



# Good Shepherd Health Care System Employee Health Care Benefits Plan Medical and Pharmacy Benefits

Preferred Plus Plan and High Deductible Health Plan Groups 5800 and 5800C

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## Important Information about this Plan

This booklet serves as your Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for the Good Shepherd Health Care System Employee Health Care Benefits Plan as of January 1, 2022. The Good Shepherd Health Care System Employee Health Care Benefits Plan, hereafter referred to as "the Plan," offers two medical benefits plan options, the Preferred Plus Plan or the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). You may choose either plan when enrolling yourself, or your family in the Plan.

The first section of the booklet describes your coverage and payment levels under the plans offered. The section contains information on eligibility and enrollment, terminating and continuing coverage, administration, claim and appeal procedures and other legally required material applicable to each benefit plan.

Good Shepherd Health Care System (Good Shepherd), the employer, Plan Sponsor and Plan Administrator of this self-funded Plan, delegates to First Choice Health (FCH – a division of First Choice Health Network, Inc.), a Third Party Administrator (TPA), to perform certain Plan services. Good Shepherd delegates to FCH the authority to make decisions on benefit coverage, medical management, claim payment and certain other administrative services according to Good Shepherd's policies and procedures. However, Good Shepherd retains at all times the ultimate fiduciary authority, responsibility and control over Plan assets, management and administration.

As noted above, the Good Shepherd Health Care System Employee Health Care Benefits Plan will be referred to within this document as the "Plan."

Please review this booklet carefully and share it with your family. If you have questions, contact the Plan's Benefits Department (Plan Administrator) or FCH. If you have questions about whether a provider is considered 'in-network', contact the appropriate network listed in the How to Obtain Health Services section.

Coverage under this Plan will take effect for eligible employees and dependents when all eligibility requirements are satisfied. Good Shepherd fully intends to maintain this Plan indefinitely, but reserves the right to terminate, suspend, discontinue or amend the Plan at any time, for any reason. Changes in the Plan may occur in any or all parts of the Plan including benefit coverage, deductibles, maximums, copayments, exclusions, limitations, definitions, eligibility and the like.

The Plan will pay benefits only for expenses incurred while this coverage is in force. No benefits are payable for expenses incurred before coverage began or after it terminated, even if the expenses result from an accident, injury or disease that occurred, began or existed while coverage was in force. An expense for a service or supply is incurred on the date the service or supply is furnished. If the Plan terminates, the rights of participants and beneficiaries are limited to charges incurred before termination. No oral interpretations can change this Plan.

These materials do not create a contract of employment or any rights to continued employment with Good Shepherd.

## Grandfathering

Good Shepherd believes this Plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your Plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the plan administrator (Good Shepherd Health Care System) at 610 NW Eleventh, Hermiston, OR 97838. You may also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at (866) 444-3272 or <a href="https://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform.">www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform.</a> This website has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered health plans.

## **Contacting First Choice Health**

You may call FCH Customer Service directly whenever you have questions or concerns at the number printed on your ID card or contact FCH by mail, fax or Internet:

First Choice Health Customer Service Department PO Box 12659 Seattle, WA 98111-4659 (866) 551-7363 Local: (206) 268-2360

Local: (206) 268-2360 Fax: (888) 206-3092

Medical pre-authorization: (800) 808-0450

Mental health/chemical dependency pre-authorization: (800) 640-7682

TTY: (866) 876-5924 www.fchn.com

Spanish (Español): Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al (866) 551-7363.

Tagalog (Tagalog): Kung kailangan ninyo ang tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa (866) 551-7363.

Chinese (中文): 如果需要中文的帮助,请拨打这个号码 (866) 551-7363.

Navajo (Dine): Dinek'ehgo shika at'ohwol ninisingo, kwiijigo holne' (866) 551-7363.

FCH's Customer Service Department business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST). The office is closed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day (4th of July), Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. FCH offices close at 3:00 PM on the day before Thanksgiving and on December 23rd (or on the Friday before if the 23rd falls on a weekend). If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the office is closed on Friday; if the holiday falls on Sunday, the office is closed Monday (the holiday is recognized during the same calendar week in which the holiday falls).

You can access benefit information or your specific claim and enrollment status anytime at <a href="https://www.fchn.com">www.fchn.com</a> or by calling FCH Customer Service's automated voice response system at (866) 551-7363.

## **How to Obtain Health Services**

#### **Your ID Card**

Your ID card identifies you as a Plan participant and contains important information about your coverage and benefits. Please present your ID card each time you receive care. If you lose your ID card, you may order a new one either through contacting FCH Customer Service at (866) 551-7363, or logging into <a href="www.fchn.com">www.fchn.com</a>. Under no circumstances should you give your ID card to another person for their use.

## **Choosing a Provider**

To receive the network (highest) level of benefit coverage, whether living in the specific geographic location or traveling, your covered services must be obtained from providers within the following networks:

Networks	State/Area	Phone	Websites
First Choice Health Network	Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota	(800) 231-6935	www.fchn.com/Provider Search
First Health	All states/areas not served by FCHN	(800) 226-5116	www.myfirsthealth.com/

Contact the networks directly, either by phone or through the websites provided, for information on providers and/or provider directories.

### **Continuity of Care**

When you are receiving certain types of in-network care and the treating in-network provider leaves the network, the Plan must provide 90 days of continued in-network coverage (or 90 days from the date that you are no longer a continuing care patient, whichever is earlier) and the provider cannot send you a balance bill. A continuity of care patient is a person who is: (1) undergoing a course of treatment for a serious and complex condition from the provider or facility; (2) undergoing a course of institutional or inpatient care from the provider or facility; (3) scheduled to undergo non-elective surgery from the provider; (4) pregnant and undergoing a course of treatment for pregnancy from the provider; or (5) determined to be terminally ill and receiving treatment for such illness from the provider or facility. This requirement does not apply to for-cause terminations of a provider.

#### Services Received Outside the U.S.

If you are traveling outside of the United States and require treatment for an injury or medical emergency, any payments you make for medical treatment may be reimbursed, provided the following guidelines are met:

- Participants must pay for medical services at the time of service.
- Upon returning to the United States, submit an itemized statement of charges that includes diagnosis and all charges paid. The exchange rate for foreign currency must also be noted on submitted forms.
- Charges submitted must be for an Emergency or Urgent Care as defined in the Group Health Plan Summary Plan Description.
- Claims must be submitted in English.

## **Medical Management**

## **Pre-authorization Requirements**

All inpatient admissions and certain outpatient services and procedures **require FCH pre-authorization**, as also noted in the *Summary of Medical Benefits*. If pre-authorization is not obtained on the services noted below, your claim may be denied. Call (800) 808-0450 for pre-authorization on medical services or (800) 640-7682 for mental health or chemical dependency services. *Emergency Services* do not need to be pre-authorized.

- Air Ambulance Transport non-urgent transport
- Anesthesia for dental services
- Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell Therapy
- Clinical Trials (including all interventions/medications)
- **Dental Trauma Services** (follow-up services)
- **Dialysis all types** (for chronic kidney disease)
- Durable Medical Equipment, Medical Supplies and Prosthetics
  - Bone growth and Neuromuscular simulators
  - Compression devices for home use
  - Cranial orthotic devices
  - Custom and power operated wheelchair and supplies
    - Standard manual wheelchair for transition of care and rental for up to three (3) months does not need precertification
  - Custom fabricated knee braces
  - Electrical stimulators- spinal- external
  - Myoelectric components for upper limb and powered components for ankle-foot and knee prosthetics
  - Oscillatory devices and cough stimulating devices
  - Scooters
  - Speech generating devices
  - Tumor Treating Fields for Glioblastoma
  - Vacuum Assisted Wound Therapy
- Enteral Formula, Medical Food and Associated Services
- Facet Joint Injections, Medial Branch Blocks and Neurotomies (any location)
- Genetic Testing (excluding standard maternity)
  - Over \$500
- **Home Health Care Services** (certain home infusion drugs may still require preauthorization. See *Medical Injectables*)
  - Home health visits (for wound therapy only)
  - Hospice
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- Imaging
  - PET scans
- Inpatient Admissions

- Medical Injectables, Chemotherapy and Other Drugs over \$5,000 annually (Newly FDA-approved medications may also require pre-authorization. For questions, call FCH at the number above.)
  - Other Medications including
    - Blood Clotting Factors, All types, All brands
    - Select Hormone Therapy
    - o Intravenous Immunoglobulin Therapy IVIG, All types, All brands
    - Botulinum Toxin, All Types, All Brands
- Organ and Bone Marrow Transplants (includes evaluation of and services for both recipient and donor)
- Peripheral Nerve Blocks
- Radiation Therapy
  - Proton beam, neutron beam or helium ion radiation therapy
  - Stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT)
  - Stereotactic radiosurgery (Gamma Knife, Cyber Knife)

#### Surgical Services

- Breast surgeries selected (Pre-authorization is not required for breast reconstruction and nipple/areola reconstruction following mastectomy for breast cancer)
  - Implant removal,
  - o Mastectomy for gynecomastia,
- Cochlear implants (surgical benefit applies)
- Cosmetic or reconstructive surgery
- Deep brain stimulation
- Fetal/intrauterine surgery
- Gender affirming surgery
- Implantable peripheral nerve and/or spinal cord stimulator placement (temporary and permanent) including electrodes and/or pulse generator/receiver
- Orthognathic surgery
- Ovarian, internal iliac and gonadal vein embolization, ablation and sclerotherapy
- Spinal surgery selected
  - Artificial intervertebral disc
  - Cervical fusions
  - Lumbar fusions
  - Minimally invasive, percutaneous & endoscopic spine surgery
- Surgical interventions for sleep apnea
- Vagus nerve stimulation
- Varicose vein procedures
- Ventricular assist devices and total heart replacement

#### Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

Claims denied for lack of pre-authorization do **not** apply toward your calendar year deductible or out-of-pocket maximums.

Your provider may submit an advance request to FCH Medical Management for benefit or medical necessity determinations. **Experimental and investigational services are not covered**. If a service could be considered experimental and investigational for a given condition, we recommend a benefit determination in advance.

#### **Notification for Emergency Admissions**

Admissions directly from the emergency department do not require pre-authorization. However, notification is required within 2 business days after the admission, or as soon as possible, unless there are extenuating circumstances (as determined by FCH). You, or your provider, may call FCH at the number on your ID card.

#### **Concurrent Review and Discharge Coordination**

Continued hospitalization is subject to periodic clinical review to ensure timely, quality care in the appropriate setting. Discharge coordination assists those transferring from the hospital to home or another facility.

#### **Case Management**

A catastrophic or chronic medical or behavioral health condition may lead to long-term, or perhaps lifetime, care involving extensive services in a facility or at home. With case management, a clinician monitors patients who need assistance and support while exploring coordination and /or alternative types of appropriate care. The case manager consults with the patient, family and attending physician to develop an individualized plan of care that may include:

- Offering personal support to the patient
- Contacting the family for assistance and support
- Monitoring hospital or skilled nursing facility stays
- Exploring alternative care options such as pain management without narcotics
- Assisting in obtaining any necessary equipment and services
- Providing guidance and information on available resources

At times, the Case Manager may identify a customized treatment plan such as an alternative to hospitalization or other high-cost care, making more efficient use of the Plan's benefits. Such a customized plan might include services involving expenses not usually covered or an exchange of benefits. The decision to provide alternative or customized benefits is within the Plan's sole discretion. Your participation in such a treatment plan, as any through Case Management, is voluntary. You, or your legal representative, the attending physician and the Plan Administrator must all agree to any such treatment plan.

Once agreement is reached, the specific medically necessary services stated in the treatment plan will be reimbursed, subject to all Plan terms and conditions.

Case management is a voluntary service. There are no reductions of benefits or penalties if the patient and family choose not to participate. Each treatment is individually tailored to a specific patient and should not be seen as appropriate or recommended for any other patient, even one with the same diagnosis. The final decision on the course of treatment rests with patients and their providers.

# Preferred Plus Plan Payment Provisions

#### **Highlights of Plan Provisions**

- Your benefit coverage is greater, and your out-of-pocket costs less, when you choose a Network provider.
- Your copay for benefits received at some Good Shepherd related providers is less than at Network providers.
- Benefit payment is based on the Allowed Amounts agreed upon by Network providers.
- Services received from a Recognized Provider (see Plan Definitions within the
  accompanying Summary Plan Document) will be paid at the In-Network level. Benefits
  will be based on Usual, Customary and Reasonable data or a case negotiated rate.
  You will be responsible for the difference (if any) between the amount paid by the Plan
  and the billed charges on Recognized Provider claims and this difference would not
  apply to your Out-of- Pocket (OOP) maximum as discussed below.
- For services received from out-of-network providers (who are not covered under Recognized No Surprises Provider), you are responsible to pay the difference between the Plan payment and the provider's actual charges.
- Services received from a Recognized No Surprises Provider (see Plan Definitions under Section II Summary Plan Description) provided by out-of-network Emergency Departments and out-of-network providers, certain non-emergency services furnished by out-of-network providers at certain in-network facilities, and out-of-network air ambulances, the cost-sharing amount is determined by the Qualifying Payment Amount (see Plan Definitions under Section II Summary Plan Description).
- Claims are processed according to the diagnoses and services billed by the provider(s). Billing disputes regarding services received should be addressed with the rendering provider.
- When you receive services from an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, certain providers there may be out-of-network. In these cases, the most that those providers may bill you is your Plan's lowest in-network cost-sharing amount. This applies to emergency services, anesthesia, pathology, radiology, laboratory, neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These providers cannot balance bill you and may not ask you to give up your protections. If you receive other services at these in-network facilities, out-of-network providers cannot balance bill you, unless you give written consent and give up your protections.
- Certain serious and complex care treatments may apply to the Continuity of Care section. See Continuity of Care under *How to Obtain Health Services* for care from a provider who leaves the network.

#### **Annual Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximums**

	Network	Out-of-Network			
Annual Deductible (per Calendar Year)					
Individual	\$400	\$500			
Family	\$1,200	\$1,500			
Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum (per Calenda	ar Year)				
Individual	\$3,000	\$9,000			
Family	\$9,000	Unlimited			

#### **Annual Deductible**

The annual deductible is the amount you (or your family) must pay each calendar year before the Plan will pay for covered services. Once the deductible is satisfied, coinsurance amounts as noted in the *Summary of Medical Benefits* will be applied. Until then, the amount due a provider is your responsibility. The Network and Out-of-Network annual deductibles are exclusive of each other.

This Preferred Plus Plan offers an Embedded deductible, which means that each individual will meet no more than the individual maximum, but the family will meet no more than the stated family maximum (regardless of size). In this case, some individuals may meet less than the individual maximum amount, if the family maximum is met.

If you change from the Preferred Plus Plan to the High Deductible Health Plan (or vice-versa) and coverage under the new plan becomes effective at any time during the calendar year other than January 1, the portion of the annual deductible that you satisfied under the previous plan in the same calendar year will be credited to the new plan deductible.

Finally, if your employer replaces this plan with another group health plan, any portion of the annual deductible that you satisfied under the previous plan will be credited to the new group health plan. This credit will occur only during the Plan year in which the new group health plan becomes effective. You may call Customer Service with questions regarding prior plan deductible credits.

The following benefits do **not** apply toward the annual deductible:

- Charges of non-covered services and treatment
- Charges for services that are denied as not medically necessary
- Charges over Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) for Out-of-Network services as determined by FCH
- Charges that exceed any applicable benefit maximum
- Charges for claims denied for lack of pre-authorization
- Charges for services paid by the Plan at 100%

#### **Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

The annual out-of-pocket maximum (OOP) is the most you will need to pay in a calendar year. This Preferred Plus Plan offers an Embedded Family Out-of-Pocket (OOP) Maximum, which means once each individual within a family meets the individual maximum, s/he will not be assessed further co-insurances. Also, the family will meet no more than the stated family maximum regardless of family size. The network and out-of-network individual maximums are exclusive of each other. There is no family out-of-pocket maximum for services received from out-of-network providers. The following do not apply toward the annual out-of-pocket maximum:

- Charges of non-covered services and treatment
- Charges for services that are denied as not medically necessary
- Charges over Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) for Out-of-Network services as determined by FCH
- Charges that exceed any applicable benefit maximum
- Charges for claims denied for lack of pre-authorization
- Charges for services paid by the Plan at 100%

#### **Benefit Maximums for the Preferred Plus Plan**

Below is a summary of benefit and calendar year maximums. Benefit visit and dollar maximums listed in this section apply to Network benefits and Out-of-Network benefits combined.

Lifetime Maximums Benefits				
Hospice	9 mon	ths		
Calendar Year Maximums	Preferred Plus	HDHP		
Alternative Care (Acupuncture and Chiropractic)	\$1,50	00		
<ul> <li>Habilitative Services - combined benefit with Rehabilitation Therapy</li> <li>Inpatient</li> <li>Outpatient (Speech, Occupational and, Physical Therapies)</li> </ul>	30 days 30 visits	N/A		
Home Health Care	130 visits			
Nutritional Counseling Benefit available at Good Shepherd only.	3 vis	its		
Rehabilitation Therapy - combined benefit with Habilitative Services  Inpatient  Outpatient (Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapies)  *60 days allowed for spinal cord injury or stroke	30 days* 30 visits*	N/A		
Skilled Nursing Facility	100 days per	admission		

Copays at Good Shepherd providers are \$20 instead of \$35 OON = Out-of-Network, IN = Network provider. For example, "OON=√" means coinsurance for services received from Out-of-Network provider applies to the deductible or Out-of-Pocket Maximum, as noted in the Summary above.

# **Summary of Medical Benefits – Preferred Plus PPO Plan**

Preferred Plus PPO Plan					
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers	
Allergy Care					
Testing	OON = ✓	✓	80%	50%	
<ul><li>Injections</li></ul>	✓	✓	80%	50%	
Alternative Care \$1,500 combined maximum per calendar year.					
Acupuncture			1000/ offer \$20		
Chiropractic Spinal     Manipulation	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100% after \$20 copay	50%	
Massage Therapy		See Rehabilitation Therapy			
Ambulance Services FCH pre-authorization required for non-emergent air ambulance.	IN = ✓	IN = ✓	70%	70%	
Anesthesia	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	80% if provided at a network facility	
	·	•	80%	50% if provided at an out-of-network facility	
Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy FCH pre-authorization is required for inpatient services.	OON = √	OON = ✓	\$20 copay at Good Shepherd 100% after \$35 copay In Network	50%	
Biofeedback	IN = ✓	IN = ✓	80%	80%	

\*Copays at Good Shepherd providers are \$20 instead of \$35. OON = Out-of-Network, IN = Network provider

Preferred Plus PPO Plan					
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers	
Blood Donation/Blood Transfusion Out-of-Network claims are subject to Network deductibles.	IN = ✓	IN = ✓	80%	80%	
Chemical Dependency FCH pre-authorization required for inpatient, residential and partial hospitalization.					
<ul> <li>Inpatient (facility and professional)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	80%	50%	
Outpatient (facility and professional)	OON = √	OON = ✓	\$20 copay at Good Shepherd 100% after \$35 copay In Network	50%	
Clinical Trials			outlined under the Immary of Medical		
Dental Trauma FCH pre-authorization required for follow-up services and anesthesia.	IN = ✓	IN = √	80%	80%	
Diabetic Nutritional Counseling	N/A	N/A	100% after \$20 copay only at Good Shepherd; not covered elsewhere	Not covered	
Diagnostic Testing (Lab and radiology services, non- routine, facility and professional services) FCH pre-authorization required for PET scans.					
Hospital Inpatient     (professional fees)	✓	✓	80%	50%	
Hospital Outpatient     (facility and professional fees)	OON = ✓	✓	80%	50%	

	Preferred Plus PPO Plan				
		Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
•	Lab and x-ray facility Lab or radiology services provided by an independent lab or radiology provider, group, facility or office, but billed separately from the provider of care.	OON = ✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Doctor's office Office based lab or radiology service provided as part of the office visit, and billed as part of the office visit.	OON = ✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Medically Necessary Colonoscopy	OON = ✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Medically Necessary Mammogram	OON = ✓	✓	80%	50%
<b>Dialysis</b> FCH pre-a	authorization required.	Covered based on place of service.			
Durable N and Supp	Nedical Equipment (DME) lies				
•	DME from a DME supplier	✓	✓	80%	50%
•	DME from a NON-DME supplier	✓	✓	70%	70%
•	Medical Supplies	✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Oral Appliances		N	lot covered	
•	Orthopedic Appliances / Braces	✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Prosthetic Devices	✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Wigs	Not covered			
Emergend	cy Care				
•	Emergency Department - facility services Copay waived if admitted.	✓	✓	80% after \$200 copay	80% after \$200 copay

Preferred Plus PPO Plan				
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
<ul> <li>Emergency Department - professional services</li> </ul>	✓	<b>✓</b>	80%	80%
Urgent Care - clinic visit	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	\$20 copay at Good Shepherd 100% after \$35 copay In Network	50%
<ul> <li>Urgent Care - related services</li> </ul>	✓	✓	80%	50%
Family Planning				
<ul> <li>Office visits and Diagnostic Services</li> </ul>	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
Contraceptive Diagnostic Testing	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
<ul> <li>Contraceptive supplies, devices, implants and injections</li> </ul>	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
Sterilizations				
<ul> <li>Female Sterilization</li> </ul>	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
Male Sterilization	✓	✓	100%	50%
Foot Orthotics	✓	✓	80%	50%
Genetic Services FCH pre-authorization required for genetic testing over \$500.				
BRCA Testing	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
All other Genetic     Testing/Counseling	✓	✓	80%	50%
Habilitative Services				
<ul> <li>Inpatient FCH pre- authorization required</li> <li>30 days per calendar year maximum (combined with</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	80%	50%

