.

For example: If the Employee alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, the Employee will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If the spouse or

one Dependent child alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If more than one qualified beneficiary elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the applicable family premium.

### **When and How to Pay COBRA Premiums**

#### *First payment for COBRA continuation*

If you elect COBRA continuation coverage, you do not have to send any payment with the election form. However, you must make your first payment no later than 45 calendar days after the date of your election. (This is the date the Election Notice is postmarked, if mailed.) If you do not make your first payment within that 45 days, you will lose all COBRA continuation rights under the Plan.

#### *Subsequent payments*

After you make your first payment for COBRA continuation coverage, you will be required to make subsequent payments of the required premium for each additional month of coverage. Payment is due on the first day of each month. If you make a payment on or before its due date, your coverage under the Plan will continue for that coverage period without any break.

#### *Grace periods for subsequent payments*

Although subsequent payments are due by the first day of the month, you will be given a grace period of 30 days after the first day of the coverage period to make each monthly payment. Your COBRA continuation coverage will be provided for each coverage period as long as payment for that coverage period is made before the end of the grace period for that payment. However, if your payment is received after the due date, your coverage under the Plan may be suspended during this time. Any providers who contact the Plan to confirm coverage during this time may be informed that coverage has been suspended. If payment is received before the end of the grace period, your coverage will be reinstated back to the beginning of the coverage period. This means that any claim you submit for benefits while your coverage is suspended may be denied and may have to be resubmitted once your coverage is reinstated. If you fail to make a payment before the end of the grace period for that coverage period, you will lose all rights to COBRA continuation coverage under the Plan.



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### **You Must Give Notice of Certain Qualifying Events**

If you or your Dependent(s) experience one of the following qualifying events, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the later of the date the qualifying event occurs or the date coverage would cease as a result of the qualifying event:

- Your divorce or legal separation; or
- Your child ceases to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.
- The occurrence of a secondary qualifying event as discussed under “Secondary Qualifying Events” above (this notice must be received prior to the end of the initial 18- or 29-month COBRA period).

(Also refer to the section titled “Disability Extension” for additional notice requirements.)

Notice must be made in writing and must include: the name of the Plan, name and address of the Employee covered under the Plan, name and address(es) of the qualified beneficiaries affected by the qualifying event; the qualifying event; the date the qualifying event occurred; and supporting documentation (e.g., divorce decree, birth certificate, disability determination, etc.).

### **Newly Acquired Dependents**

If you acquire a new Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption while your coverage is being continued, you may cover such Dependent under your COBRA continuation coverage. However, only your newborn or adopted Dependent child is a qualified beneficiary and may continue COBRA continuation coverage for the remainder of the coverage period following your early termination of COBRA coverage or due to a secondary qualifying event. COBRA coverage for your Dependent spouse and any Dependent children who are not your children (e.g., stepchildren or grandchildren) will cease on the date your COBRA coverage ceases and they are not eligible for a secondary qualifying event.

### **COBRA Continuation for Retirees Following Employer’s Bankruptcy**

If you are covered as a retiree, and a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the Employer under Title 11 of the United States Code, you may be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage. If the bankruptcy results in a loss of coverage for you, your Dependents or your surviving spouse within one year before or after such proceeding, you and your covered Dependents will become COBRA qualified beneficiaries with respect to the bankruptcy. You will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage until your death. Your surviving spouse and covered Dependent children will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage for up to 36

months following your death. However, COBRA continuation coverage will cease upon the occurrence of any of the events listed under “Termination of COBRA Continuation” above.

### **Interaction With Other Continuation Benefits**

You may be eligible for other continuation benefits under state law. Refer to the Termination section for any other continuation benefits.

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