	Pro	eferred Plus	PPO Plan		
		Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
	Inpatient Rehabilitation Therapy)				
•	Outpatient 30 visits per calendar year maximum (combined with Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy)	<b>√</b>	✓	80%	50%
Hearing					
•	Routine hearing exams	✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Non-routine hearing exams	✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Hearing aids/appliances	Not Covered			
wound the	alth Care authorization required for erapy, enteral formula, medical associated services and home				
•	Home Health Care 130 visits calendar year maximum.	✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Phototherapy (home)	✓	✓	80%	50%
	authorization required for and home hospice; 9 month aximum.	✓	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Surgical (	inpatient Medical and Care authorization required.				
•	Facility services	✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Inpatient doctor visits/consultations	✓	✓	80%	50%
•	Inpatient professional services (surgeon, radiologist, pathologist)	✓	<b>√</b>	80%	50%

Pro	eferred Plus	PPO Plan		
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
<ul> <li>Inpatient professional services (assistant surgeon)</li> </ul>		✓	80%	80% if provided at Network facility
Ç ,	•	•	<b>6</b> 0%	50% if provided at Out-of- Network facility
Hospital Outpatient Surgery and Services FCH pre-authorization required for certain outpatient services; see Pre-authorization Requirements for details.				
Surgical facility services	✓	✓	80%	50%
Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)	✓	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Outpatient professional services (surgeon, radiologist, pathologist)	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Outpatient professional services (assistant surgeon)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	000/	80% if provided at Network facility
	•	•	80%	50% if provided at Out-of- Network facility
Infertility Diagnostic Services	Not Covered			
Infusion Therapy (separate from Home Health Care) FCH pre-authorization required for certain infusion therapy drugs, see Pre-Authorizations Requirements.	1	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Maternity and Newborn Care (covered for employees or his/her spouse/domestic partner, not dependents)				
Maternity Care     Covered as any other medical condition			ondition	

Preferred Plus PPO Plan				
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
Newborn Care	N/A	✓	80%	50%
Mental Health Care FCH pre-authorization required for inpatient, residential and partial hospitalization.				
<ul> <li>Inpatient (facility and professional)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	80%	50%
Outpatient (facility and professional)	OON = √	OON = √	\$20 copay at Good Shepherd 100% after \$35 copay In Network	50%
Nutritional Counseling (for non-diabetic diagnoses) First 3 visits per calendar year are covered under the Preventive Care benefit and do not count towards the 3 visit lifetime maximum, any subsequent visits are covered under this benefit up to the 3 visit lifetime maximum.	N/A	N/A	100% after \$20 copay only at Good Shepherd; not covered elsewhere	Not covered
Nutritional and Dietary Formulas	✓	✓	70%	70%
Oral Surgery Limited benefit; see Oral Surgery for details.	IN = √	IN = √	80%	80%
Pharmacy		Admini	stered by Scripius	
Good Shepherd Pharmacy (30-day supply)	N/A	<b>√</b>	Generic: \$10 copay Preferred Brand: \$20 copay Non-Preferred Brand: \$40 copay	Not covered
Good Shepherd Pharmacy (90-day supply)	N/A	✓	Generic: \$20 copay	Not covered

Pro	eferred Plus	PPO Plan		
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
			Preferred Brand: \$40 copay Non-Preferred Brand: \$80 copay	
Retail Pharmacy (30-day supply only)	N/A	<b>√</b>	Generic: \$20 copay Preferred Brand: \$40 copay Non-Preferred Brand: \$80 copay	Not covered
Plastic and Reconstructive Services FCH pre-authorization required. Limited benefit, see <i>Plastic and Reconstructive Services</i> for details.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Podiatric Care See Podiatric Care for details on routine foot care.				
Routine foot care - for members with peripheral vascular disease and diabetes.	<b>✓</b>	~	80%	50%
Routine foot care - others	hers Not covered			
Non-routine foot care - all	✓	✓	80%	50%

#### **Preventive Care**

Limits noted are a guideline only; the Plan will not deny claims for services outside of the age and/or frequency ranges noted.

Preventive care services are covered in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Below is a summary of the most commonly obtained preventive services (this is not meant to be an all-inclusive list). See *Preventive Care* for more details.

#### **Immunizations**

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Preferred Plus PPO Plan					
		Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
Immunizations for children and adults are covered in accordance with the recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. See Preventive Care for details.  Covered Immunizations done at the pharmacy pay at the In-Network benefit level at billed charges.  Travel immunizations are not covered.					
•	Children (under age 18)	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
•	Adults (age 18+)	N/A	N/A	100%	50%
Office Vis	its				
•	Well Baby and Child Care (children age 0 – 18)	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
•	Adult Preventive Care (19 and over )	N/A	N/A	100%	Not covered
•	Well Women Care (Annual Women's Exam)	OON = √	OON = ✓	100%	50%
•	Nutritional Counseling (first 3 visits per calendar year) For visits 4 and beyond, refer to Nutritional Counseling or Diabetic Education.	OON = √	OON = ✓	100%	50%
Screening	g Tests				
•	Colonoscopy (beginning at age 50 or younger if at increased risk)  First colonoscopy per calendar year is paid under the Preventive Care benefit, regardless of diagnosis.  Subsequent colonoscopies in the same calendar year are paid under the medical benefits.	N/A	N/A	100%	Not covered
•	Fecal occult blood tests (beginning age 50 or older) First fecal occult blood test per calendar year is paid under the Preventive Care benefit, regardless of	N/A	N/A	100%	Not covered

Pre	Preferred Plus PPO Plan				
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers	
diagnosis. Subsequent fecal occult blood tests in the same calendar year are paid under the medical benefits.					
FIT-Fecal DNA	N/A	N/A	100%	Not covered	
1 per calendar year.	IN/A	IN/A	100 /6	Not covered	
Sigmoidoscopy (beginning at age 50 or younger if at increased risk)  First sigmoidoscopy per calendar year is paid under the Preventive Care benefit, regardless of diagnosis.  Subsequent sigmoidoscopies in the same calendar year are paid under the medical benefits.	N/A	N/A	100%	Not covered	
Mammograms     (beginning at age 40 or younger if at increased risk)  First mammogram per calendar year is paid under the Preventive Care benefit, regardless of diagnosis.  Subsequent mammograms in the same calendar year are paid under the medical benefits.	OON = √	OON = ✓	100%	50%	
Pap tests (for women 18 and/or sexually active)	OON = √	OON = ✓	100%	50%	
Other routine lab/radiology screenings	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%	
Professional/Physician Services (office visits)					

	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network	Network	Out-of-
		providers only)	Providers	Network Providers
Office/Hospital Visits	OON = √	OON = √	\$20 copay at Good Shepherd 100% after \$35 copay In Network	50%
Office Surgeries	✓	✓	80%	50%
Rehabilitation Therapy				
• Inpatient  FCH pre-authorization required; 30 days calendar year maximum (60 days allowed for spinal cord injury or stroke) combined with Inpatient Habilitative Services.	<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Outpatient (includes physical, speech, and occupational therapies. Massage therapy covered when performed by a physical therapist.)  30 visits calendar year maximum; all therapies combined (60 days allowed for spinal cord injury or stroke). Calendar year benefit maximum combined with Outpatient Habilitative Services benefit.	✓	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Skilled Nursing Facility FCH pre-authorization required; 100 days per admission maximum.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Disorder	Not covered			
Tobacco Cessation	OON = √	OON = ✓	100%	50%

Pro	Preferred Plus PPO Plan				
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers	
Transgender/Gender Affirming Services					
FCH pre-authorization and Case Management required. Limited benefit, see <i>Transgender/Gender Affirming</i> <i>Services</i> for details.	Payment is based on place of service.				
Transplants (Organ and Bone Marrow) FCH pre-authorization required; 24-month waiting period for transplant benefit, see <i>Transplants (Organ and Bone Marrow)</i> for details.					
Facility services - recipient	OON = ✓	N/A	100%	50%	
Other transplant related services	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	80%	50%	
Transportation, lodging, meals	Not covered				
Vision (routine eye exams and hardware)	Not Covered				

# High Deductible Health Plan Payment Provisions

#### **Highlights of Plan provisions:**

- Your benefit coverage is greater, and your out-of-pocket costs less, when you choose a Network provider.
- Benefit payment is based on the Allowed Amounts agreed upon by Network providers.
- Services received from a Recognized Provider (See Plan Definitions within the
  accompanying Summary Plan Document) will be paid at the In-Network level. Benefits
  will be based on Usual, Customary and Reasonable data or a case negotiated rate.
  You will be responsible for the difference (if any) between the amount paid by the Plan
  and the billed charges on Recognized Provider claims and this difference would not
  apply to your Out-of- Pocket (OOP) maximum as discussed below.
- For services received from out-of-network providers (who are not covered under Recognized No Surprises Provider), you are responsible to pay the difference between the Plan payment and the provider's actual charges.
- Services received from a Recognized No Surprises Provider (see *Plan Definitions* under Section II Summary Plan Description) provided by out-of-network Emergency Departments and out-of-network providers, certain non-emergency services furnished by out-of-network providers at certain in-network facilities, and out-of-network air ambulances, the cost-sharing amount is determined by the Qualifying Payment Amount (see *Plan Definitions* under Section II Summary Plan Description).
- Claims are processed according to the diagnoses and services billed by the provider(s). Billing disputes regarding services received should be addressed with the rendering provider.
- When you receive services from an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, certain providers there may be out-of-network. In these cases, the most that those providers may bill you is your Plan's lowest in-network cost-sharing amount. This applies to emergency services, anesthesia, pathology, radiology, laboratory, neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These providers cannot balance bill you and may not ask you to give up your protections. If you receive other services at these in-network facilities, out-of-network providers cannot balance bill you, unless you give written consent and give up your protections.
- Certain serious and complex care treatments may apply to the Continuity of Care section. See Continuity of Care under *How to Obtain Health Services* for care from a provider who leaves the network.

#### Annual Deductible and Out-of-Pocket Maximums

	Network	Out-of-Network			
Annual Deductible (per Calendar Year)					
Individual	\$1,500	\$1,500			
Family	\$3,000	\$3,000			
Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum (per Calendar Year)					
Individual	\$5,000	\$5,000			
Family	\$10,000	\$10,000			

### What Is a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)?

You must have an HDHP if you want to open a Health Savings Account (HSA). Sometimes referred to as a "catastrophic" health insurance plan, an HDHP is a health insurance plan that generally does not pay for the first few thousand dollars of health care expenses (i.e., "deductible") but will generally cover you after that.

For calendar year 2022, a HDHP is defined under § 223(c)(2)(A) as a health plan with an annual deductible that is not less than \$1,400 for self-only coverage or \$2,800 for family coverage, and the annual out-of-pocket expenses (deductibles, copayments, and other amounts, but not premiums) do not exceed \$7,050 for self-only coverage or \$14,100 for family coverage.

The Good Shepherd High Deductible Health Plan is a qualifying high deductible health plan under Code §223(c)(2).

#### **Annual Deductible**

The annual deductible is the amount you (or your family) must pay each calendar year before the Plan will pay for covered services (payment for non-covered services will not be applied to the deductible). Once the deductible is satisfied, coinsurance amounts as noted in the *Summary of Medical Benefits* will be applied. Until then, the amount due a provider is your responsibility. The Network and Out-of-Network annual deductibles are exclusive of each other.

If you change from the Preferred Plus Plan to the High Deductible Health Plan (or vice-versa) and coverage under the new plan becomes effective at any time during the calendar year other than January 1, the portion of the annual deductible that you satisfied under the previous plan in the same calendar year will be credited to the new plan deductible.

This HDHP Plan offers a Non-Embedded Deductible, which means no benefits are paid on an individual until the entire family deductible is met. In this case, one family member may meet the entire family deductible his/herself. The following benefits do **not** apply toward the annual deductible:

- Charges of non-covered services and treatment
- Charges for services that are denied as not medically necessary
- Charges over Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) for Out-of-Network services as determined by FCH
- Charges that exceed any applicable benefit maximum
- Charges for claims denied for lack of pre-authorization
- Preventive care (Plan pays at coinsurance noted prior to deductible being met)

#### **Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

The annual Out-of-Pocket (OOP) maximum is the most you will need to pay in a calendar year depending on whether you have enrolled yourself as an individual or enrolled yourself and your dependents (family). The network and out-of-network individual maximums are exclusive of each other. The applicable OOP maximum must be reached prior to the Plan paying 100% for covered services. The following do **not** apply toward the annual out-of-pocket maximum:

- Charges of non-covered services and treatment
- Charges for services that are denied as not medically necessary
- Charges over Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) for Out-of-Network services as determined by FCH
- Charges that exceed any applicable benefit maximum
- Charges for claims denied for lack of pre-authorization
- Charges for services paid by the Plan at 100%

#### Benefit Maximums for the High Deductible Health Plan

Below is a summary of benefit and calendar year. Benefit visit and dollar maximums listed in this section apply to Network benefits and Out-of-Network benefits combined.

Lifetime Maximums Benefits		
Hospice	9 mo	nths
Calendar Year Maximums	Preferred Plus	HDHP
Alternative Care (Acupuncture and Chiropractic)	\$1,5	500
Habilitative Services - combined benefit with Rehabilitation Therapy  Inpatient  Outpatient (Speech, Occupational and, Physical Therapies)	30 days 30 visits	N/A
Home Health Care	130 \	visits
Nutritional Counseling Benefit available at Good Shepherd only.	3 vi	sits
Rehabilitation Therapy - combined benefit with Habilitative Services		N/A

Inpatient		
Outpatient (Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapies)	30 days*	
*60 days allowed for spinal cord injury or stroke	30 visits*	
Skilled Nursing Facility	100 days per adn	nission

Copays at Good Shepherd providers are \$20 instead of \$35 OON = Out-of-Network, IN = Network provider. For example, "OON=√" means coinsurance for services received from Out-of-Network provider applies to the deductible or Out-of-Pocket Maximum, as noted in the Summary above.

## **Summary of Medical Benefits – HDHP**

	HDHP PI	an		
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
Allergy Care	✓	✓	80%	50%
Alternative Care \$1,500 combined maximum per calendar year.				
Acupuncture				
Chiropractic Spinal     Manipulation	✓	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Massage Therapy		See Reh	abilitation Therapy	,
Ambulance Services FCH pre-authorization required for non-emergent air ambulance.	<b>✓</b>	✓	80%	80%
Anesthesia	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	80% if provided at a network facility
				50% if provided at an out-of-network facility
Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy FCH pre-authorization is required for inpatient services.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Biofeedback	✓	✓	80%	80%
Blood Donation/Blood Transfusion Out-of-Network claims are subject to Network deductibles.	✓	✓	80%	80%
Chemical Dependency				
FCH pre-authorization required for inpatient, residential and partial hospitalization.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Clinical Trials	Covered as specifically outlined under the Clinical Trials Benefit in the Summary of Medical Benefits			

HDHP Plan						
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers		
Dental Trauma FCH pre-authorization required for follow-up services and anesthesia.	<b>✓</b>	✓	80%	80%		
Diabetic Nutritional Counseling	1	<b>√</b>	80% only at Good Shepherd; not covered elsewhere	Not covered		
Diagnostic Testing (Lab and radiology services, non- routine, facility and professional services) FCH pre-authorization required for PET scans.						
<ul> <li>Hospital Inpatient (professional fees)</li> </ul>	✓	✓	80%	50%		
Hospital Outpatient     (facility and professional fees)	<b>√</b>	✓	80%	50%		
Lab and x-ray facility  Lab or radiology services provided by an independent lab or radiology provider, group, facility or office, but billed separately from the provider of care.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%		
Doctor's office     Office based lab or radiology service provided as part of the office visit, and billed as part of the office visit.	1	<b>√</b>	80%	50%		
Medically Necessary     Colonoscopy	✓	✓	80%	50%		
Medically Necessary     Mammogram	✓	✓	80%	50%		
Dialysis FCH pre-authorization required.	Covered based on place of service.					

HDHP Plan						
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers		
Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Supplies						
DME from a DME supplier	✓	<b>✓</b>	80%	50%		
<ul> <li>DME from a NON-DME supplier</li> </ul>	✓	<b>✓</b>	80%	80%		
Medical Supplies	✓	✓	80%	50%		
Oral appliances	Not covered					
Orthopedic Appliances	✓	✓	80%	50%		
Prosthetic Devices	✓	✓	80%	50%		
• Wigs	Not covered					
Emergency Care						
<ul> <li>Emergency Department - facility services</li> </ul>	✓	✓	80%	80%		
<ul> <li>Emergency Department - professional services</li> </ul>	✓	<b>✓</b>	80%	80%		
Urgent Care - clinic visit	✓	✓	80%	80%		
<ul> <li>Urgent Care - related services</li> </ul>	✓	✓	80%	80%		
Family Planning						
<ul> <li>Office visits and Diagnostic Services</li> </ul>	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%		
Contraceptive Diagnostic Testing	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%		
<ul> <li>Contraceptive supplies, devices, implants and injections</li> </ul>	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%		
Sterilization						
o Female Sterilization	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%		
Male Sterilization	✓	✓	100%	50%		
Foot Orthotics	✓	<b>✓</b>	80%	50%		

HDHP Plan				
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
Genetic Services FCH pre-authorization required for genetic testing over \$500.				
BRCA Testing	OON = √	OON = ✓	100%	50%
All other Genetic     Testing/Counseling	✓	✓	80%	50%
Habilitative Services				
Inpatient     FCH pre-authorization     required	<b>√</b>	~	80%	50%
Outpatient	✓	✓	80%	50%
Hearing				
Routine hearing exams	✓	✓	80%	50%
Non-routine hearing exams	✓	✓	80%	50%
Hearing aids/appliances		No	ot Covered	
Home Health Care FCH pre-authorization required for wound therapy, enteral formula, medical food and associated services and home hospice.				
<ul> <li>Home Health Care</li> <li>130 visits calendar</li> <li>year maximum.</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	80%	50%
Phototherapy (home)	✓	✓	80%	50%
Hospice FCH pre-authorization required for inpatient and home hospice; 9 month lifetime maximum.	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	80%	50%
Hospital Inpatient Medical and Surgical Care FCH pre-authorization required.				
Facility services	✓	✓	80%	50%

	HDHP PI	an		
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
<ul> <li>Inpatient doctor visits/consultations</li> </ul>	✓	✓	80%	50%
<ul> <li>Inpatient professional services (surgeon, radiologist, pathologist)</li> </ul>	<b>✓</b>	✓	80%	50%
<ul> <li>Inpatient professional services (assistant surgeon)</li> </ul>	·	<b>√</b>	80%	80% if provided at Network facility
	•	·	6U 76	50% if provided at Out-of- Network facility
Hospital Outpatient Surgery and Services  FCH pre-authorization required for certain outpatient services; see Pre-authorization Requirements for details.				
Surgical facility services	✓	✓	80%	50%
Ambulatory Surgery     Center (ASC)	✓	✓	80%	50%
Outpatient professional services (surgeon, radiologist, pathologist)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Outpatient professional services (assistant surgeon)				80% if provided at Network facility
	•	v	80%	50% if provided at Out-of- Network facility
Infertility Diagnostic Services	Not Covered			
Infusion Therapy (separate from Home Health Care) FCH pre-authorization required for certain infusion therapy drugs, see Pre-Authorizations Requirements.	✓	<b>√</b>	80%	50%

HDHP Plan				
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
Maternity and Newborn Care (covered for employees or his/her spouse/domestic partner, not dependents)	Covered as any other medical condition			
Mental Health Care FCH pre-authorization required for inpatient, residential and partial hospitalization.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Nutritional Counseling (for non-diabetic diagnoses) Lifetime maximum of 3 visits. First 3 visits per calendar year are covered under the Preventive Care benefit and do not count towards the 3 visit lifetime maximum, any subsequent visits are covered under this benefit up to the 3 visit maximum.	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	80% only at Good Shepherd; not covered elsewhere	Not covered
Nutritional and Dietary Formulas	✓	✓	80%	80%
Oral Surgery Limited benefit; see Oral Surgery for details.	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	80%	80%
Pharmacy		Adminis	stered by Scripius	
Good Shepherd Pharmacy (30-day supply)	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	Generic: 80% Preferred Brand: 80% Non-Preferred Brand: 80%	Not covered
Good Shepherd Pharmacy (90-day supply)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	Generic: 80% Preferred Brand: 80% Non-Preferred Brand: 80%	Not covered

HDHP Plan				
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
Retail Pharmacy (30-day supply only)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	Generic: 80% Preferred Brand: 80% Non-Preferred Brand: 80%	Not covered
Preventive Drugs – but not limited to	N/A	<b>√</b>	Generic: 100% Preferred Brand: 100% Non-Preferred Brand: 100%	Not covered
Plastic and Reconstructive Services FCH pre-authorization required. Limited benefit, see <i>Plastic and Reconstructive Services</i> for details.	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Podiatric Care See Podiatric Care for details on routine foot care.				
Routine foot care - for members with peripheral vascular disease and diabetes.	✓	✓	80%	50%
Routine foot care - others		N	lot covered	
Non-routine foot care - all	✓	✓	80%	50%

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	HDHP Plan				
		Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
Immuniza	ntions				
the Center Covered I	tions for children and adults are rs for Disease Control and Prev mmunizations done at the pharr munizations are not covered.	ention. See Pr	eventive Care	e for details.	·
•	Children (under age 18)	N/A	OON = ✓	100%	50%
•	Adults (age 18+)	N/A	OON = ✓	100%	50%
Office Vis	sits				1
•	Well Baby and Child Care (children age 0 – 18)	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
•	Adult Preventive Care (19 and over )	N/A	N/A	100%	Not Covered
•	Well Women Care (Annual Women's Exam)	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
•	Nutritional Counseling (first 3 visits per calendar year) For visits 4 and beyond, refer to Nutritional Counseling or Diabetic Education.	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
Screening	a Tests				
•	calendar year unless otherwise	indicated:			
•	Preventive Colonoscopy (beginning at age 50 or younger if at increased risk) First colonoscopy per calendar year is paid under the Preventive Care benefit, regardless of diagnosis. Subsequent colonoscopies in the same calendar year are paid under the medical benefits.	N/A	N/A	100%	Not Covered
•	Fecal occult blood tests (beginning age 50 or older)	N/A	N/A	100%	Not Covered

HDHP Plan				
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
First fecal occult blood test per calendar year is paid under the Preventive Care benefit, regardless of diagnosis. Subsequent fecal occult blood tests in the same calendar year are paid under the medical benefits.				
FIT-Fecal DNA	N/A	N/A	100%	Not Covered
Sigmoidoscopy (beginning at age 50 or younger if at increased risk)  First sigmoidoscopy per calendar year is paid under the Preventive Care benefit, regardless of diagnosis.  Subsequent sigmoidoscopies in the same calendar year are paid under the medical benefits.	N/A	N/A	100%	Not Covered
Preventive Mammograms     (beginning at age 40 or     younger if at increased risk)     First mammogram per     calendar year is paid under     the Preventive Care benefit,     regardless of diagnosis.     Subsequent mammograms     in the same calendar year     are paid under the medical     benefits.	N/A	OON = ✓	100%	50%
Pap tests (for women 18 and/or sexually active)	N/A	OON = ✓	100%	50%
Other routine lab/radiology screenings	OON = √	OON = √	100%	50%
Professional/Physician Services (office/hospital visits)	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	80%	50%
Rehabilitation Therapy				

HDHP Plan				
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers
<ul> <li>Inpatient         FCH pre-authorization required.     </li> </ul>	<b>√</b>	✓	80%	50%
Outpatient (includes physical, speech, and occupational therapies. Massage therapy covered when performed by a physical therapist.)     30 visits calendar year maximum; all therapies combined (60 days allowed for spinal cord injury or stroke). Calendar year benefit maximum combined with Outpatient Habilitative Services benefit.  Skilled Nursing Facility FCH pre-authorization required; 100 days per admission maximum.	✓	✓	80%	50%
Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Disorder		N	ot covered	
Tobacco Cessation	OON = ✓	OON = ✓	100%	50%
Transgender/Gender Affirming Services FCH pre-authorization and Case Management required. Limited benefit, see Transgender/Gender Affirming Services for details.	Payment is based on place of service.			
Transplants (Organ and Bone Marrow) FCH pre-authorization required; 24-month waiting period for transplant benefit, see <i>Transplants</i> , (Organ and Bone Marrow) for details.				
Facility services - recipient	OON = ✓	N/A	100%	50%
Other transplant related services	✓	✓	80%	50%

HDHP Plan					
	Applies to Deductible	Applies to OOP Max (network providers only)	Network Providers	Out-of- Network Providers	
Transportation, lodging, meals		N	ot covered		
Vision (routine eye exams and hardware)	Not Covered				

# Medical Benefits for the Preferred Plus and High Deductible Health Plans

FCH administers the benefits described in this section for the Plan participants. All benefits are subject to plan exclusions and limits. All coinsurance, deductibles and inpatient, outpatient or office visit copayments apply. See *Payment Provisions, Summary of Medical,* and *Pharmacy Benefits* and *Medical and Pharmacy Limitations and Exclusions* for more details, along with *Plan Definitions* in the accompanying Summary Plan Description.

Coverage is provided only when all these conditions are met:

- The service or supply is a listed covered benefit,
- Specific benefit limits or lifetime maximums are not exhausted,
- All pre-authorization and benefit requirements are met,
- The participant is eligible for coverage and enrolled in this plan at the time the service or supply is received, and
- The service or supply is considered *Medically Necessary* for a covered medical condition, as defined.

## **Allergy Care**

Benefits include allergy tests, injections, and serums, though serum is covered only when received and administered within the provider's office. If received from a pharmacy, the serum may be covered under the pharmaceutical benefit.

#### **Alternative Care**

Benefits include services of an acupuncturist and/or chiropractor to treat a covered illness or injury.

#### **Ambulance Services**

The plan covers medically necessary licensed ambulance transportation when the following conditions apply:

- The transportation is to the nearest available health care facility where medically necessary services can be provided;
- Other forms of transportation would likely endanger the participant's health.

Air ambulance transport services require pre-authorization for non-urgent transport.

Note: Emergent Air Ambulance Transport will be reviewed retrospectively.

Transportation for personal or convenience reasons is deemed to be not medically necessary.

#### **Anesthesia**

Benefits for anesthesia are covered if and when required for certain procedures or surgeries. Anesthesia must be administered within a hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

#### General Anesthesia for Dental Care

Coverage is provided for general anesthesia and associated facility charges in conjunction with dental care provided to a participant if such participant is:

- Six years of age or younger or,
- Is physically developmentally disabled, or
- Is an individual with a medical condition which his/her physician determines will place the person at undue risk if the procedure is performed in a dental office. The covered participant's physician must approve the procedure.

## **Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)**

This benefit will provide coverage for behavioral interventions based on the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

ABA therapy programs incorporate behavior modification, training and education.

This benefit will cover the five components of ABA:

- Initial assessment
- Direct clinical treatment
- Program development
- Treatment planning
- Supervision of the providers of direct service

Coverage will be provided for medically necessary services to develop, maintain, and/or restore the functioning of an individual. Duplicate services, provider training and group classes are not covered.

#### Covered Providers

#### For ABA:

ABA services are provided by a state certified behavior health facility that has ABA services overseen by a BCBA- BCBA-D or provided directly by them as independent practitioners. Qualified network providers can be located using the FCH provider search at <a href="https://www.fchn.com">www.fchn.com</a>, by selecting "other facilities" and then "Applied Behavior Analysis Facility."

■ Board Certified Behavior Analyst® BCBA® (graduate level), BCBA-D™ (doctoral level) – The BCBA and BCBA-D are independent practitioners who also may work as employees or independent contractors for an organization. The BCBA conducts descriptive and systematic behavioral assessments, including functional analyses, and provides behavior analytic interpretations of the results. The BCBA designs and supervises behavior analytic interventions. The BCBA is able to effectively develop and implement appropriate assessment and intervention methods for use in unfamiliar

situations and for a range of cases. The BCBA seeks the consultation of more experienced practitioners when necessary. The BCBA teaches others to carry out ethical and effective behavior analytic interventions based on published research and designs and delivers instruction in behavior analysis. BCBAs supervise the work of Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts and others who implement behavior analytic interventions.

- Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA®) The BCaBA conducts descriptive behavioral assessments and is able to interpret the results and design ethical and effective behavior analytic interventions for clients. The BCaBA designs and oversees interventions in familiar cases (e.g., similar to those encountered during their training) that are consistent with the dimensions of applied behavior analysis. The BCaBA obtains technical direction from a BCBA for unfamiliar situations. The BCaBA is able to teach others to carry out interventions and supervise behavioral technicians once the BCaBA has demonstrated competency with the procedures involved under the direct supervision of a BCBA. The BCaBA may assist a BCBA with the design and delivery of introductory level instruction in behavior analysis. It is mandatory that each BCaBA practice under the supervision of a BCBA. Governmental entities, third-party insurance plans and others utilizing BCaBAs must require this supervision.
- Registered Behavior Technician™ (RBT™) or Therapy Assistant (TA) The RBT/TA is a paraprofessional who practices under the close, ongoing supervision of a BCBA or BCaBA ("Designated therapy supervisor"). The RBT/TA is primarily responsible for the direct implementation of skill-acquisition and behavior-reduction plans developed by the supervisor. The RBT/TA may also collect data and conduct certain types of assessments (e.g., stimulus preference assessments). The RBT/TA does not design intervention or assessment plans. It is the responsibility of the therapy supervisor to determine which tasks an RBT/TA may perform as a function of his or her training, experience, and competence. The therapy supervisor is ultimately responsible for the work performed by the RBT/TA and bills for their services.

## **Autologous Blood Donation/Blood Transfusions**

Autologous blood donations are those in which the blood being transfused was donated by the patient during surgery. Blood transfusions are the replacement of blood or one of its components, depending on the condition being treated. Coverage for either is provided when approved by your physician.

#### **Biofeedback**

**FCH pre-authorization required for Biofeedback**. Biofeedback is a training program designed to develop one's ability to control the involuntary nervous system, is covered when related to tension headaches and migraines.

#### **Chemical Dependency**

All inpatient admissions and partial hospitalization programs **require FCH pre-authorization** by calling (800) 640-7682. The plan covers services provided to of individuals requiring chemical dependency treatment for abuse of substances, (e.g. alcohol or other drugs. Care must be medically necessary and provided at the least restrictive level of care. A clear treatment plan containing measurable progress toward a rehabilitative goal(s), including but not limited to

movement to a less restrictive setting (if applicable), or other medically necessary goals must be established as determined by your provider and FCH's medical management.

Care may be received at a hospital, a chemical dependency facility, and/or received through residential treatment programs, partial hospital programs, and intensive outpatient programs or through group or individual outpatient services.

#### **Clinical Trials**

This benefit covers routine patient costs for members who choose to participate in an approved clinical trial (as outlined below), and the member's participation in the clinical trial has been preauthorized. Services such as those identified as Experimental and/or Investigational in the clinical trial are not covered. Refer to "Costs Not Covered" below for details.

An approved clinical trial is:

- Pre-authorization for clinical trial participation has been granted.
- The clinical trial is a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in connection with the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition. A "life-threatening condition" is a disease or condition likely to result in death unless the disease or condition is interrupted. The principal purpose of the trial intervention must be the therapeutic intent to potentially improve health outcomes.
- The clinical trial intervention must be intended for a condition covered by the health plan.
- The approved clinical trial must be classed as one of the following:
  - A federally funded or federally approved trial.
  - A clinical trial conducted under a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) investigational new drug application.
  - A drug trial that is exempt from the requirement of an FDA investigational new drug application.
- The clinical trial must be conducted under a written research protocol approved by an appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB). This protocol must demonstrate that the trial is in compliance with Federal regulations relating to the protection of human subjects.
- The clinical trial must provide a thorough informed consent document to the participating member, and this document must be signed by the member.
- All applicable plan limitations for coverage of out-of-network care along with all applicable plan requirements for precertification, registration, and referrals will apply to any costs associated with member participation in the trial. The plan may require a qualified member to use an in-network provider participating in a clinical trial if the provider will accept the member as a participant. A member participating in an approved clinical trial conducted outside the state of the member's residence will be covered if the plan otherwise provides out-of-network coverage for routine patient costs.
- A "qualified member" is a group health plan member or beneficiary who is eligible, according to the trial protocol, to participate in the approved clinical trial for the treatment of disease and either:
  - The referring health care professional is a participating provider and has concluded that the member's or beneficiary's participation in the clinical trial would be appropriate; or

 The member or beneficiary provides medical and scientific information establishing that the individual's participation in the clinical trial would be appropriate.

Costs associated with clinical trial participation may be covered as follows:

#### Costs Covered:

- Routine Patient Costs defined as follows-
  - Items or services that are typically provided under the plan for a participant not enrolled in a clinical trial. (e.g., usual care/standard care.).
  - Items, services, or tests that are required to safely provide the investigational intervention to include clinically appropriate monitoring of the effects of the intervention.
  - Medically necessary diagnosis and treatment for conditions that are medical complications resulting from the member's participation in the clinical trial.

#### Costs Not Covered:

- Investigational items, services, tests, or devices that are the object of the clinical trial. Interventions, services, tests, or devices provided by the trial sponsor without charge.
- Data collection or record keeping costs that would not be required absent the clinical trial; this exclusion extends to any activity (e.g. imaging, lab tests, biopsies) necessary only to satisfy the data collection needs of the trial.
- Services or interventions clearly not consistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for the member's particular diagnosis.
- Interventions associated with treatment for conditions not covered by the Plan.

#### **Dental Trauma**

Not intended as dental coverage, this benefit coverage is provided for repair of sound natural teeth and/or implants, and repair of the jaw bone or supporting tissues, due to accidental injury. After the initial examination by your dentist, which must be made within six months of the injury, a pre-authorization for further services is required by FCH. All services related to the repair must be completed within 12 months of the date of the injury. Any services received after 12 months have elapsed, or after you become disenrolled from this Plan regardless of whether 12 months have elapsed or not, are not covered, unless completion of work was delayed due to healing time following medically necessary surgery. Anesthesia related to the accidental injury is covered within 12 months.

Injury due to biting or chewing is not covered, and is not considered an accidental injury. For the purposes of this coverage, a "sound natural tooth" is a tooth that is (i) free of active or chronic clinical decay, (ii) contains at least fifty percent (50%) bony structure, (iii) is functional in the arch, and (iv) has not been excessively weakened by multiple dental procedures.

#### **Diabetic Nutrition Education**

Diabetic education regarding nutrition and insulin management of diabetes is covered at Good Shepherd providers. The education may take place in classes through approved diabetic courses or as individual instruction.

## **Diagnostic Testing**

The plan covers testing such as lab and radiology for diagnostic purposes when medically necessary and ordered by a qualified health care provider.

## **Dialysis**

**FCH pre-authorization is required for all dialysis.** Benefits are provided for kidney dialysis treatment, including drugs and supplies used during the treatment.

## **Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Supplies**

DME is medical equipment that can withstand repeated use, is not disposable, is used for a medically therapeutic purpose, is generally not useful in the absence of sickness or injury and is appropriate for use in the home. DME may be rented or purchased (at FCH's discretion) and total cost for rental must not exceed the purchase price. Repair or replacement is only covered when needed due to normal use, a change in the patient's physical condition or the growth of a child. Duplicate items are not covered. When more than one option exists, benefits will be limited to the least expensive model or item appropriate to treat the patient's covered condition.

Examples of DME include, but are not limited to:

- Crutches
- Oxygen and equipment for administering oxygen
- Walkers
- Wheelchairs

#### This benefit also covers:

- **Diabetic monitoring equipment**, such as the initial cost of an insulin pump and blood glucose monitor (including supplies related to such equipment). Diabetic supplies such as insulin, syringes, needles, lancets, etc., are covered under the pharmacy benefit.
- Medical supplies needed for the treatment or care of an appropriate covered condition, including but not limited to compression garments, mastectomy supplies and ostomy supplies. Supplies available over-the-counter are excluded.
- Orthopedic appliances/ braces: These include appliances used to support abnormal joints, limit pressure on a joint after injury to allow it to heal or correct abnormal curves in the spine.
- Prosthetic devices: Benefits include external prosthetic appliances which are used to replace all or part of a missing body part and are necessary for the alleviation or correction of illness, injury, or congenital defect.

Surgically implanted devices may be covered under the appropriate surgical benefit and are not considered DME. Benefits for durable medical equipment are determined by the type of device and its intended use, and not by the entity that provides or bills for the device.

## **Emergency Services and Urgent Care**

The Plan covers emergency department visits (including pre-stabilization, post-stabilization, certain ancillary services) and urgent care visits to evaluate an Emergency Medical Condition at in-network and Out-of-Network facilities.

Emergency (or emergent) means the sudden and acute onset of a symptom(s), including severe pain, that would lead a person, acting reasonably, to believe a health condition exists that requires immediate medical attention and that failure to provide medical attention would result in serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part, or would place the person's health in serious jeopardy.

Examples of **emergent** conditions include severe pain, difficulty breathing, deep cuts or severe bleeding, poisoning, drug overdose, broken bones, unconsciousness, stab or gun-shot wounds, automobile accidents, and pain or bleeding during pregnancy. Examples of **urgent** conditions include cuts and lacerations, diarrhea, allergic reactions, sprains, urinary tract infections and vomiting.

In the case of an emergency, home or away, seek the most immediate care available. To receive the network level of benefits, you must obtain all follow-up care from network providers. If you require Out-of-Network follow-up services, you must obtain a pre-authorization from FCH in order to receive your best benefit, unless the services are part of the post-stabilization treatment.

## **Family Planning**

Voluntary sterilization procedures and FDA-approved birth control methods are covered.

Over-the-counter products are not covered. Oral contraceptives are covered under the pharmacy benefit.

#### Termination of Pregnancy

Voluntary termination of pregnancy is not covered (unless the life of the mother is endangered by the continued pregnancy or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest).

#### **Foot Orthotics**

Custom-designed foot orthotics when prescribed by a physician and required for all normal, daily activities are covered by the Plan.

#### **Genetic Services**

Genetic testing, counseling, interventions, therapy and other genetic services are covered when determined to be an essential component of medically necessary care or treatment of a covered condition, or a medically necessary precursor to obtaining prompt treatment of a covered condition.

#### **Habilitative Services**

Benefits are provided for habilitative services when medically necessary and related to a Developmental Disability. These services must be recognized by the medical community as efficacious:

- For partial or full development;
- For keeping and learning age appropriate skills and functioning within the individual's environment; and

To compensate for a progressive physical, cognitive, and emotional Illness.

Covered Services include Speech, occupational, physical and aural therapy services.

Day habilitation services designed to provide training, structured activities and specialized assistance to adults, chore services to assist with basic needs, vocational and custodial services are not covered.

## Hearing

Hearing exams, routine and non-routine, are covered when needed to assess auditory deterioration.

#### **Home Health Care**

**FCH pre-authorization is required** for wound therapy. Home health care is covered when prescribed by your physician. The patient must be homebound (except for lactation and perinatal services) and require skilled care services (as defined by the Plan). Benefits are limited to intermittent visits by a licensed home health care agency.

For this benefit, a visit is a time-limited session or encounter with any of the following home health agency providers:

- Nursing services (RN, LPN)
- Licensed or registered physical, occupational or speech therapist (or an assistant working under the supervision of one of these providers)
- Home health aide working directly under the supervision of one of the above providers
- Licensed as a social worker masters prepared
- Registered dietician

Private duty nursing, shift or hourly care services, custodial care, maintenance care, housekeeping services, respite care and meal services are not covered.

This benefit is not intended to cover care in the home when FCH determines care in a skilled nursing facility or a hospital is more cost-effective. Any charges for home health care that qualify under this benefit and under any other benefit of this plan will be covered under the most appropriate benefit, as determined by FCH.

#### **Hospice Care**

**FCH pre-authorization is required** for Inpatient and home hospice benefits. Hospice care is covered when prescribed by your physician and s/he has determined that life expectancy is 9 months or less and a palliative, supportive care treatment approach has been chosen. This benefit includes acute, respite, and home care to meet the physical, psychosocial, and special needs of a patient-family unit during the final stages of illness and dying. Hospice care is provided at a variety of levels to meet the individual needs of the patient-family unit. Levels offered are:

 Intermittent in-home visits are provided on an as needed basis by the hospice team, which includes health care professionals, support staff, and a twenty-four (24) hour a day "on-call" registered nurse. This level of care does not cover room and board while a member resides in a skilled nursing facility, adult family home, or assisted living facility.  Inpatient Hospice care is needed when care cannot be managed where the patient resides. The care will be provided at an inpatient facility until the patient's condition stabilizes. Coverage for room and board is covered at this level.

#### Respite Care

- Continuous home care is provided when a medical crisis occurs where the patient resides and care can be provided at the residence. During such periods, the hospice team can provide around-the-clock care.
- Inpatient respite care is available to provide the patient's caregiver a rest.
   This acknowledges that caring for a dying person can be difficult. Care for the patient is provided at an inpatient facility and includes room and board costs.

When provided within the above defined levels of care, additional covered expenses include:

- Approved medications and infusion therapies furnished and billed by an approved hospice agency
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Supplies required for palliative care

If the patient exhausts the hospice benefit maximum, limited extensions may be granted if it is determined that the treatment is medically necessary. Any charges for hospice care that qualify under this benefit, and under any other benefit of this plan, will be covered under the most appropriate benefit as determined by FCH.

## **Hospital Inpatient Medical and Surgical Care**

Hospital inpatient and facility charges for medically necessary care are covered. **FCH pre-authorization is required** for all non-emergency inpatient admissions to a hospital or facility. Covered inpatient care includes room and board, operating room and anesthesia, radiology, lab and pharmacy services furnished by and used while in the hospital.

## **Hospital Outpatient Surgery and Services**

Certain outpatient surgery/procedures **require FCH pre-authorization**; please see *Pre-authorization Requirements* for details. Covered outpatient care includes outpatient surgery, procedures and services, operating room and anesthesia, radiology, lab and pharmacy services furnished by and used while at a hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

#### **Infusion Therapy**

**FCH** pre-authorization required for certain infusion therapy drugs; please see *Pre-authorization Requirements* for details. This benefit covers the administration of medications using intravenous, subcutaneous, and epidural routes (into the bloodstream, under the skin, and into the membranes surrounding the spinal cord). Drug therapies commonly administered via infusion include, but are not limited to, antibiotics, chemotherapy, pain management, parenteral nutrition, and immune globulin. Diagnoses commonly requiring infusion therapy include infections that are unresponsive to oral antibiotics; cancer and cancer-related pain; gastrointestinal diseases or disorders which prevent normal functioning of the GI system; congestive heart failure; immune disorders; and more. Nursing visits associated with infusion

therapy are covered under the Home Health Care benefit, regardless of whether the patient is home bound.

## **Maternity and Newborn Care**

Notification of a maternity admission is required within 2 business days, or as soon as possible.

Coverage for pregnancy and childbirth, for employees or his/her spouse/domestic partner (not dependents), in a hospital or birthing center is provided on the same basis as any other medical condition, as are complications of pregnancy. Medically necessary screening(s) and diagnostic procedures during pregnancy for prenatal diagnosis of congenital disorders of the fetus are covered. The services of a licensed physician, and/or an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) are covered under this benefit.

Coverage for newborns is provided when s/he is enrolled as a dependent under this Plan (see *Enrollment* section within Section II - Summary Plan Description for details). Benefits are subject to the newborn child's own coinsurance and deductible requirements.

Newborn care includes inpatient hospital services and professional care (including circumcision) performed during the initial period of hospitalization immediately following birth. Any services performed after the baby is discharged from this level of care are covered under the benefit applicable to the services billed, and are not considered newborn care. Circumcisions are covered up to 28 days following birth. Circumcisions performed after 28 days must be medically necessary as determined by FCH.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996

This Act states that group health plans may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a normal vaginal delivery or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or newborn earlier than these periods. In any case, the Plan may not, under federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the Plan or the insurance issuer or TPA for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of these periods.

#### **Mental Health Care**

All inpatient admissions and partial hospitalization programs **require FCH pre-authorization** by calling (800) 640-7682. The plan covers treatment of mental health or psychiatric conditions.

Care must be medically necessary and provided at the least restrictive level of care. Facilities offering inpatient level of care must have a medical model with physician and/or nursing staffing on site 24 hours each day. A clear treatment plan must be established on admission and include measurable progress toward a rehabilitative goal(s), including but not limited to movement to a less restrictive setting (if applicable), or other medically necessary goals as determined by your provider and FCH's medical management.

Care may be received at a hospital or treatment facility, and/or received through residential treatment programs, partial hospital programs, and intensive outpatient programs or through group or individual outpatient services. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive; care should be provided where medically necessary.

Family and couples counseling and psychotherapeutic programs are covered *only* if related to the treatment of an approved clinical mental health diagnosis, specifically, those noted in the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).

Pursuant to the Mental Health Parity Act of 1996 (MHPA) and the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA), collectively, the mental health parity provisions in Part 7 of ERISA, this Plan applies its terms uniformly and enforces parity between covered health care benefits and covered mental health and substance disorder benefits relating to financial cost sharing restrictions and treatment duration limitations. For further details, please contact the Plan Administrator.

## **Nutritional Counseling**

Coverage provided for health services rendered by a registered dietician or other licensed professional for individuals with medical conditions that require a special diet. Some examples of such medical conditions include: coronary heart disease, congestive heart failure, severe obstructive airway disease, gout, renal failure, phenylketonuria and hyperlipidemias. Nutritional counseling for diabetes covered under the *Diabetic Nutrition Education* benefit. This benefit is offered only through Good Shepherd providers.

## **Nutritional and Dietary Formulas**

Coverage for dietary formulas and nutritional supplements are covered when medically necessary. The following conditions must be met:

- The formula is a specialized formula for treatment of a recognized life-threatening metabolic deficiency such as phenylketonuria; or
- The formula is the significant source of a patient's primary nutrition or is administered in conjunction with intravenous nutrition; and
- The formula is administered through a feeding tube (nasal, oral or gastrostomy).

Special diets, nutritional supplements and over-the-counter vitamins and minerals are not covered.

## **Oral Surgery**

Coverage for oral surgery is offered when a medical diagnosis is present. Oral Surgery required for a dental diagnosis such as periodontal disease is **not** covered. Examples of covered services include:

- The reduction or manipulation of fractures of facial bones
- Excision of lesions, cysts, and tumors of the mandible, mouth, lip or tongue
- Incision of accessory sinuses, mouth salivary glands or ducts
- Extraction of teeth damaged due to radiation therapy that occurred while under this Plan

#### **Pharmacy**

Prescription drug benefits for Plan participants are administered by Scripius Prescriptions a separate provider not affiliated with FCH. Covered medications must meet these requirements:

Prescribed by a licensed physician,

- Approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and
- Must be warranted to treat a covered condition.

The Summary of Medical Benefits section notes the amounts for which you are responsible. To assist in keeping your out-of-pocket costs down when purchasing a prescription, it may be helpful to know that four tiers exist within the pharmacy structure:

<u>Tier 1 or Generic Drugs</u> – The generic version of a drug has the same chemical compound as its brand counterpart. Generic drugs offer a simple, safe alternative to help reduce prescription costs.

<u>Tier 2 or Preferred Brand Drugs</u> – This level includes preferred brand-name drugs that may have no generic equivalent.

<u>Tier 3 or Non-Preferred Brand Drugs</u> – This level includes brand drugs that are not listed in Tier 2. In most cases, there may be reasonable alternatives in Tier 1 or 2 for drugs found in this highest tier.

<u>Tier 4 or Specialty Medications</u> – This level includes oral and self-injectable specialty medications are not listed in Tiers 1, 2 or 3.

- Specialty medications are a class of drugs that may be administered orally, as a single
  injection, intravenous infusion or in an inhaled/nebulized solution. Injectable drugs and
  specialty medications include all or some of the following:
- Are often products of a living organism or produced by a living organism through genetic manipulation of the organism's natural function
- Are generally used to treat an ongoing chronic illness
- Require special training to administer
- Have special storage and handling requirements
- Are typically limited in their supply and distribution to patients or Providers
- Often have additional monitoring requirements

In addition to a copay or coinsurance, you are responsible for the cost of any prescription not covered under your pharmacy benefit and for any prescription purchased without presenting your medical benefit ID card.

#### Filling a Prescription

#### **Good Shepherd Medical Center Retail Pharmacy**

At Good Shepherd's retail pharmacy, you may receive up to a 30-day or a 90-day supply of medication. Good Shepherd's retail pharmacy is on site at the hospital address of 610 NW Eleventh St., Hermiston, OR 97838; their phone number is (541) 667-3652.

#### **Scripius Participating Pharmacies**

You may receive a 30-day supply of your prescription at Scripius participating retail pharmacies. Scripius has an extensive nationwide network of retail pharmacies. You may call them directly at (800) 442-3127.

The most current list of medications requiring Pre-authorization may be accessed at <a href="https://www.rxeob.com/patientdashboard\_sh/special\_requirement\_drugs.aspx">https://www.rxeob.com/patientdashboard\_sh/special\_requirement\_drugs.aspx</a> (under RxSelect formulary) or by calling Scripius Pharmacy Services.

The list of drugs requiring Pre-authorization may change periodically.

#### Plastic and Reconstructive Services

Reconstructive/plastic procedures require FCH pre-authorization and are covered when performed to correct or repair abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital defects, trauma, infection, tumors, disease, accidental injury or prior surgery (if the prior surgery would be covered under this Plan). Specific criteria follow:

- Services performed to correct congenital defects of a child must be completed before the child's 18th birthday
- In the case of accidental injury, services must be completed within 12 months of the initial injury

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

The federal law titled "Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998" states group health plans that are providing medical and surgical benefits for mastectomy resulting from disease, illness or injury must also cover, for those affected participants:

- 1. Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed
- 2. Reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance
- 3. Internal or external prostheses

Treatment of physical complications in all stages of post-mastectomy reconstruction, including lymphedema.

#### **Podiatric Care**

Coverage is provided for certain surgical podiatric services, including incision and drainage of infected tissue of the foot, removal of lesions of the foot, removal or debridement of infected toenails, and treatment of fractures and dislocations of bones of the foot. Routine foot care, such as the treatment of corns, calluses, non-surgical care of toenails, fallen arches and other symptomatic complaints of the feet are not covered, except for members with peripheral vascular disease and diabetes.

#### **Preventive Care**

Coverage is provided by or under the supervision of your physician, including:

- Routine physicals
- Periodic examinations including the specific diagnostic testing/screening and laboratory services noted in the Summary of Benefits (the frequency of these examinations is determined by the age, gender, health status and medical needs of the participant)
- Adult, child and adolescent immunizations as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Preventive care does not include diagnostic treatment, lab, x-ray, follow-up care, or maintenance care of existing conditions or chronic disease.

For more information on the recommendations of the CDC, US Preventive Services Task Force, and the Health Resources and Services Administration, visit the following website: <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov">www.healthcare.gov</a>.

## **Professional/Physician Services**

This benefit applies to in-person, Internet or telemedicine visits only – not charges for care provided by phone, fax, or e-mail.

## **Rehabilitation Therapy**

Coverage for disabling conditions is provided through inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation therapy. Examples of such therapies include, but are not limited to, physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy. The following conditions must be met:

- Services are to restore and significantly improve function that was previously present but lost due to acute injury or illness,
- Services are not for palliative, recreational, relaxation or maintenance therapy, and
- Loss of function was not the result of a work-related injury.

Coverage for cardiac rehabilitation requires that participants have experienced a cardiac event in the preceding twelve (12) month period, such as myocardial infarction, chronic stable angina, heart transplants or heart and lung transplants.

#### Inpatient Rehabilitation

Inpatient rehabilitation **requires FCH pre-authorization** and must be furnished and billed by a rehabilitative unit of a hospital or by another approved rehabilitation facility. When rehabilitation follows acute care in a continuous inpatient stay, this benefit starts on the day the care becomes primarily rehabilitative. Inpatient care includes all room and board, services provided and billed by the inpatient facility and therapies performed during the rehabilitative stay.

#### Outpatient Rehabilitation

Outpatient rehabilitation benefits are subject to the following provisions:

- You must not be confined in a hospital or other medical facility.
- Services must be billed by a hospital, physician or physical, occupational or speech therapist.

Speech therapy is covered only when required as a result of brain or nerve damage secondary to an accident, disease or stroke.

Once the benefits under this provision are exhausted, coverage may not be extended by using the benefits under any other provision.

#### **Skilled Nursing Facility**

Inpatient skilled nursing facility care **requires FCH pre-authorization**. Benefits include room and board and ancillary services. The care must be therapeutic or restorative and require infacility delivery by licensed professional medical personnel, under the direction of a physician, to obtain the desired medical outcome. (Neither maintenance care nor custodial care are covered.)

## **Transgender/Gender Affirming Services**

FCH pre-authorization required for inpatient admissions and gender affirming services. These services are intended to provide treatment for patients with gender dysphoria. This assistance may include primary care, gynecologic and urologic care, reproductive options, mental health services (e.g., assessment, counseling, psychotherapy, psychotropic medication management), and hormonal and gender affirming surgical treatments. Gender affirming surgical treatments are limited to members age 18 and older. Transportation and lodging are not covered. FDA-approved medications for support and treatment of transgender related services are covered through the Pharmacy benefit.

Case Management is a mandatory requirement and is free to the member. To enroll, call FCH Case Management at (800) 808-0450. The Case Manager will provide support and clinical guidance through this complex process.

## **Transplants (Organ and Bone Marrow)**

**FCH** pre-authorization is required for transplant service; and, there is a 24-month waiting period for this benefit. The waiting period can be offset by providing documentation that would show proof of coverage from your prior health Plan(s). The waiting period will be reduced by the number of months of prior coverage, as long as it did not occur before a significant break in coverage of more than 63 days. Services directly related to organ transplants must be coordinated by your participating provider. **Proposed transplants will not be covered if considered experimental or investigational for the participant's condition.** FCH pre-authorization approval for transplants is based on these criteria:

- A written recommendation with supporting documentation received from your provider
- The request for the transplant is based on medical necessity
- The requested procedure and associated protocol is not considered experimental or investigational treatment for your condition
- The procedure is performed at a facility, and by a provider, approved by FCH
- Upon evaluation, you are accepted into the approved facility's transplant program and comply with all program requirements

Have your provider send a request, prior to evaluation, to:

Email:

preauthorization@fchn.com

Written:

FCH Medical Management 600 University St., Suite 1400 Seattle, WA 98101

Fax:

(833) 227-4256 or (833) 227-4259FCH

#### Recipient Services

Covered transplant recipient services include:

- Medical and surgical services directly related to the transplant procedure and follow-up care
- Diagnostic tests and exams directly related to the transplant procedure and follow-up care
- Inpatient facility fees and pharmaceutical fees incurred while an inpatient
- Pharmaceuticals administered in an outpatient setting
- Anti-rejection drugs

Note: Corneal transplants are not considered an organ transplant and are covered under the medicalsurgical benefits, and not under the transplant benefit.

#### **Donor Services**

Donor expenses are covered if all criteria are met below:

- FCH approves the transplant procedure
- The recipient is enrolled in this plan
- Expenses are for services directly related to the transplant procedure
- Donor services are not covered under any other health plan or government program

Covered donor expenses include:

- Donor typing, testing and counseling
- Donor organ selection, removal, storage and transportation of the surgical/harvesting team and/or the donor organ or bone marrow

When both the recipient and the donor are participants under this Plan, covered charges up to the organ and bone marrow transplant lifetime maximum benefit for all covered services and supplies received by both the donor and the recipient will be payable. The covered donor and recipient will each be eligible to receive the organ and tissue transplant lifetime benefit maximum.

Note: If you, as a participant, choose to donate an organ or bone marrow, donor expenses are not covered under this Plan unless the recipient is also covered under this Plan. However, complications arising from the donation would be covered as any other illness to the extent that they are not covered under the recipient's health plan.

## **Plan Exclusions and Limitations**

## **Preferred Plus and High Deductible Health Plans**

Covered services are limited to the diagnosis, therapeutic care or treatment, and prevention of disease, sickness or injury as described in this document. In addition to limits and exclusions stated elsewhere in this document, coverage is specifically excluded for each of the following items and any related services and charges:

- Adoption expenses
- Amounts over and above UCR, as defined by the Plan
- Amounts for which the covered person has no obligation to pay
- Any charges by a facility owned or operated by the United States or any state or local
  government unless the participant is legally obligated to pay (excluding: (i) covered
  expenses rendered by a medical facility owned or operated by the United States
  Veteran's Administration when the services are provided to a participant for a nonservice related illness or injury, and (ii) covered expenses rendered by a United States
  military medical facility to participants who are not on active military duty)
- Any condition resulting from declared or undeclared acts of terrorism, war, military service, participation in a riot or civil disobedience
- Any service not medically necessary for the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of injury or illness, even if it is not specifically listed as an exclusion (except for specific services offered through the Preventive Care benefit)
- Any service received before the participant's effective date of coverage or after the coverage termination date
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) the following are not covered:
  - Providers accompanying children or family members to health care appointments that are not part of the direct provision of ABA services
  - Services by more than one program manager for each child/family (program development, treatment planning, supervision)
  - Training of therapy assistants and family members (as distinct from supervision)
  - Parent training or classes, except for one-on-one or one-on-two direct training of the parents of one identified patient
  - Services provided in a home school, or public/private school environment that are part of a child's schooling as distinct from specific ABA treatment services (e.g. acting as the "Teacher's Aide," or helping a child with homework)
- Aromatherapy
- Athletic training, body-building, fitness training or related expenses
- Autopsies
- Bariatric surgery, or any other surgical or non-surgical treatment, programs or supplies intended to result in weight reduction, regardless of diagnosis
- Benefits relating to any condition, illness, or injury for which the participant receives compensation or reimbursement through another contractual arrangement or benefit (other than employer-based disability payments), such as surrogate pregnancy.
- Botanical or herbal medicines, as well as other over-the-counter medications
- Breast reduction

- Care provided by phone, fax, or e-mail
- Charges for failure to keep a scheduled visit, for the copying of medical records or for the completion of a claim or administrative forms
- Chemical Dependency Rehabilitation treatments listed below:
  - Alcoholics Anonymous or other similar chemical dependency programs or support groups
  - Any care necessary to obtain shelter, to deter antisocial behavior, to deter runaway or truant behavior
  - Pain management and/or stress reduction classes
- Claims for services that are the result of any injury or illness incurred by a participant
  while that participant is participating in the commission of a felony, unless the injury or
  illness is the result of domestic violence or a physical or mental health condition
- Court-ordered or other assessments to determine the medical necessity of court-ordered treatments
- Court-ordered treatments or treatments related to deferral of prosecution, deferral of sentencing or suspended sentencing or treatments ordered as a condition of retaining driving rights, when no medical necessity exists
- Court ordered examinations or treatment of any kind, except when medically necessary
- Custodial care, including housing that is not integral to a medically necessary level of care, such as care necessary to obtain shelter, to deter antisocial behavior, to deter runaway or truant behavior or to achieve family respite
  - Emergency patrol services
  - Housing for individuals in a Partial Hospital Program or Intensive Outpatient Program
  - Information or referral services
  - Information schools
  - Long-term or custodial care
  - Non substance related disorders
  - Therapeutic group homes, residential community homes, therapeutic schools, adventurebased and/or wilderness programs or other similar programs
  - Treatment without ongoing concurrent review to ensure that treatment is being provided in the least restrictive setting required
- Day habilitation services designed to provide training, structured activities and specialized assistance to adults, chore services to assist with basic needs, vocational and custodial services are not covered.
- Dental, oral surgery or orthodontic related services, such as (but not limited to) those listed below (unless accident related or otherwise specifically covered by the Plan):
  - Care of the teeth or dental structures
  - Tooth damage due to biting or chewing
  - Dental implants, except as covered by the Plan under Dental Trauma benefits
  - Dental X-rays
  - Extractions of teeth, impacted or otherwise (except as covered under the Plan)
  - Orthodontia
  - Procedures in preparation for dental implants, except as covered under the Dental Trauma benefits
  - Services to correct malposition of teeth
- Developmental delay treatment or services, except as covered by the Plan

- DME and medical supply charges listed below:
  - Biofeedback equipment
  - Equipment or supplies whose primary purpose is preventing illness or injury
  - Exercise equipment
  - Items not manufactured exclusively for the direct therapeutic treatment of an illness or injured patient
  - Items used outside the home primarily for sports/recreational activities
  - Oral appliances for any diagnosis
  - Over-the-counter items (except medically necessary crutches, walkers, standard wheelchairs, diabetic supplies and ostomy supplies are covered)
  - Personal comfort items including but not limited to air conditioners, lumbar rolls, heating pads, diapers or personal hygiene items
  - Phototherapy devices related to seasonal affective disorder
  - Supportive equipment/environmental adaptive items including, but not limited to, hand rails, chair lifts, ramps, shower chairs, commodes, car lifts, elevators, and modifications made to the patient's home, place of work, or vehicle.
  - The following medical equipment/supplies: standard car seats or strollers, push chairs, air filtration/purifier systems or supplies, water purifiers, allergenic mattresses, orthopedic or other special chairs, pillows, bed wetting training equipment, corrective or orthopedic shoes, whirlpool baths, vaporizers, room humidifiers, hot tubs or other types of tubs, home UV or other light units (light boxes or specialized lamps or bulbs), home blood testing equipment and supplies (except diabetic equipment and supplies, and home anticoagulation meters)
  - Wigs
- Experimental or investigational services
- FDA-approved drugs, medications or other items for non- approved indications, except when an FDA-approved drug has been proven clinically effective to treat such indication and is supported in peer-reviewed scientific medical literature
- First Responder User Fees
- Hearing aids or appliances, including Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs)
- Home births
- Home health care listed below:
  - Custodial care
  - Housekeeping or meal services
  - Maintenance care
  - Shift or hourly care services
- Hospice care listed below:
  - Custodial care or maintenance care, except palliative care to the terminally ill patient subject to the stated limits
  - Financial or legal counseling services
  - Housekeeping or meal services
  - Services by a participant or the patient's family or volunteers
  - Services not specifically listed as covered hospice services under the Plan
  - Supportive equipment such as handrails or ramps
  - Transportation
- Immunizations for travel or work

- Infertility services (diagnostic) and treatments to achieve pregnancy (regardless of the cause) including but not limited to:
  - Artificial insemination
  - In vitro fertilization (IVF)
  - Gamete intra-fallopian transplant (GIFT)
- Lab and/or radiology services not ordered by a qualified health care provider
- Learning disabilities and related services, educational testing or associated training
- Massage therapy, except as medically necessary and part of a treatment plan for rehabilitation therapy
- Maternity services provided by a midwife(ves)
- Medication therapy management
- Mental health care listed below:
  - Adventure-based and/or wilderness programs that focus primarily on education, socialization or delinquency
  - Court-ordered assessments
  - Custodial care, including housing that is not integral to a medically necessary level of care, such as care necessary to obtain shelter, to deter antisocial behavior, to deter runaway or truant behavior or to achieve family respite
  - Family therapy, in the absence of an approved mental health diagnosis
  - Housing for individuals in a Partial Hospital Program or Intensive Outpatient Program
  - Marriage and couples counseling
  - Nontraditional, alternative therapies that are not based on American Psychiatric and American Psychological Association acceptable techniques and theories
  - Pain management and/or stress reduction classes
  - Sensitivity training
  - Sexual dysfunctions, personality disorders, and paraphilic disorders
  - Therapeutic group homes, residential community homes, therapeutic schools, adventurebased and/or wilderness programs or other similar programs
- Non-covered services or complications arising from non-covered services. Non-covered services include those services that would not have been covered by this Plan at the time the complication arose.
- Non-duplication of payment/coordination of benefits to prevent double coverage, benefits under this Plan will not be paid for expenses that are reimbursed by other insurance companies, medical plan, or subscriber contracts
- Non-emergent maternity services for dependent children, except as covered under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Oral appliances, such as those used to treat sleep apnea or TMJ
- Oral surgery services listed below:
  - care of the teeth or dental structures
  - dental implants, except as covered by the Plan under Dental Trauma benefits
  - extractions of teeth, impacted or otherwise (except as necessary due to damage caused by radiation therapy treatment while under this Plan)
  - services to correct malposition of the teeth
- Orthodontic treatment, appliances or services; dentures or related services
- Over-the-counter products, except as covered by the Plan

- Personal, convenience or comfort services, house cleaning, house call home visits from a doctor, supplies, or items including but not limited to phones, TVs, guest services, deluxe or suite hospital room, air conditioners, diapers or hygiene items
- Phototherapy devices related to seasonal affective disorder
- Physical examinations, reports or related services for the purpose of obtaining or maintaining employment, insurance, or licenses or permits of any kind, school admission, school sports clearances, immigration, foreign travel, medical research, camps, or government licensure, or other reasons not related to medical needs.
- Plastic and reconstructive services such as those listed below:
  - Abdominoplasty/panniculectomy
  - Complications resulting from non-covered services
  - Cosmetic services, supplies or surgery to repair, modify or reshape a functioning body structure for improvement of the patient's appearance or self-esteem (except for gender affirming surgery);
  - Dermabrasion, chemical peels or skin procedures to improve appearance or to remove scars or tattoos
  - Gynecomastia surgery
- Pregnancy care or treatment for dependent children

#### Prescription Drugs/Injectable Drugs and Specialty Medications:

- Appetite suppressants and weight loss drugs;
- Certain drugs with a therapeutic over-the-counter (OTC) equivalent;
- Certain off-label drug usage, unless the use has been approved by a Scripius Medical Director or clinical pharmacist;
- Compound drugs when alternative products are available commercially;
- Cosmetic health and beauty aids;
- Drugs not on your Formulary;
- Drugs purchased from Nonparticipating Providers over the Internet;
- Drugs purchased through a foreign pharmacy. However, please call Scripius Member Services if you have a special need for medications from a foreign pharmacy (for example, for an emergency while traveling out of the country);
- Flu symptom drugs, except when approved by an expert panel of Physicians and Scripius;
- Human growth hormone for the treatment of idiopathic short stature;
- Infertility drugs;
- Medical foods;
- Drugs not meeting the minimum levels of evidence based upon one or more of the following:
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval;
- The medication has no active ingredient and/or clinically relevant studies as determined by the Scripius Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee;
- Nationally recognized compendium sources currently utilized by Scripius;
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN); or
- As defined within Scripius's Preauthorization criteria or medical policy.
- Minerals, fluoride, and vitamins other than prenatal or when determined to be Medically Necessary to treat a specifically diagnosed disease;
- New drugs approved by the FDA after May 1, 2013 unless approved for coverage by Scripius;
- Non-Sedating Antihistamines;

- Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, except as required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), or when all of the following conditions are met:
  - o The OTC drug is listed on a Scripius Formulary as a covered drug;
  - The Scripius Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee has approved the OTC medication as a medically appropriate substitution of a Prescription Drug; and
  - You or your Dependent has obtained a prescription for the OTC drug from a licensed Provider and filled the prescription at a Participating Pharmacy;
- Pharmaceuticals approved by the Food and Drug Administration as a medical device;
- Prescription Drugs used for cosmetic purposes;
- Prescription drugs used to inhibit and/or suppress drowsiness, sleepiness, tiredness, or exhaustion, unless preauthorized by the Plan;
- Prescriptions written by a licensed dentist, except for the prevention of infection or pain in conjunction with a dental procedure;
- Raw powders or chemical ingredients are not covered unless specifically approved by Scripius or submitted as part of a compounded prescription.
- Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged drugs;
- Sexual dysfunction drugs.
- Travel-related medications, including preventive medication for the purpose of travel to other countries.
- Private duty nursing
- Procedures, regardless of medical necessity, outside the scope of the provider's license, registration or certification
- Repair or replacement of items not used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions or recommendations
- Replacement of lost or stolen items, such as but not limited to prescription drugs, prostheses or DME
- Respite care, except as covered by the Plan
- Reversal of sterilization
- Routine foot care, except as covered by the Plan for members with peripheral vascular disease and diabetes
- Services beyond the specified Plan Benefit Maximums
- Services for any condition, illness or injury that arises from or during the course of work for wages or profit that is covered by state insurance workers' compensation and federal act or similar law
- Services or supplies for the treatment of male or female sexual dysfunction such as, but not limited to, treatment of erectile dysfunction (including penile implants), anorgasmy, and premature ejaculation
- Services or supplies payable under a contract or insurance for uninsured or underinsured (UIM) coverage, motor vehicle, motor vehicle no-fault, or personal injury protection (PIP) coverage, commercial premises or homeowner's medical premise coverage or other similar type of contract or insurance
- Services or supplies received without charge from a medical department maintained by an employer, a mutual benefit association, labor union, trustee or similar group
- Services or supplies required by an employer as a condition of employment
- Services provided by a family member (spouse/domestic partner, parent or child)
- Services provided by a spa, health club or fitness center, except covered medically necessary services provided within the scope of the provider's license

- Services provided by clergy
- Services provided in a school setting (such as early learning and K-12)
- Smoking and Tobacco cessation programs except as covered by the Plan
- Snoring treatment (surgical or other)
- Special diets, nutritional supplements, vitamins and minerals or other dietary formulas or supplements except as covered by the Plan
- Special education for the developmentally disabled
- Specialized intraocular lenses associated with cataract surgery that correct vision disorders, such as Multifocal and Toric intraocular lenses
- Surrogate mother charges, unless the surrogate mother is eligible under the Plan at the time the services were rendered
- Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorder and all related services
- Termination of pregnancy (unless the life of the mother is endangered by the continued pregnancy or the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest)
- Tooth damage due to biting or chewing
- Transgender/Gender Affirming Services
  - Services that are considered cosmetic (including but not limited to):
    - Abdominoplasty
    - Blepharoplasty
    - o Breast augmentation
    - o Calf Implants
    - Cheek/malar implants
    - Chin augmentation (reshaping or enhancing the size of the chin)
    - Collagen injections
    - Cryothyroid approximations (voice modification surgery)
    - o Electrolysis (hair removal)
    - Face-lift
    - o Facial bone reduction
    - o Forehead lift
    - Hair transplantation
    - Laryngoplasty (reshaping of laryngeal framework/voice modification surgery)
    - Lip reductions/enhancement (decreasing/increase lip size)
    - o Liposuction
    - Mastopexy (breast lift)
    - Neck tightening
    - Pectoral implants
    - Reduction thyroid chondroplasty (trachea shave)
    - Rhinoplasty
    - Travel and lodging
- Transplant services listed below (Organ and Bone Marrow):
  - Animal-to-human transplants
  - Artificial or mechanical devices designed to permanently replace human organs
  - Complications arising from the donation procedure if the donor is not a Plan participant

- Donor expenses for a Plan participant who donates an organ or bone marrow (however, complications from the donation are covered as any other illness to the extent they're not covered under the recipient's health Plan)
- Organ transplants not specifically listed as covered transplants
- Transplants considered experimental and investigational
- Transportation, travel, lodging and/or meal expenses even if required for medically necessary services (except as covered by the Plan's ambulance benefit)
- Treatment furnished without charge or paid directly or indirectly by any government or for which a government prohibits payment of benefits
- Vision Care, vision benefits noted below such as, but not limited to, are not covered:
  - Eye exams, eyeglasses (frames and/or lenses) and/or contact lenses. Frames, lenses, and contact lenses needed to treat a medical condition, or needed as a result of a medical condition are covered under the Durable Medical Equipment benefit.
  - Non-prescription sunglasses or safety glasses
  - Radial keratotomy, Lasik or any other refractive surgery, orthoptics, pleoptics, visual therapy, visual analysis therapy or training related to muscular imbalance of the eye; optometric therapy
  - Services or supplies received principally for cosmetic purposes other than contact lenses selected in place of eyeglasses
- Vitamin B-12 injections except to treat Vitamin B-12 deficiency
- Vocational rehabilitation, work hardening or training programs regardless of diagnosis or symptoms that may be present, or for non-medically necessary education
- Weight management programs
- Wigs

# **Eligibility and Enrollment**

## **Eligible Classes of Employees**

All active Good Shepherd Health Care System employees working at least 20 hours per week are eligible to enroll in the plan.

Examples of employees that are considered non-eligible are those classified on Good Shepherd Health Care System's books or records as:

- Leased or temporary employees, or;
- Enrolled as a dependent on another Good Shepherd Health Care System employee's plan.

#### **Waiting Period**

Coverage for otherwise eligible employees will become effective on the first day of the month following 60 days of active employment in an eligible class, as described above.

If an employee fails to enroll within thirty (30) days after completion of this waiting period, his or her coverage can become effective only in accordance with the *Open Enrollment* or *Special Enrollment Periods* provisions described below.

#### **Enrollment Periods**

Enrollment periods for eligible employees and dependents are:

- Within thirty (30) days of initial eligibility, unless otherwise specified (such as for newborn dependents)
- During any open enrollment.

If a completed enrollment application is not received by the Plan Administrator within the 30 days of the employee's initial eligibility period, the employee and their dependents cannot enroll until the next group open enrollment period.

#### **How to Enroll**

To enroll, contact the Plan Administrator for an enrollment form and instructions. It is very important that the enrollment information is complete and accurate and returned to the Plan Administrator within the 30 days of the employee's initial eligibility period. Incomplete information will result in delayed eligibility, delayed access to benefits and non-payment of claims.

Discovery of false or misrepresented information will result in the complete nullification of coverage and you will be held financially responsible for any benefits paid. Examples of false or misrepresented information are failing to provide requested information, providing incorrect or incomplete information, enrolling an ineligible dependent, and failing to comply with the Plan's requirements for eligibility. It is your responsibility to notify the Plan Administrator of all dependent eligibility changes.

#### **Open Enrollment**

Open enrollment is a defined period when you, if an eligible employee, are allowed to enroll or make changes to your health care benefit coverage. Open enrollment occurs once each calendar year. Under no circumstances will you be able to change the medical plan outside of open enrollment.

#### **Special Enrollment Periods**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) gives you special enrollment rights as described within this section.

#### Change in Status

If you decline Plan group health coverage and later acquire a new dependent by marriage, birth, adoption or placement, you may be eligible to enroll yourself and your dependents into the group health plan if you request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption or placement (see also *Dependents*). If you decline Plan group health coverage and later experience a change in status (as described below) and become eligible to participate in a premium assistance program under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reauthorization Act of 2009 you have 60 days to enroll in the Plan.

In addition, a special enrollment period is available if a change of status occurs.

A change in status includes:

- Marriage, divorce or legal separation
- Death of your spouse/domestic partner or dependent
- Birth, adoption, or placement for adoption of child
- A change in employment status, such as a switch between part-time and full-time
- Changes in your dependent's age status or other factor affecting his or her eligibility
- Change in your eligibility to participate in a premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP

Any changes made in elections must be consistent with the change in status.

#### Involuntary Loss of Other Coverage

You may enroll for coverage under this Plan outside of open enrollment when all of the following requirements are met:

- You waived coverage under this Plan at the time this coverage was previously offered because you were already covered under another plan (A waiver of group health plan benefits is required at open enrollment or when you become eligible for enrollment in the benefit Plan; forms are available from the Plan Administrator)
- Your coverage under the other health care plan was terminated as a result of:
  - Loss of eligibility for the coverage (including as a result of legal separation, divorce, death, termination of employment or the reduction in the number of hours of employment)
  - Termination of employer contributions toward such coverage

- You were covered under COBRA at the time coverage under this Plan was previously offered and your COBRA coverage has been exhausted
- You, or your dependent(s), were covered under Medicaid or CHIP but have since lost eligibility for either program

The Plan Administrator must receive a completed enrollment form within 30 days of the date your prior coverage ended. Coverage under this Plan will become effective on the first of the month following loss of coverage.

#### **Late Enrollment**

Late enrollments are not accepted. An enrollment is late if it is not submitted within the timeframe set forth in the sections *Enrollment Period*, *Open Enrollment* and *Special Enrollment Periods*.

#### **Effective Date**

#### Effective Date of Coverage for You

The employee's coverage will become effective the first day of the calendar month following the date that the employee has satisfied: 1) 60 days of employment and, 2) the Plan is in receipt of the completed enrollment form.

#### Effective Date of Coverage for Your Dependents

If you have one or more eligible dependents on the date that you become covered under this Plan and you elect to insure them, they will be covered on the date your coverage becomes effective. Only dependents for which you have submitted an enrollment form and paid any required premiums will be covered. Your dependent will be considered a late enrollee if we do not receive the enrollment form and premium payment within 30 days (30 days in the case of birth, adoption or placement for adoption) of the date he or she is eligible for coverage. Late enrollments are not accepted.

#### Deferred Effective Date of Your Coverage or an Increase in Coverage

If you are not at work for a minimum of 20 hours per week on the effective date of insurance or any increase in benefits, for any reason other than a vacation day, work holiday, or scheduled non-work day, your coverage or any increase in benefits will not become effective until the date you return to work for at least 20 hours per week.

You will be deemed to be at work on such date only if you were at work on the day before and the day after such period of time.

#### Effective Date for Adding Dependents (Other than Newborn and Adopted Children)

Any dependents added after your effective date of coverage will be covered on the date they become eligible. You must submit an enrollment form to us for any such dependent and pay any

required premiums. The Plan Administrator must receive the form within 30 days of the date the dependent becomes eligible for coverage. If you do not notify us within 30 days, the dependent will be considered a late enrollee. **Late enrollments are not accepted.** 

## **Special Rule**

If an employee and spouse/domestic partner are each employees of Good Shepherd and are eligible for benefits, employees may **not** "double" cover each other as dependents.

If two Good Shepherd employees are married, one may enroll as the dependent on their spouse's/domestic partner's employee coverage. In such a case, the employee spouse/domestic partner enrolled as a dependent would not be eligible for employee only coverage in addition to their dependent coverage.

If two Good Shepherd employees are married, children of those employees may enroll under only one parent.

If you are covered under a family member employed by Good Shepherd and become enrolled for benefits due to your own employment status, your family member must contact the Plan Administrator to cancel your coverage within 30 days.

## **Waiver of Group Health Plan Benefits**

As an eligible employee, you may elect to waive participation in the group health plan by completing the enrollment form, stating you choose to waive coverage and providing proof of other coverage. If you waive coverage, you may not enroll your dependents – a dependent is not eligible for coverage without the eligible employee also enrolled.

# **Dependents**

# **Dependent Eligibility**

Dependents become eligible for group health plan benefits on either the day you become eligible or the day you acquire your first dependent, whichever is later. Dependents can be enrolled in the group health plan only if you also are enrolled. Dependents include:

- Lawful spouse "Legally married spouse (a "spouse" will mean a person of the opposite sex; "legally married" means a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife)";
- Domestic Partner (must be in an Oregon-certified domestic partnership; see *Plan Definitions*);
- Your (or your spouse/domestic partner's) natural child, adopted child, child placed with you for legal adoption, stepchild, or other legally designated ward up to age 26, unless eligible for his or her own employer-sponsored health coverage; or,
- Your (or your spouse/domestic partner's) natural child, adopted child, child placed with you for legal adoption, stepchild, dependent child or other legally designated ward that a health care professional determines is incapable of self-support because of a physical, mental, or developmental disability; that child may be eligible to remain enrolled even though he or she is over 26. To be eligible the disability must have occurred before the child's 26th birthday and while the child was covered under the plan. You must certify to the Plan Administrator that these conditions have been met before the child's 26th birthday. Thereafter, employees may be required to resubmit proof of continued disability every two years.

A child who loses dependent status for coverage eligibility under this provision may be eligible for continuation of coverage under COBRA (see *COBRA* section).

You are responsible for paying the contribution for your dependent's group health plan benefits.

- Dependents do not include:
  - A spouse who is legally separated or divorced unless coverage is required by court order or decree:
  - A spouse/domestic partner or child living outside the United States or Canada;
  - A spouse/domestic partner or child eligible for employee coverage under the Plan;
  - Any person who is on active duty in any armed forces of any country;
  - You or your spouse/domestic partner's natural child for whom you have given up rights through legal adoption.
  - A parent of an employee or spouse/domestic partner; or
  - The newborn child or spouse/domestic partner of an enrolled dependent child.

#### Dependents Acquired Through Marriage or Domestic Partnership

If you acquire a new dependent through marriage or domestic partnership, the Plan Administrator must receive the completed enrollment application and a copy of the marriage certificate within 30 days after the marriage or domestic partnership for coverage to be effective, or your new dependent will not be able to enroll until the next open enrollment.

Coverage for your new dependent will become effective on the first of the month following the date of lawful marriage or domestic partnership.

## **Dependent Children**

An enrollment form is required to enroll any dependent child. Your dependent will not be denied based on health status. The Plan Administrator may ask for added information to establish a dependent child's eligibility.

#### Natural Newborn Children

If you acquire a new dependent through birth, the Plan Administrator must receive the enrollment form within 30 days from the date of birth. In order for coverage to exist for a newborn, the child must be enrolled within this timeframe. Coverage for the facility nursery charges will be in effect until discharge from this level of care under the enrolled mother's coverage. There is no coverage for physician services or other facility levels of care other than nursery until the newborn is enrolled. If enrolled, coverage becomes effective on the date of birth. This provision does not apply to grandchildren of the Subscriber or Spouse/Domestic Partner.

#### Adopted Children Acquired

Any child under age 18 you legally adopt or who is placed with you for adoption is eligible on the date of placement. A child is considered placed for adoption when you become legally obligated to support that child totally or partially before the legal adoption. If the child is placed but not adopted, all group health plan benefits stop when the placement ends and will not be continued.

If the enrollment form, with documentation to support legal guardianship, is received within 30 days of placement, coverage becomes effective on the date of placement. The Plan Administrator may request added information.

#### Children Acquired Through Legal Guardianship

If the enrollment form, with documentation to support legal guardianship, is received within 30 days of obtaining legal guardianship, dependent coverage becomes effective on the date of the order. The Plan Administrator may request added information.

#### Children Covered Under Qualified Medical Child Support Orders

If the enrollment form, with notification of the medical child support order (from you, the custodial parent or a state agency administering Medicaid) is received within 30 days of the order, coverage becomes effective on the date of the order. If received after 30 days, coverage becomes effective on the first of the month after the Plan Administrator has the enrollment information. (See *Qualified Medical Child Support Orders* for more information).

#### **Dependent Children Out of Area**

To receive the network level of coverage, medically necessary care for covered services must be provided by First Choice Health PPO Network (FCH) providers within Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

First Health Network is available for network benefits to:

- Participants who live outside the FCH service area due to work, COBRA or student status.
- All participants for emergency and urgent care when traveling.

(A full description of the provider networks is in your Medical, and Pharmacy Benefits booklets for each medical plan, under *How to Obtain Health Services*.)

## Continued Eligibility for a Child who is Disabled

Coverage may be extended beyond the dependent child limiting age if the child is:

- Incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical disability, and
- Depends primarily on you for support.

Contact the Plan Administrator for details and enrollment forms. For continued eligibility of a child who is disabled, the enrollment form must be received within 30 days of the date the child reaches the maximum dependent child age or the maximum full-time student age for dependent coverage. Thereafter, employees are required to resubmit proof of continued disability every two year.

Proof may be defined as a copy of the State Disability check for the current month. If a copy of the State Disability check for the current month is not available, the provider of care must complete a physician statement to confirm the following:

- · Name of dependent child;
- Dependent child's date of birth;
- Dependent child's Plan ID number;
- Date of onset of disabling condition;
- Description of disabling condition and functional limitations
- Expected duration of disabling condition and prognosis; and
- Signature of provider.

The participant must also submit the following:

- Signed statement that the participant provides total support for this child;
- Participant social security number; and,
- Date information provided.

A child who is disabled will continue to be eligible for coverage until the employee participant fails to submit proof of dependence due to disability, or if coverage terminates for the employee or the dependent due to any of the reasons noted under *Termination of Coverage*.

## **Qualified Medical Child Support Orders**

Good Shepherd will provide medical coverage to certain children (called alternate recipients) if directed by a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) (defined in ERISA §609(a)), including benefits for adopted children in accordance with ERISA §609(c). The participant, the child's custodial parent, or a state agency administering Medicaid may submit notification.

A medical child support order:

- Is any decree, judgment, order (including approval of settlement agreement) or administrative notice from a state court or state agency with jurisdiction over the child's support
- Recognizes the child as an alternate recipient for plan benefits
- Provides for, based on a state domestic relations law (including a community property law), the child's support or health plan coverage.

A QMCSO is a medical child support order qualified under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. A medical child support order is qualified if it creates or recognizes the existence of an alternate recipient's right to receive plan benefits and specifies this information:

- Employee's name and last known address
- Each alternate recipient's name and address (or state official/agency name and address if the order provides)
- Reasonable description of coverage the alternate recipient is entitled to receive
- Coverage effective date
- How long the child is entitled to coverage
- That the plan is subject to the order.

If the medical child support order is a QMCSO:

- The Plan Administrator notifies you and the alternate recipient of the Plan's procedures and allows the alternate recipient to name a representative to receive copies of any QMCSO notices
- Alternate recipient coverage begins on the first of the month after the QMCSO is received
- If a dependent contribution is required, your specific authorization isn't needed to establish the payroll deduction, which would be retroactive to the alternate recipient's coverage effective date
- The Plan pays network providers directly for covered services; when an alternate recipient, custodial parent, legal guardian or employee pays a covered expense, the Plan reimburses the person who paid the expense.

If the medical child support order is not a QMCSO, the Plan Administrator notifies you and each alternate recipient of the specific reasons it does not qualify, along with procedures for submitting a corrected medical child support order.

The enrollment form with the notification of the medical child support order needs to be received within 30 days of the order in order for coverage to become effective on the date of the order. If the enrollment information is received after 30 days of the order, coverage will become effective on the first of the month following the date we receive the enrollment information for coverage.

# **Termination of Coverage**

For participating employees, coverage ends at these events:

- Non-payment of a contribution that is your responsibility
- You no longer meet eligibility requirements for coverage; coverage ends the last day of the month after the date you are no longer in a class of eligible or active employees
- The date you cancel coverage under the Plan
- The employee or any participant performs an act or practice that constitutes fraud or made an intentional misrepresentation of material fact under the terms of this policy
- The policy is materially breached
- The Plan Sponsor ceases to offer coverage in the group market under which this coverage is issued

For participating dependents, coverage ends at these events:

- The date the participant's coverage ends for any reason
- The date the participating employee or participating dependent terminates coverage
- The last day for which any required Plan contributions are paid
- The participant dies
- The participating employee and spouse legally divorce (the Plan Administrator must receive a copy of the decree) or a domestic partnership is dissolved or terminated;
- The last day of the month in which the dependent child reaches age 26, unless disabled (see Continued Eligibility for a Disabled Child).

#### Related details follow:

- Coverage is automatically extended through the last day of the month of the termination, provided the applicable contribution for the coverage period has been paid. (Contact the Plan Administrator for more information.)
- If your share of the Plan contribution is paid on a pre-tax basis through a §125
  Cafeteria Plan, enrollment into this Plan is a 1 year commitment. You can opt out of
  the Plan mid-year only as permitted under §125 regulations. Refer to your §125
  Cafeteria Plan Summary Plan Description for details.
- If your share of the Plan contribution is paid on an after-tax basis (i.e., not through a §125 Cafeteria Plan), you may cancel coverage at any time during the Plan year.
   Coverage ends the last day of the month in which the Plan Administrator receives written notice of termination.
- The Plan requires 31 days written notice for dependent coverage termination.

If you or your dependents lose coverage under this Plan, you may be eligible to continue coverage. For more information, read the *COBRA* section or ask your Plan Administrator.

# Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA)

If your coverage terminates under this group health plan, you may be eligible under COBRA to continue the same coverage you had when coverage ended, on a temporary self-pay basis. COBRA requires this continuation of coverage be made available to covered persons – called qualified beneficiaries under COBRA – on the occurrence of a qualifying event, described below.

Continuation of coverage under COBRA is not automatic; you must elect COBRA by completing and properly providing an enrollment form to your Plan Administrator. You must contact your Plan Administrator and apply for continuation of your group health plan coverage within 60 days of the termination of coverage. You will also be required to pay applicable contributions for you and/or your dependent(s) directly to the Plan.

This Plan provides no greater COBRA rights than what COBRA requires. Nothing in this Group Health Summary Plan Description is intended to expand your rights beyond COBRA's requirements.

This section describes your COBRA coverage rights; contact the Plan Administrator for more information.

# Who Is a COBRA Qualified Beneficiary?

Employees and covered dependents who participate in the Plan may be eligible for COBRA in the case of a qualifying event if they are also a qualified beneficiary. Qualified beneficiaries include:

- Employees enrolled in the Plan on or before the date of the event that causes them to lose that coverage (called the qualifying event)
- An employee's spouse enrolled in this Plan on the day before the qualifying event
- The employee's dependent children enrolled in this Plan on the day before the qualifying event
- Dependent children born to, or placed for adoption with, the employee while the employee has COBRA coverage
- Dependent children acquired through legal guardianship while the employee has COBRA coverage
- Dependent children covered under medical child support orders while the employee has COBRA coverage

Please Note: Federal law does not recognize Domestic Partnerships, therefore, Domestic Partners are not eligible for COBRA benefits or other continuation of coverage.

A qualified beneficiary may choose to continue any one benefit, or all of the benefits that s/he was enrolled in prior to the qualifying event.

Certain qualified beneficiaries may have additional COBRA rights and possible tax credits if they are certified by the Department of Labor or state labor agencies as eligible under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002. (Contact the Plan Administrator for more details.)

## **Qualifying Events and Continuation Periods**

Qualifying events and continuation periods are explained below:

- If employment terminates (voluntary or involuntary), you and your covered dependents may continue coverage under this Plan for up to 18 months unless the cause is gross misconduct
- If your work hours are reduced, resulting in loss of group coverage, you and your covered dependents may continue coverage under this Plan for up to 18 months
- If you and your spouse legally divorce or are legally separated, your spouse and covered dependent children may continue coverage under this Plan for up to 36 months
- When your covered dependent child no longer meets the Plan's definition of dependent child, the child may continue coverage under this Plan for up to 36 months
- When you become Medicare eligible, your Medicare-ineligible covered dependents may continue coverage under this Plan for up to 36 months
- If you die, your spouse or covered dependents may continue coverage under this Plan for up to 36 months
- If you enter into uniformed service, you may elect to continue Plan coverage for up to 24 months (see also Military Leave under Other Continuation of Coverage section)
- If, while covered under COBRA, you (or a COBRA-eligible dependent) become disabled, you may be eligible for a coverage extension. The 18-month COBRA coverage period may be extended another 11 months for a total of 29 months COBRA coverage. To qualify for this disability extension you must:
  - Meet the definition of disability under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act at the time of the qualifying event or within the first 60 days of COBRA coverage
  - Provide the Plan Administrator with notice of the disability determination (from Social Security) on a date that is both within 60 days after the determination date and before the original 18-month coverage ends. If the disabled beneficiary is later determined by Social Security to no longer be disabled, the Plan Administrator must receive notice within 31 days of that determination date

#### When COBRA Coverage Ends

COBRA coverage ends before the 18-, 29-, or 36-month period expires for any of these reasons:

- The Plan no longer provides group health coverage to any employees
- The COBRA coverage premium is not paid within 31 days of the due date (the initial grace period is 45 days after the first COBRA election)
- The qualified beneficiary enrolls in Medicare
- If an extension from 18 to 29 months was granted due to a disability and the individual receives a final determination from the Social Security Administration stating the individual is no longer disabled the individual must notify the plan administrator within 31 days after the date of that determination. Coverage ends on the last day of the month through which contribution payments have been received, so long as that date is within the first month that begins within 31 days after the final determination date, and after the initial 18-month COBRA coverage period

## **Contribution Payment Requirements**

You are required to pay any and all applicable contributions for you and your covered dependents. You must pay the first contribution for continuation of coverage within 45 days of the date you elect COBRA coverage. Contributions consist of the full cost of coverage, plus 2% (a total of 102%).

If you are eligible and receive a disability extension under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act, your contribution will also be 102% of the full cost of coverage.

If the cost for similarly situated active employees or dependents changes, the COBRA coverage premium also changes (only once a year before the Plan year begins).

Failure to make payments within the designated time frame will result in automatic termination of coverage to the last day of the month for which a complete payment was made. Payments need to be sent directly to Good Shepherd Health Care System, 610 NW 11<sup>th</sup>, Hermiston, OR 97838. If you have COBRA related questions, you may call Human Resources at (541) 667-3546.

## **Election Requirements**

At the time of a qualifying event, such as termination of employment or reduction in hours, the qualified beneficiary must be notified of the right to continue coverage within 14 days of the Plan Administrator receiving notice of the qualifying event.

In the case of divorce, legal separation or the ineligibility of a dependent, the employee or qualified beneficiary is responsible for notifying the Plan Administrator within 61 days of the divorce, legal separation or ineligibility of a dependent. The Plan is not obligated to offer COBRA benefits to beneficiaries if this notification is not received within the 61 days.

# What Coverage Must Be Offered When Electing COBRA?

The Plan is required to continue the following coverage for COBRA participants:

- **Identical coverage** the qualified beneficiary must be offered the opportunity to continue the coverage received immediately before the qualifying event
- Independent rights once a qualifying event occurs each qualified beneficiary has an
  independent right to elect continuation coverage. For example, if an employee and
  family are offered COBRA coverage, each individual can make an election. Although
  an active employee must be covered to cover a dependent, it is possible to have
  COBRA coverage for a dependent when the former employee does not elect to
  continue coverage
- Open enrollment qualified beneficiaries must be notified of any benefit or carrier changes at open enrollment and be given the opportunity to change coverage just like active employees. Qualified beneficiaries have the same rights as active employees during open enrollment to add or drop family members, change coverages and change carriers, if available. However, if a qualified beneficiary adds a family member during open enrollment who was not previously covered, that added family member does not become a qualified beneficiary

•	<b>Modification of coverage</b> – if an employer modifies coverage for similarly situated active employees; the coverage for qualified beneficiaries must be modified similarly. Some examples of modifications include benefit enhancements, elimination of coverage and changes in carriers

# Other Continuation of Coverage

#### **Leaves of Absence**

Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) Leaves

The FMLA gives employees on FMLA leave the same rights and privileges as active employees. The FMLA allows an eligible employee to take 12 weeks of leave each year (during a rolling backward calendar year) for the following reasons:

- The birth or adoption of the employee's child
- Placement of a foster child in the employee's care
- To care for the employee's spouse, parent or child if suffering from a serious health condition
- An employee's own disabling serious health condition
- For qualifying exigencies arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, parent or child is on active duty with the Armed Forces, including the National Guard or Reserves (Examples of "qualifying exigencies" include, but may not be limited to, short-notice deployment, military events and related activities, certain childcare and related activities, financial and legal arrangements, counseling, rest and recuperation, post-deployment activities and/or any other event that the employer and employee agree constitute a qualifying exigency)

The FMLA also allows an eligible employee to take 26 weeks of leave each year (during a rolling backward calendar year) for the following reasons:

• For military caregiver leave, an employee may be allowed for up to 26 weeks of leave, per service member, per injury, to care for a family member who (1) is an current member of the Armed Forces, Guard or Reserves; (2) who suffered a serious illness or injury or injury was aggravated in the line of duty while on active duty; and (3) is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, therapy, outpatient care, or has been placed on the temporary disability retirement list by the military (Please note the Department of Labor (DOL) has established an order of familial priority for family members seeking this leave; your employer is within its rights to request information seeking proof and/or clarification of your relationship to the service member)

If you are granted an authorized leave of absence from work, you may choose to continue coverage under this group health plan during the approved leave time as long as you pay your required contribution. Since continuation of coverage under this provision is not extended automatically, please contact your Plan Administrator for more information. Any and all applicable monthly contributions must be paid directly to the Plan in accordance with the agreement established before the leave. Failure to make the established monthly contribution may result in the termination of group health benefits. Eligible employees will receive information about the option of continuing their health benefits on a self-pay basis under COBRA.

If your leave is a paid leave, the contribution costs will continue to come out of your paycheck as a deduction. If your leave is unpaid, you are responsible for paying your share of contribution directly.

If you lose coverage during your leave because you did not make the required contributions, you may enroll again within 30 days of returning to work. Your coverage will start on the first day of the month after you return to work and make any required contributions.

#### Military Leave

If you take a military leave, for active duty or training, you will be covered under the Plan's health benefits as if you were an active employee, as long as you are in an active paid status.

If your uniformed service lasts beyond your paid time or 31 days, whichever is longer, you may continue coverage under the self-pay option for approved leaves (as described in the COBRA section) according to your rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). While continued, coverage will be what was in force on the last day you worked as an active employee. However, if benefits decrease for others in the class, yours will also decrease.

If you return to active employment promptly after your military leave, in accordance with federal law, your medical, dental, vision, pharmacy, life insurance and long-term disability coverage will be reinstated on the date you return to the active payroll. You must submit a written request for reinstatement within 90 days of your discharge from active military service, or one year following a hospitalization which continues after you are discharged from active military service.

#### Paid Time Off

<u>Purpose:</u> The Health Care System's paid time off (PTO) plan is provided to encourage planning and predictability of time off. PTO compensates employees at their base wage when they are absent from work for such purposes as vacation, holidays, illness, family emergencies, religious observances, preventive health and dental care, and other excused elective absences.

The base wage does not include premium payment such as shift differential, overtime, hospital paid benefits or similar allowances except that of an employee who is <u>permanently</u> assigned to evenings or nights at the time of payment, will receive shift differential applicable to those paid during normal days worked. Permanent assignment constitutes an anticipated or realized six months of assignment. This assignment must be agreed upon by employee and their Supervisor prior to the period of PTO commencing.

#### Policy:

- **Eligibility**: All employees regularly scheduled to work. Temporary workers are excluded from the PTO plan.
- Accrual:
  - a. PTO is accrued on all hours worked as well as those hours which an employee is off work and being paid PTO, and during involuntary without pay time, (i.e. census hours/days). PTO will <u>not</u> accrue during overtime hours or while on stand-by.
  - b. PTO accrual will continue for all hours on jury duty that an employee would normally have been scheduled to work.

c. A maximum of eighty (80) hours of PTO above yearly accrual hours can be earned before accrual of PTO stops (i.e., for employees with 1-5 years of service, the maximum hours allowed in PTO bank is 296, which is 216 maximum accrual + 80 hours carryover.)

#### Accrual rates:

Length of Service	Factors	Maximum Hours/Days per year
0 – 1 Year	.096	200 Hours/25 Days
2 – 5 Years**	.104	216 Hours/27 Days
6 - 10 Years**	.123	256 Hours/32 Days
11 - 25 Years	.142	296 Hours/37 Days
Over 11 Years	.150	312 Hours/39 Days

<sup>\*\*</sup> After completing each five year increment necessary to achieve the higher accrual rate of paid time off, an employee does not begin to accrue paid time off at the next increment until completing five full years.

#### Use of PTO:

- a. PTO may be used as soon as it is accrued (after six months of continuous employment).
- b. PTO may be used for time away for the <u>illness</u> of the employee or family member once the employee has completed three (3) months of continuous employment.
- c. PTO, as with all other time off, must (except in unusual circumstances) be requested in writing in advance of the total time off desired and approved in writing by the supervisor. Approval will be based upon the hospital's determinations of its staffing needs. When time off is requested without prior approval due to an emergency or illness, a specific reason for the request is to be given and accrued PTO time must be used. The employee requiring time off without prior approval must call in per departmental policy. If the employee does not have approval for each day of absence, it shall be considered an unexcused absence. Such absences can become cause for disciplinary action.
- d. PTO hours are to be used for time off away from the hospital. A full-time employee is expected to take a minimum of five consecutive days of vacation each year to allow time off for rest and relaxation.
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#### Holidays:

Holidays are built-in components of the PTO accrual rates. Listed below are the holidays that are commonly recognized and granted by Good Shepherd Health Care System:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day

- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Eve Day
- Christmas Day

Recognized holidays are an exception to Paragraph (3-a) above. Holidays may be taken as they occur and must be taken by employees whose departments are closed for the holiday. If a regular employee does not have any PTO hours available for a holiday they will still be paid for the holiday and their PTO bank will reflect a negative balance.

"Recognized" holiday is defined as the actual date of the holiday, as marked on the calendar. For employees in departments that normally work Monday through Friday, the holiday will be "observed" on Friday if the recognized holiday falls on a Saturday; or will be "observed" on Monday if the recognized holiday falls on a Sunday.

Regular employees who are required to work a "recognized" holiday will be paid time and one-half. Per-diem or temporary employees not eligible for PTO benefits who work a "recognized" holiday will receive double pay, according to hours worked on the "recognized" holiday. Employees are not eligible for holiday benefits that occur during a leave of absence.

#### Extended Illness Bank

Prior to February 1, 2017 some employees accrued up to 40 hours of Extended Illness leave per year. Employees who still have an EIB bank may use banked hours after a full-time employee has used 24 hours of PTO to cover an illness or injury or after a part-time employee has used PTO equivalent to three scheduled workdays. PTO hours will be used for the first 24 hours or three scheduled work days of an illness or injury. If an employee who returns from an illness is absent again within ten calendar days for the same disability or illness, he/she may continue with EIB leave. Extended Illness leave may be used on the first day of an on the job injury/accident or on the first day as an inpatient in a hospital. Subject to the waiting period above, an employee may use up to 16 hours of accrued EIB per year for the acute illness of the employee's spouse/domestic partner, dependent child or other IRS dependent where the employee's presence with such ill family member is necessary. The maximum number of extended illness leave hours an employee may have in their Extended Illness leave bank is 720 hours. Extended illness leave hours cannot be converted to PTO.

#### • PTO Gifting/Transfer to another Employee:

Employees may transfer accumulated PTO, on an irrevocable basis, to an eligible coworker who has exhausted accumulated leave while recuperating or suffering from what has been determined to be an extended and unplanned continuing illness or injury.

Transfer of accumulated PTO and the utilization of such PTO shall be subject to the following:

- a. An applications for transfer of PTO shall be sent to Human Resources in writing and accompanied by a treating physician's written statement that the illness or injury will continue beyond the recipients projected exhaustion of accumulated PTO and EIB.
- b. All applications for transfer of PTO must be reviewed and approved by Administration prior to any donations.
- c. Human Resources shall make it known that PTO donations are being requested. Donations can be made in one hour increments. Donations shall be credited to the recipients PTO account and will be paid out at the recipient's current hourly rate of pay. All donations are voluntary and confidential.

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- Transfer of donated PTO shall be accepted in the order they are received by the Human Resource department. All donations must be made within 30 days of public notification from the Human Resource department.
- d. The maximum donated PTO an employee may receive will be the maximum amount of PTO the recipient needs to cover the illness or injury, not to exceed the maximum amount of PTO the recipient would be eligible to earn in a one year period of time. (i.e., an employee with less than five years of service would be able to receive 200 donated hours). Receipt of donated PTO is limited to one time in a 12 month period.

#### PTO Cash out at Termination:

After an employee has been employed a minimum of six months, accrued paid time off that has not been used, will be cashed out and paid upon the employee's termination if proper notification has been given.

#### EIB at Retirement

Employees who retire at age 62+ with at least 15 years of service with GSHCS will be cashed out with 15% of their accrued but unused EIB bank. To be eligible for this cash out an employee must have worked or been scheduled a minimum of 1,000 hours in the preceding 12 months prior to retirement.

#### All Leaves of Absence

If your coverage has been terminated you must re-enroll within 30 days of returning to work in a benefit-eligible status. There is no automatic re-enrollment process. Contact the Plan Administrator if you have further questions.

Please note: In addition to FMLA, this plan will allow continuation coverage in accordance with applicable state law.

# Claim and Appeal Procedures

#### Claim

A claim means any request for a Plan benefit made by you (Claimant) or your authorized representative (an individual acting on behalf of the Claimant in obtaining or appealing a benefit claim). The authorized representative must be designated as such in writing with an approved form signed by the claimant (except for urgent care benefits or urgent care appeals). Once an authorized representative is selected, all information and notifications should be directed to that representative until the claimant states otherwise.

Note: This Plan does not consider an assignment of benefits to confer standing or assign any other rights afforded to a participant or beneficiary under ERISA, other than the payment of benefits. A Plan participant or beneficiary may not assign or transfer rights to a provider of services, other than assignment of benefit payment. A provider cannot be a designated authorized representative, but can submit additional information to support the member's appeal.

#### How to File a Claim for Plan Benefits

In most cases network providers, hospitals and licensed vision providers submit claims for you, and there are no claim forms for you to complete. If you do receive a bill for services from a provider because the provider did not file your claim for you, write your name, participant ID number and group number on the bill and send a copy to the claim address on your ID card. (Your group number can also be found on your ID card.) Any bill you submit must contain:

- Provider name
- Provider tax ID information
- Specific date(s) of service
- Diagnosis codes (ICD-10 codes) or description of the symptoms or a diagnosis
- Specific medical procedure codes (CPT codes) or description of the medical service or procedure.
- Specific dental procedure codes (CDT codes) or description of the dental service or procedure.

It is best to submit charges as soon as possible. However, charges for covered services submitted to FCH must be received within 12 months of the date the service or supply was rendered or received, or sixty (60) calendar days after provider first receives notice that this Plan is secondary, whichever is later. Claims will not be considered for benefits if received after this timeframe. (See your ID card for the FCH claim address.) Claim forms are available from your Plan Administrator.

#### **Claim Types**

- **Pre-service claim** means any claim for a Plan benefit for which the Plan requires approval before medical care is obtained.
- **Concurrent claim** means any claim reconsidered after initial approval for an ongoing course of treatment which results in a reduced or terminated benefit.

- **Post-service claim** means any claim for a Plan benefit that is not a pre-service claim and is a request for payment or reimbursement for covered services already received.
- Urgent care claim means a claim for medical care or treatment that, if normal preservice standards are applied, would in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the claimant's medical condition:
  - Seriously jeopardize the claimant's life, health or ability to regain maximum function
  - Subject the claimant to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment requested.

#### **Claim Procedure**

The Plan Sponsor (Good Shepherd Health Care Systems) has final authority over appeals as the appropriate named fiduciary; however, the Plan delegates to FCH, as it relates to benefits issues, the authority, responsibility and discretion to:

- Interpret and construe Plan provisions, as necessary
- Reach factually supported conclusions
- Make a full and fair review of each denied claim under ERISA requirements, as amended.

Benefit issues include questions regarding medical necessity, health care setting, level of care, experimental or investigational treatment, cost-sharing requirements or imposition of preexisting condition exclusions or other limits on otherwise covered benefits.

All claims for benefits are subject to a full and fair review within a reasonable time appropriate to the medical circumstances. Payment of any benefits will be subject to the applicable deductibles, coinsurance, copays and benefit maximums. FCH will notify the claimant in writing of the decision of claim review.

It is important to note the Plan Administrator itself holds the authority, responsibility and discretion to deny claims based on administrative issues such as questions of eligibility status for you, your spouse/domestic partner and your dependents; change in status; special enrollment; termination and continuation of coverage; and qualified medical child support orders. The same appeal process (an ERISA mandated process) described below applies to administrative issues; however, such appeals are handled by the Plan Administrator, not FCH.

#### **Adverse Benefit Determination**

An adverse benefit determination means a denial, decrease or termination of a benefit. This includes a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit based on:

- A determination that a benefit is not covered by the Plan;
- A determination based on an individual's eligibility to participate in the Plan, or to receive plan benefits at time of service (these appeals are considered administrative and handled by the Plan Administrator, see *Claim Procedure* above);
- A determination that a service is experimental, investigational or not medically necessary; and/or
- A rescission of coverage (these appeals are considered administrative and handled by the Plan Administrator, see Claim Procedure above).

The different claim types have specific times for approval, payment, or request for information or denial, as shown below:

Time Table for Adverse Benefit Determinations for Claim Procedures				
Type of Review	FCH Notice of Incorrectly Filed Claim – Notice to Claimant	FCH Notice of Incomplete Claim – Notice to Claimant	Initial Benefit Determination by FCH	
Pre-Service Claim	5 days	Not required (may be part of extension notice)	Reasonable period = 15 days 15-day extension with notice to claimant Reasonable period suspended up to 45 days on incomplete claim	
Concurrent Claim	n/a	n/a	In time to permit appeal and determination before treatment ends or is reduced	
Post-Service Claim	n/a	Not required (may be part of extension notice)	Reasonable period = 30 days 15-day extension with notice to claimant Reasonable period suspended up to 45 days on incomplete claim	
Urgent Care Claim	24 hours	24 hours	72 hours No extensions from claimant	

If your claim is denied wholly or in part, you will receive a written notice of adverse benefit determination. For a denial of a pre-service claim, such notice will be in the form of a letter from FCH explaining the denial. For a post-service claim, your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) will serve as your notice of adverse benefit determination. Both will include information necessary to identify the claim, such as the date of service, provider name, amount billed, as well as the reason for the denial(s), which will include:

- Reference to the specific Plan provisions on which the determination is based;
- Reference to any internal Plan rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion relied upon in making the decision;
- For pre-service claims, the standards for medical necessity relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination (for example, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment used in making the decision) if applicable;

In addition to the above information, the notice of adverse benefit determination will also include:

- A description of any additional material or information needed to support your claim and an explanation of why it is needed; and
- A description of the available appeal process (including both internal and external review processes, as also outlined below), as well as information about how to initiate the appeal process.

#### **Appeal Procedure**

FCH performs functions associated with the internal review of medical appeals for this Plan. Pharmacy Appeals are handled by Scripius. Good Shepherd Health Care Systems has final authority over appeals as the appropriate named fiduciary.

If your claim is denied wholly or in part, you have the right to request an internal review of an adverse benefit determination (commonly referred to as an appeal). Upon request, you may obtain free of charge reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim for benefits, and relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination. You may also request the name of the health care expert who reviewed your claim for medical necessity or experimental or investigational care or treatment.

If your situation is urgent, you may call the FCH Appeals Coordinator at (877) 749-2031. An urgent care situation is one in which, in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the claimant's medical condition, the application of the time periods for making non-urgent care determinations could seriously jeopardize the claimant's life, health, or ability to regain maximum function; or would subject the claimant to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the claim.

For all other appeals, you may submit them in writing to the following address:

Medical Appeals:

First Choice Health
Attn: Appeals Coordinator
600 University Street, #1400

Seattle, WA 98101 Fax: (206) 268-2920 Pharmacy Appeals:

Scripius Attn: Scripius Appeals 5381 Green Street Murray, UT 84123

Fax: (801) 442 0762 appeals@imail.org

#### **Internal Appeal Process**

You, or your authorized representative, must file your appeal within 180 days of the date you receive the adverse benefit determination or you lose your right of appeal. The appeal must be in writing and sent to the address noted above.

The appeal should include comments, documents, records and/or other information noting the reason you feel your claim should have been approved. FCH will send a letter acknowledging receipt of your appeal within five (5) calendar days.

FCH's designated Appeals Coordinator will prepare your documents and any applicable documentation from the Summary Plan Description for review and discussion by the FCH Appeals Committee or Medical Director (the individual who made the original adverse benefit determination will not be involved in the internal appeal process). The committee or Medical Director will review the information and make a recommendation to the Plan Fiduciary to either uphold or overturn the original adverse benefit determination, and such recommendation will be sent to Good Shepherd Health Care System for a final decision. FCH will notify you in writing of the decision to either uphold the original denial or overturn it within 30 calendar days of preservice claims or 60 calendar days if your appeal involves a post-service claim. If the determination is to uphold the original denial, the letter will also include information on how to initiate the next level of appeal (External Review) if the determination is based on medical judgment. If the determination is not based on medical judgment, the letter will advise you of your right to file a civil action for benefits under ERISA §502(a)(1)(b). Note: A decision regarding an urgent care claim will be made as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of a request for internal review if a delay would jeopardize the member's or their dependent's health.

#### **External Review**

If your plan is grandfathered under ACA rules, you are entitled to external review described in this section only if you receive a final internal adverse benefit determination for a claim covered by the protections of the No Surprises Act, including claims relating to (i) out-of-network emergency services; (ii) non-emergency services performed by out-of-network providers at innetwork facilities; or (iii) air ambulance services furnished by out-of-network providers of air ambulance services.

If the decision upon internal appeal review is to uphold the original denial, and such denial is based on medical judgment or rescission. Denials that do not involve rescission or medical judgment (i.e., denials that involve only contractual or legal interpretation without any use of medical judgment) are not eligible for external review. You must first submit an internal appeal and receive a final internal adverse benefit determination before you may request external review. Your request for external review must be received within 125 calendar days of receipt of the final internal adverse benefit determination.

Within five (5) calendar days of the receipt of a request for external review, FCH will conduct a preliminary review to determine whether the claim is eligible for external review, and will send you notification if its decision within one business day thereafter. This notice will include the following:

- If your request is found ineligible for external review, the reason for its ineligibility;
- If your request is eligible for external review but not complete, a description of any additional information or materials required to complete your request;
- If your request is complete and eligible for external review, contact information for the Independent Review Organization (IRO) assigned by FCH, and details about your right to provide additional information.

If eligible for external review, FCH will forward your appeal (including all information and documentation considered in both the original denial and the internal review, as well as any additional documentation you submit) to an Independent Review Organization (IRO) within six (6) business days of the receipt of a request for external review. The IRO consists of independent physicians or other specialists that are not associated with FCH or Good Shepherd Health Care System. If applicable, they will also possess medical training specific to the appeal.

The IRO will notify you that your appeal has been received, and will allow you at least 10 business days to submit any additional information to the IRO that you wish to be considered in reviewing your appeal. The IRO will review all information submitted, make a determination, and notify both you and FCH of the results within 45 calendar days. **Note: A decision regarding an urgent care claim will be made as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of a request for external review if a delay would jeopardize the member's or their dependent's health.** 

The decision made by the IRO is the final decision of the Plan. If the IRO overturns the original adverse benefit determination, the Appeals Coordinator will forward that decision to the appropriate party for claim payment or, if a pre-service claim, approval of the request for authorization.

You have a right to file a civil action for benefits under ERISA §502(a)(1)(b) after you exhaust these claim procedures; the civil action must be filed within 180 days from your receipt of the Plan's final determination regarding your claim.

For urgent care medical appeals, you may call the Appeals Coordinator at (877) 749-2031. For all others, please use the appropriate address below to submit your written appeals:

#### **Medical Appeals:**

First Choice Health Attn: Appeals Coordinator 600 University Street, #1400 Seattle, WA 98101 Fax: (206) 268-2920

#### **Pharmacy Appeals:**

Scripius
Attn: Scripius Appeals
5381 Green Street
Murray, UT 84123
Fax: (801) 442 0762
appeals@imail.org

# **Independent Dispute Resolution**

If your Plan and an out-of-network provider or facility that provided an item or service to you cannot agree on how much the provider or facility will be paid by the Plan for the item or service, then the dispute may be submitted by either the Plan or the provider to Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR). As a Plan participant, you are not involved in the IDR process (though your medical information will be shared with the certified IDR entity). Regardless of what the certified IDR entity decides, you will not have any additional cost-sharing for the affected item or service under the Plan, as your cost-sharing is limited to the in-network costs for that item or service. To the extent that you have a dispute about any adverse benefit determination you received relating to the item or service, you can appeal that decision under the Plan's Claim and Appeal Procedures.

# **Coordination of Benefits**

This section describes how benefits are paid when you are covered by more than one plan. Coordination of Benefits (COB) means that, when you are covered by two or more plans, one plan pays its benefits first (the Primary Plan), and the other plan pays second (the Secondary Plan). If a third plan is involved (a Tertiary Plan), that plan would pay after both the primary and secondary plans have paid. This Plan does not coordinate pharmacy benefits.

Coordination of Benefits ensures that you do not receive more in benefits than what you would otherwise be responsible to pay for the care or treatment you receive.

## **Calculation of Benefit Payments**

The Primary Plan always pays its benefits as if you were not covered under any other plan.

The Secondary Plan pays its benefits taking into account what the Primary Plan has already paid. Similarly, a Tertiary Plan pays benefits after taking into account what the primary and secondary plans have paid. When this Plan is secondary to another plan, benefits will be calculated according to the following steps:

- 1. This Plan will calculate the amount it would have paid if it were your Primary Plan.
- 2. Next, any payment made by your Primary Plan will be subtracted from this amount. The difference remaining (if any) will be the secondary payment made by this Plan.

#### Example 1

Allowed Amount	\$150
Amount this Plan would pay if primary	\$135
- (minus) amount paid by Primary Plan	\$100
= (equals)	\$35 (this Plan's secondary payment)

#### Example 2

Allowed Amount	\$200
Amount this Plan would pay if primary	\$155
- (minus) amount paid by Primary Plan	\$185
= (equals)	(-\$30) (no payment is made by this Plan)

Important note: In these examples, and in most other claim situations using this calculation method, there is still a balance owed to the provider. This balance is your responsibility.

There are different ways in which a plan may calculate its benefit payment when it is the Secondary Plan. If this Plan is your Primary Plan (as determined by the rules in the following paragraphs), refer to your Secondary Plan's Coordination of Benefits rules to find out how its benefits are calculated when secondary.

## How Do I Know Which Plan is my Primary Plan?

The rules in this section determine the order in which your plans pay benefits (i.e. which plan is your Primary Plan, and which is your Secondary Plan, also known as the order of benefits). If you have Medicare coverage in addition to coverage under this Plan, refer to What if I'm Covered by Medicare? for more information. These rules are intended to be applied in the order in which they are listed (i.e., if the order of benefits can be determined by Rule 1, but Rule 3 also speaks to your situation, Rule 1 will determine the order of benefits). If you are covered by more than one secondary plan, these rules also determine the order in which the secondary plans' benefits are determined in relation to each other.

- 1. **Dependent or non-dependent**: A plan covering a person as other than a dependent (i.e., as an active employee, retiree, member or subscriber) pays before a plan covering a person as a dependent.
  - If you are a Medicare beneficiary, and Medicare is secondary to the plan covering the person as a dependent and primary to the plan covering the person as other than a dependent (according the rules under *What if I'm Covered by Medicare*?) then the order of benefits is reversed so that the plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber, policyholder or retiree is secondary to the plan covering the person as a dependent.

#### 2. Child covered under more than one plan:

- A. For a dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - 1) The plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary Plan: or
  - 2) If both parents have the same birthday, the plan that has covered the parent longest is the Primary Plan.
- B. For a dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or are not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - 1) If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, that plan is primary. If the parent with responsibility has no health care coverage for the dependent child's health care expenses, but that parent's spouse/domestic partner does, that parent's spouse/domestic partner's plan is the primary plan. This does not apply to any plan year during which benefits are paid or provided before the plan has actual knowledge of the court decree provision.
  - 2) If a court decree states one parent is to assume primary financial responsibility for the dependent child but does not mention responsibility for health care expenses, the plan of the parent assuming financial responsibility is primary
  - 3) If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage, or that the parents have joint custody without

- mentioning financial responsibility or responsibility for health care expenses, the birthday rule of the policy holders determines the order of benefits.
- 4) If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the plans covering the child pay in the following order:
  - a. The plan covering the custodial parent
  - b. The plan covering the custodial parent's spouse/domestic partner
  - c. The plan covering the non-custodial parent
  - d. The plan covering the non-custodial parent's spouse/domestic partner
- C. For a dependent child covered under more than one plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the order of benefits is determined as if those individuals were parents of the child.
  - 1) If there is no court decree that allocates responsibility for the child's health care expenses or that specifies a custody arrangement (for example, if the child is over 18), the birthday rule of the policy holders will determine the order of benefits.
- 3. Active or inactive: A plan covering a person as an active employee or dependent of an active employee pays before a plan covering a person as a retiree, laid-off or inactive employee or dependent of a retiree, laid-off or inactive employee.
  This rule does not apply if Rule 1 can determine the order of benefits.
- 4. COBRA or State Continuation Coverage: If a person whose coverage is provided pursuant to COBRA or under a right of continuation pursuant to state or other federal law is covered under another plan, the plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering the person as a dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the primary plan and the plan covering that same person pursuant to COBRA or under a right of continuation pursuant to state or other federal law is the secondary plan.
  - If the other plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.
  - This rule does not apply if Rule 1 can determine the order of benefits.
- 5. Length of coverage: If none of the preceding rules establish which plan pays first, the plan that has covered the person the longest is primary. To determine the length of time a person has been covered under a plan, two successive plans are treated as one if the covered person was eligible under the second plan within twenty-four hours after coverage under the first plan ended. The start of a new plan does not include:
  - A. A change in the amount or scope of a plan's benefits;
  - B. A change in the entity that pays, provides or administers the plan's benefits; or
  - C. A change from one type of plan to another, such as, from a single employer plan to a multiple employer plan.

A person's length of time covered under a plan is measured from the person's first date of coverage under that plan. If that date is not readily available, the date the person first became a member of the group must be used as the date to determine the length of time the person's coverage under the present plan has been in force.

Note: This Plan is always primary to TRICARE, CHAMPVA, state Medicaid programs and the Indian Health Service (IHS).

## What if I'm Covered by Medicare?

Federal rules govern coordination of benefits with Medicare. In most cases, Medicare is secondary to a plan that covers a person as an active employee or dependent of an active employee. Medicare is primary in most other circumstances.

If your Medicare entitlement is due to:

#### Age:

If you are covered under this Plan as an active employee or a dependent of an active employee (excluding Domestic Partners) and you become entitled to Medicare because of reaching age 65, this Plan will be primary.

If you are covered under this Plan as a Domestic Partner or as a COBRA qualified beneficiary and are also entitled to Medicare based on age, Medicare is primary

#### Disability:

If you are covered under this Plan as an active employee or dependent of an active employee (including Domestic Partners) and become entitled to Medicare due to disability, this Plan will be primary. Once you or your dependent is declared disabled by Social Security, the disabled individual should apply for coverage under Medicare Parts A and B.

If you are covered under this Plan as a COBRA qualified beneficiary and are also entitled to Medicare based on disability, Medicare is primary

• End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD):

If you become entitled to Medicare on the basis of ESRD, this Plan will pay primary during the initial coordination period (refer to the Medicare Secondary Payer Manual at <a href="https://www.cms.gov/manuals/downloads/msp105c02.pdf">www.cms.gov/manuals/downloads/msp105c02.pdf</a> for more information regarding the initial coordination period). After this initial coordination period, this Plan will pay secondary to Medicare. This is true even if you are covered under this Plan as a Domestic Partner or COBRA qualified beneficiary.

In all cases, this Plan will act in accordance with federal law when determining its status as either primary or secondary when Medicare is the other plan. Please visit the website of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at <a href="https://www.cms.gov">www.cms.gov</a> for more information.

## **Pre-authorization when this Plan is Secondary**

With the exception of transplant services (which always require pre-authorization), pre-authorization is not required if this Plan is your secondary plan. First Choice Health will honor a determination of medical necessity made by your primary plan. This means that if your primary plan determines a service to be medically necessary, this Plan will apply its normal benefit, subject to all other Plan provisions and exclusions. If your primary plan determines a service to be not medically necessary, coverage under this Plan will be denied. Benefits which are excluded by your primary plan but payable under this Plan are subject to medical review by First Choice Health.

#### Meaning of Plan for COB

For COB purposes, the term "plan" means any agreement for benefits or services from any of the following sources for medical or other covered health care services:

- This Good Shepherd Health Care System Employee Health Care Benefits Plan (the Plan with a capital "P")
- Group and non-group insurance contracts and subscriber contracts
- Uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage
- Group and non-group coverage through closed panel plans
- Group-type contracts ("group-type contract" means a contract that is not available to
  the general public and is obtained and maintained only because of membership in or a
  connection with a particular organization or group, including blanket coverage. It does
  not include an individually underwritten and issued guaranteed renewable policy even
  if the policy is purchased through payroll deduction at a premium savings to the
  insured since the insured would have the right to maintain or renew the policy
  independently of continued employment with the employer.
- The medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care
- The medical benefits coverage in automobile "no fault" and traditional automobile "fault" type contracts
- Medicare or other governmental benefits, as permitted by law

#### "Plan" does not include:

- Hospital indemnity coverage benefits or other fixed indemnity coverage
- Accident only coverage
- Specified disease or specified accident coverage
- School accident type coverages that cover students for accidents only, including athletic injuries, either on a twenty-four-hour basis or on a "to and from school" basis
- Benefits provided in long-term care insurance policies for non-medical service, for example, personal care, adult day care, homemaker services, assistance with activities of daily living, respite care and custodial care or for contracts that pay a fixed daily benefit without regard to expenses incurred or the receipt of services
- Medicare supplemental policies
- A state plan under Medicaid
- A governmental plan, which, by law, provides benefits that are in excess of those of any private insurance plan or other non-governmental plan.

If in any situation the rules contained in this section cannot determine the order of benefits, this Plan will follow the NAIC Model COB Regulation as its basis for determining the order of benefits in these extenuating circumstances.

#### **Claim Determination Period**

The claim determination period used when applying this COB provision is the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

## **Right of Recovery**

This provision does not reduce the benefits allowed under this agreement when this Plan is the primary plan. However, if the Plan pays in excess of the maximum necessary at the time to satisfy the intent of this COB provision, the Plan will exercise the right to recover the excess payments from any person(s), insurer(s) or other organizations, as the Plan deems appropriate.

This Plan will not seek to recover funds on any claim with a date of service that is more than 365 days prior to the date on which the Plan receives (receipt date) information regarding a participant's other coverage.

## **Facility of Payment**

When another plan makes payments that should have been made under this Plan and in accordance with this provision, the Plan may, at its sole discretion, elect to reimburse to the other plan the amount necessary to satisfy the intent of this COB provision. Any amount paid under this subsection will be considered benefits paid under this agreement, and the Plan will be fully discharged from liability under this agreement to the extent of those payments.

This Plan will not make any additional payment on any claim with a date of service that is more than 365 days prior to the date on which the Plan receives information regarding a participant's other coverage.

# Right to Receive and Release Information

The Plan Administrator and FCH may, with consent as required by law, receive or release to another insurer or organization any information concerning the participant and covered benefits deemed necessary to implement and determine the applicability of this COB provision.

The Plan Administrator and FCH have the right to require the participant to complete and return a Multiple Coverage Inquiry when primary liability is not clearly established or to verify that multiple coverage information on hand is accurate. Claim payment will be withheld until the Multiple Coverage Inquiry is complete and received by FCH.

The claim determination period used when applying this COB provision is the calendar year, January 1 through December 31.

# Subrogation, Reimbursement and Right of Recovery

By enrolling in the Plan and applying for benefits from the Plan, you and your covered dependents (including minor dependents), agree and acknowledge that benefits are not payable to or on behalf of a covered person or dependent when the injury or illness occurs through an act or omission of another person, party, or entity, and any such payments made or advanced by the Plan are subject to the following terms and conditions.

# No application of "make whole," "double recovery," and "common fund" rules

The Plan's provisions concerning subrogation/right of recovery, equitable liens, and other equitable remedies (outlined above and more fully below) supersede the applicability of the federal common law and equitable doctrines commonly referred to as the "make whole" rule, the "double-recovery" rule and the "common fund" rule. These doctrines have no applicability to the Plan's right of recovery hereunder.

# **Assignment of Rights (Subrogation)**

By accepting benefits from this Plan, you and your covered dependents automatically assign to the Plan any rights you or they may have to recover all or part of the same covered expenses of the benefits paid on behalf of you and/or your covered dependents from another source, including another group health plan, insurer or individual, limited, however, to the amount of covered expenses the Plan has paid on behalf of you and/or your covered dependents. This assignment also grants the Plan a right to recover from your no-fault auto insurance carrier in a situation where no third party may be liable, and from any uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage.

By virtue of this assignment, the Plan is entitled to recover 100% of the amounts paid, or to be paid, by the Plan on behalf of you or your covered dependents (including minor dependents) from all recoveries by you or your covered dependents from any other party (whether by lawsuit, mediation, arbitration, settlement, award, judgment, order, insurance or otherwise) ("Recovered Funds"). This assignment includes, without limitation, the assignment to the Plan of a right to any Recovered Funds paid by any other party to you or your covered dependents (including minor dependents and wrongful death beneficiaries) or paid on behalf of you or your covered dependents (including minor dependents and wrongful death beneficiaries), or on behalf of the estate of any covered person.

You and your covered dependents are required to reimburse the Plan on a first-dollar basis (which means that the Plan will have a first priority claim to any Recovered Funds), regardless of whether the Recovered Funds amount to a full or partial recovery. Further, the Plan is entitled to recovery regardless of how the Recovered Funds are characterized (e.g., pain and suffering, punitive damages, benefits, lost wages, loss of future earnings, medical expenses, costs and/or expenses, attorneys' fees) and regardless of whether the recovery is designated as payment for medical services or expenses. The Plan's share of the recovery will not be reduced because

you or your covered dependent (including your minor dependent) has not received the full damages claimed, unless the Plan agrees in writing to a reduction.

Any reduction is subject to prior written approval by the Plan, or agent of the Plan who administers the Plan's subrogation, reimbursement recoveries.

This assignment also allows the Plan to pursue any claim that you or your covered dependent (including your minor dependent) may have against any third party, or its insurer, whether or not you or your covered dependent choose to pursue that claim. In the event you or your covered dependent elects not to pursue your claim(s) against a third party, the Plan shall be equitably subrogated to your (or your covered dependent's) right of recovery.

When you, or your covered dependent – and not the Plan – pursue and obtain any Recovered Funds, you or your covered dependent shall be responsible for all expenses involved in obtaining that recovery (whether obtained by lawsuit, mediation, arbitration, settlement or, award, judgment, order, insurance or otherwise), including but not limited to, all attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses; which fees, costs, and expenses shall not reduce the amount that you or your covered dependents (including minor dependents) are required to reimburse the Plan, and the Plan's rights shall not be reduced due to covered person's own negligence. For purposes of clarity, the Plan is not subject to any state laws or equitable doctrine, and the Plan's first claim on the recovery operates on every dollar received from a third party, even those covering your or your covered dependent's litigation costs and attorneys' fees.

#### **Equitable Lien and Other Equitable Remedies**

By accepting benefits from this Plan, you agree that the Plan has established an equitable lien against any money or property you or your covered dependents (or any individual or entity acting on your or their behalf such as a legal representative or agent) recover from any other party, including but not limited to, an insurer (including but not limited to third-party, no-fault, med-pay, uninsured, or underinsured motorist), another group health plan or another individual, sufficient to reimburse the Plan in full for benefits advanced. For purposes of clarity, this equitable lien also attaches to any payment received from workers' compensation, whether by judgment, award, settlement or otherwise, where the Plan has paid benefits prior to a determination that the covered expenses arose out of and in the course of employment. Payment by workers' compensation insurers will be deemed to mean that such a determination has been made.

The Plan's lien exists at the time the Plan pays benefits, and if you or your covered dependents file a petition for bankruptcy, you and your covered dependents agree that the Plan's lien existed prior to the creation of the bankruptcy estate.

You further agree to hold any reimbursement or recovery received by you or your covered dependents (or any legal representative or agent) in trust on behalf of the Plan to cover all benefits paid by the Plan.

The Plan reserves all rights to seek enforcement of its rights hereunder, including but not limited to, the right to file a lawsuit against you or your covered dependent or any other party possessing or controlling any Recovered Funds, and the right to recoup amounts owed in any other manner prescribed by law.

#### Obligation to Assist in the Plan's Reimbursement Activities

As a participant in this plan, the covered person is required to cooperate with efforts to recover benefits paid under the Plan. The covered person must also notify the Plan Administrator within 45 days of the notice which is given to a third party of the intention to recover damages due to the covered person's illness or injury.

This cooperation includes providing the Plan with relevant information (including information concerning any other applicable insurance coverage that may be available such as automobile, home and other liability insurance coverage and coverage under another group health plan), providing the identity of any other person or entity and their insurers, if applicable) that may be obligated to provide payments or benefits on account of the same illness or injury for which the Plan made payments, signing and delivering documents the Plan reasonably requests, and obtaining the Plan's consent before releasing any party from liability. If you enter into litigation or settlement negotiations regarding the obligations of other parties, you must not prejudice, in any way, the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights.

Failure by you or your covered dependents to cooperate with the Plan in the exercise of these rights may result, at the discretion of the Plan or the Plan Administrator, in a denial or reduction of future benefit payments available to you or your covered dependents under the Plan by an amount, up to the aggregate amount paid by the Plan that was subject to the Plan's equitable lien, but for which the Plan was not reimbursed.

# Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

## **Privacy Rights**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) provides you certain rights with respect to the use and disclosure of your protected health information. For details on HIPAA privacy standards, contact the Plan Administrator for a copy of the Good Shepherd HIPAA Privacy Notice.

# **Disclosures to the Plan Sponsor**

The Plan may disclose your health information to Good Shepherd Health Care System, the Plan Sponsor of the Plan, to carry out plan administration functions performed by the Plan Sponsor on behalf of the Plan. The plan documents have been amended in accordance with federal law to permit this use and disclosure.

The Plan may also disclose "summary health information", if requested by the Plan Sponsor for the purpose of

- 1. Obtaining premium bids from health plans for providing health insurance coverage under the Plan; or
- 2. Modifying, amending or terminating the Plan. Summary health information is information (which may be personal information) from which personal identifiers (except zip code) have been removed, and which summarizes claims history, claims expense or types of claims experienced by individuals for whom the Plan sponsor has provided health benefits under the Plan.

The Plan may also disclose to the Plan Sponsor whether an individual is participating in the Plan. The Plan **will not** disclose your personal information to the Plan Sponsor for purposes of employment-related decisions or actions, or in connection with any other benefit plan of the Plan Sponsor.

# **Plan Benefit Information**

## Benefits, Contributions and Funding

This Plan provides eligible employees and dependents with medical, and pharmacy benefits.

This Plan is an employer-sponsored self-funded group health plan with administration provided through the third party administrator (TPA), FCH. The benefits will be funded in part by the Plan Sponsor's general assets and contributions made by Plan participants. The Plan will determine, and periodically communicate, your share of the cost for benefits under each component benefit plan, and may change that determination at any time.

The Plan will make employer contributions in an amount that, at the Plan's sole discretion, is at least sufficient to fund the benefits or a portion of the benefits not otherwise funded by employee contributions, then use these contributions to pay benefits directly to or for participants from the Plan's general assets. Employee contributions will be used in their entirety before using the Plan's contributions to pay for the cost of such benefit.

The Plan will provide benefits in accordance with the requirements of all applicable laws, including but not limited to, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996, the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

#### Plan Administrator's Power of Authority

The Plan Administrator role for this Plan rests with Good Shepherd's Human Resources Department. The Plan Administrator is responsible for:

- Determining eligibility for and the amount of any benefits payable under the Plan, and
- Prescribing procedures to be followed and forms to be used by participants in this Plan.

The Plan Administrator may delegate any of these administrative duties among one or more entities, in writing. The written delegation must describe the nature and scope of the delegated relationship.

The Plan Administrator has the authority to amend or eliminate benefits under the Plan. The Plan Administrator also has the authority to require employees to furnish it with such information as it determines is necessary for proper administration of the Plan.

The Plan Administrator will administer this Plan in accordance with its terms and establish its policies, interpretations, practices and procedures.

An individual, or individuals, may be appointed by the Plan Sponsor to serve as Plan Administrator at the convenience of the Plan Sponsor. If a Plan Administrator resigns, dies or is otherwise removed from the position, the Plan Sponsor will appoint a new Plan Administrator as soon as reasonably possible.

#### **Discretionary Authority**

The Plan Administrator has the discretionary authority to interpret the Plan and to resolve any ambiguities under the Plan. The Plan Administrator also has the discretionary authority to make factual determinations as to whether any individual is entitled to receive benefits under this Plan and to decide questions of Plan interpretation and of fact relating to the Plan. Plan Administrator decisions will be final and binding on all interested parties.

## **Collective Bargaining Agreements**

You may contact the Plan Administrator to determine where the Plan is maintained under one or more collective bargaining agreements. A copy is available from the Plan Administrator, upon written request, for examination.

#### **Clerical Error**

Any clerical error by the Plan Administrator, or an agent of the Plan Administrator in keeping pertinent records or a delay in making any changes will not invalidate coverage otherwise validly in force or continue coverage validly terminated. An equitable adjustment of contributions will be made if the error or delay is discovered.

If, due to a clerical error, an overpayment occurs in a Plan reimbursement amount, the Plan retains the contractual right to the overpayment. The person or institution receiving the overpayment will be required to return the incorrect amount to the Plan through FCH. In the case of a Plan participant, if it is requested, the amount of overpayment will be deducted from future benefits payable.

# **Statement of ERISA Rights**

As a participant in the Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protection under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. ERISA provides that all Plan participants will be entitled to:

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as work sites, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), if any, filed by the Plan with the US Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration (formerly Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration).
- Obtain, on written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing
  the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining
  agreements, copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and an updated
  plan description. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the
  copies.
- Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report, if any is required by ERISA to be prepared. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

## **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The Plan fiduciaries, who are responsible for your Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

#### **Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to obtain any denial, all within certain time schedules. Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the Plan Administrator's control. If you have a claim for benefits that is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court.

If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the US Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim frivolous.

## **Continue Group Health Coverage**

You may continue health care coverage for yourself, spouse or dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this Group Health Summary Plan Document and the documents governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

#### **Assistance with Your Questions**

If you have questions about your Plan, contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about your rights under ERISA or HIPAA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, US Department of Labor, listed in your phone directory or:

The Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries Employee Benefits Security Administration, US Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue NW Washington DC 20210

You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publication hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

# Your Rights and Protections against Surprise Medical Bills

# What is Balance Billing (sometimes called Surprise Billing)?

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

Out-of-network describes providers and facilities that have not signed a contract with your health plan. Out-of-network providers may be permitted to bill you for the difference between what your plan agreed to pay and the full amount charged for a service. This is called balance billing. This amount is likely more than in-network costs for the same service and might not count toward your annual out-of-pocket limit.

Surprise billing is an unexpected balance bill. This can happen when you cannot control who is involved in your care, like when you have an emergency or when you schedule a visit at an innetwork facility, but are unexpectedly treated by an out-of-network provider.

#### You Are Protected from Balance Billing for Emergency Services

If you have an emergency medical condition and get emergency services from an out-ofnetwork provider or facility, the most the provider or facility may bill you is your plan's in-network cost-sharing amount (such as copayments and coinsurance). You **cannot** be balance billed for these emergency services. This includes services you may get after you are in stable condition, unless you give written consent and give up your protections not to be balanced billed for these post-stabilization services.

Your plan is subject to ERISA, so in general, state balance billing laws are inapplicable to your plan, unless your plan has voluntarily opted into compliance with state balance billing laws or unless the state has an All-Payer Model Agreement with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that applies to the plan with respect to certain services at issue (e.g., in Maryland, Vermont and Pennsylvania).

When you get services from an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, certain providers there may be out-of-network. In these cases, the most those providers may bill you is your plan's in-network cost-sharing amount. This applies to emergency medicine, anesthesia, pathology, radiology, laboratory, neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These providers **cannot** balance bill you and may **not** ask you to give up your protections not to be balance billed.

If you get other services at these in-network facilities, out-of-network providers **cannot** balance bill you, unless you give written consent and give up your protections.

You are never required to give up your protections from balance billing. You also are not required to receive out-of-network care. You can choose a provider or facility in your plan's network.

#### When balance billing is not allowed, you also have the following protections:

- You are only responsible for paying your share of the cost (like the copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles that you would pay if the provider or facility was innetwork). Your health plan will pay out-of-network providers and facilities directly.
- Your health plan generally must:
  - Cover emergency services without requiring you to get approval for services in advance (prior authorization).
  - Cover emergency services by out-of-network providers.
  - Base what you owe the provider or facility (cost-sharing) on what it would pay an innetwork provider or facility and show that amount on your explanation of benefits.
  - Count any amount you pay for emergency services or out-of-network services toward your deductible and out-of-pocket limit.

If you believe you have been wrongly billed under your ERISA plan, you may contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or you may call 1-800-985-3059. Visit www.dol.gov/ebsa or www.cms.gov/nosurprises for more information about your rights under federal law. If the medical service at issue was performed in a state with an All-Payer Model Agreement with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), such as Maryland, Vermont and Pennsylvania, you may call that applicable state Department of Insurance for more information about your rights under applicable state law.

#### Maryland:

Maryland Insurance Administration 200 Saint Paul Place, Suite 2700 Baltimore, Maryland 21202-2272

Phone: (410) 468-2000

#### Pennsylvania:

Pennsylvania Insurance Department 1326 Strawberry Square Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Phone: (717) 787-7000

#### Vermont:

Vermont Department of Financial Regulation 89 Main Street Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3101

Phone: (802) 828-3301

# **Summary Plan Description and General Information**

Plan Name:	Good Shepherd Health Care System Employee Health Care Benefits Plan
Plan Year:	January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022
Type of Plan:	Group health plan (a type of welfare benefit plan subject to ERISA provisions)
Plan Coverage Status:	This Plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
Plan Number:	501
Funding Medium:	Claims are paid directly out of the general assets of the Company. Employee contributions are placed in the general assets of the company and accounted for separately in the accounting records of the Company. Employee contributions shall only be used to pay medical or dental claims.
Source of Contributions:	The company bears the entire cost of this benefit Plan, minus the participants' contribution.
Name, Address and telephone number of Plan Sponsor, Administrator, Fiduciary and Agent for Service of Legal Process:	Good Shepherd Health Care System 610 NW Eleventh St. Hermiston, OR 97838
Plan Sponsor's Employer Identification Number:	93-0425580
Third Party Administrator:	First Choice Health Network, Inc. d.b.a. First Choice Health 600 University Street, Suite 1400 Seattle, WA 98101 (800) 430-3818/Local (206) 268-2360 www.fchn.com
Plan Description:	The written Plan Description required by ERISA §402 consists of this entire document plus benefit summary booklets and provider directories.

# **Plan Definitions**

**Adverse benefit determination** means a denial, decrease or ending of a benefit. This includes a failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit including claims based on medical necessity or experimental and investigational exclusions.

**Allowed amount** means the maximum amount considered for payment by the Plan for a medically necessary covered service. This amount is equal to one of the following:

- The contracted amount agreed to by a FCHN participating provider or a First Health participating provider.
- The Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) amount for services received from outof-network providers (see related definition).
- For out-of-network emergency services, the Allowed Amount is determined annually by FCH based on federal guidelines stating the Allowed Amount must be equal to the greatest of the following amounts: 1) the median of the contracted amounts described above; 2) the Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) amount (see related definition); or 3) the Medicare amount.

For Emergency Services provided by out-of-network emergency facilities and out-of-network providers, certain non-emergency services furnished by out-of-network providers at certain innetwork facilities, and out-of-network air ambulances, the cost-sharing amount is determined by the Qualifying Payment Amount (see related definition).

For services received from out-of-network providers (who are not covered under Recognized No Surprises Provider), you are responsible to pay the difference between the Plan payment and the provider's actual charges.

**Ancillary Services** means services related to Emergency Services, such as radiology, anesthesiology, pathology, neonatology, laboratory, and specialty services needed to respond to unexpected complications (such as those delivered by a neonatologist or cardiologist) and also in situations where an in-network provider is not available at the in-network facility to provide the services.

**Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)** is a term describing principles, techniques and interventions used in assessment and treatment to increase behaviors that are helpful, reduce behaviors that are harmful and demonstrate that the interventions employed are responsible for the improvement of behavior in individuals with autism. ABA incorporates many techniques for understanding and changing behavior and may involve a multi-disciplinary approach to increase language and communication skills, improve attention, focus, social skills and memory. ABA is flexible in that it can be adapted to meet the needs of each individual.

**Aural therapy** is a service provided to both children and adults who have been diagnosed with hearing loss. Typically, aural therapy is an intervention that takes place following hearing aid fitting or cochlear implant hook-up. It involves working with the hearing impaired individual providing the patient with strategies to better utilize his or her listening skills. Aural therapy involves training the brain to process and understand auditory information, teaching how to monitor speech through listening, and learning to develop listening skills in each ear separately and integrated. Usually provided by a speech therapist.

**Authorized representative** means an individual acting on behalf of the participant or beneficiary claimant in obtaining or appealing a benefit claim. The authorized representative

must have a signed form (specified by the Plan) by the claimant except for urgent care benefits or appeals. Once an authorized representative is selected, all information and notifications should be directed to that representative until the claimant states otherwise.

**Birthing center** means any freestanding licensed health facility, place, professional office or institution, that is not a hospital or in a hospital, where births occur in a home-like atmosphere. This facility must be licensed and operated in accordance with the laws pertaining to birthing centers in the jurisdiction where the facility is located. It must:

- Have facilities for obstetrical delivery and short-term recovery after delivery
- Provide care under the full-time supervision of a physician and either a registered nurse or a licensed nurse-midwife
- Have a written agreement with a hospital in the same locality for immediate acceptance of patients who develop complications or require pre- or post-delivery confinement

**Calendar year** means the 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of the same year.

Chemical Dependency Condition means a condition characterized by a physiological or psychological abuse/dependency of a controlled substance and/or alcohol that impairs or endangers the participant's or beneficiary's health. It must be listed in the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), published by the American Psychiatric Association. The following conditions are either not considered Chemical Dependency Conditions or are covered under other benefits offered by this Plan (subject to all terms, limitations and exclusions):

- Conditions related to Mental Health (see *Mental Health Condition* definition)
- Nicotine Related Disorders (see *Tobacco Cessation*, if applicable to this Plan)
- Non substance related disorders

**Claim** means any request for a Plan benefit made by you or your authorized representative. A participant making a claim for benefits is a claimant.

**Concurrent claim** means any claim that is reconsidered after an initial approval for ongoing treatment and results in a reduced or terminated benefit.

**Developmental Disabilities** is an umbrella term that can include physical, cognitive and intellectual disability that are apparent during childhood.

Some developmental disabilities are largely physical issues, such as cerebral palsy or epilepsy. Some individuals may have a condition that includes a physical and intellectual disability, for example Down syndrome or fetal alcohol syndrome.

Intellectual disability encompasses the "cognitive" part of this definition, that is, a disability that is broadly related to thought processes. Because intellectual and other developmental disabilities often co-occur, intellectual disability professionals often work with people who have both types of disabilities.

**Domestic Partner** means a partner with whom you have entered into an Oregon-Certified domestic partnership. An Oregon-Certified domestic partnership means a contract, in accordance with Oregon law, entered into in person between two individuals of the same sex who are at least 18 years of age, who are otherwise capable and at least one of whom is a resident of Oregon.

**Emergency Department (ED)** is an emergency department of a hospital, or an Independent, Freestanding Emergency Department (or a hospital, with respect to services that are included in Emergency Services).

**Emergency Medical Condition** means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in:

- 1. Jeopardy to the health of the individual (or with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child);
- 2. Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- 3. Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

**Emergency Services** means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition, a medical screening examination (as required under section 1867 of the Social Security Act) that is within the capability of the Emergency Department of a hospital or an <u>Independent</u>, <u>Freestanding Emergency Department</u>, including pre-stabilization services, post-stabilization services, and Ancillary Services to evaluate such an Emergency Medical Condition, and within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the hospital, to treat such an Emergency Medical Condition.

Pre-stabilization services provided after the patient is moved out of the Emergency Department (ED) and admitted to a hospital, post-stabilization services and Emergency Services provided at an Independent, Freestanding Emergency Department. Emergency Service are subject to the protections of the No Surprises Act.

Post-Stabilization services are also subject to the protections of the No Surprises Act, unless the patient is able to travel to an in-network facility using non-medical transportation, but elects to stay at the out-of-network facility.

**Employee contribution** is the employee portion of the costs for a benefit plan.

**ERISA** is the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, which governs plan administration, supervision and management.

**Essential Health Benefits** shall mean, under section 1302(b) of the Affordable Care Act, those health benefits to include at least the following general categories and the items and services covered within the categories: ambulatory patient services; emergency services; hospitalization; maternity and newborn care; mental health and substance abuse disorder services, including behavioral health treatment; prescription drugs; rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices; laboratory services; preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

The determination of which benefits provided under the plan are Essential Health Benefits shall be made in accordance with the benchmark plan of the State of Oregon as permitted by the Departments of Labor, Treasury, and Health and Human Services.

**Experimental and investigational procedures** mean services determined to be either:

- Not in general use in the medical community
- Not proven safe and effective or to show a demonstrable benefit for a particular illness or disease
- Under continued scientific testing and research, excepting Approved Clinical Trials (see related definition)

- A significant risk to the health or safety of the patient, or
- Not proven to result in greater benefits for a particular illness or disease than other generally available services

**Family Member** means a person who is a spouse, former spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, niece, nephew, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, including adoptive relationships.

**Fiduciary** means, under ERISA, a person who exercises discretionary authority or control over the management of an ERISA plan or its assets or has discretionary authority or responsibility in Plan administration.

First Choice Health (FCH) is the Third Party Administrator for this group health plan.

**First Choice Health PPO Network (FCHN)** is the network of providers that is used by FCH and defines the service area.

**First Responder User Fee** is a charge to patients who were treated or evaluated by a First Responder Unit of a municipality or other government agency that responded to a 9-1-1 call for medical services.

**Independent, Freestanding Emergency Department** is any health care facility that is geographically separate and distinct from a hospital, and that is licensed by a state to provide Emergency Services, even if the facility is not licensed under the term, "Independent, Freestanding Emergency Department."

**Legal Separation and/or Legally Separated** shall mean an arrangement under the applicable state laws to remain married but maintain separate lives, pursuant to a valid court order.

Levels of Care related to Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Conditions:

- Intensive Outpatient Programs provide services for Mental Health or Chemical Dependency Conditions on an outpatient basis through planned, structured services available at least two hours per day and three days per week. Services include group, individual and when indicated family or multi-family group treatment. Medical monitoring, evaluation and adjunctive services are available. Treatment must follow a written plan of care.
- Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization Programs provide around-the-clock psychiatric and nursing interventions in secure, State-licensed psychiatric facilities for individuals diagnosed with a mental health disorder. These facilities operate under the supervision of a licensed and Board eligible/certified psychiatrist who evaluates the patient within 24 hours of admission. Subsequent face-to-face visits with a psychiatrist or psychiatric ARNP occur at least once every 24 hours along with daily medication management. Treatment must follow a written plan of care and include psychosocial and substance abuse evaluations. Individual, group, and/or family therapy occurs daily. The focus of the program is stabilization of client's psychiatric symptoms through the use of assessment, medication management, evidenced-based treatment strategies, group and individual therapy, behavior management, and active family engagement/therapy.
- Partial Hospitalization Programs provide multi-disciplinary care for Mental Health or Chemical Dependency Condition at least 6 hours a day, 5 days a week, and schedule at least three distinct services per day. Services include individual and group therapy, medication evaluation and management, family therapy, activity therapy, occupational therapy, and education training directed at treating the Condition. Services for Mental Health Conditions must include evaluation by a psychiatrist within 48 hours and weekly

- thereafter. All programs must include a substance abuse evaluation. Treatment must follow a written plan of care.
- Mental Health Residential Treatment Program provides around- the- clock behavioral health services that do not need the high level of physical security and psychiatric and nursing interventions that are available in an acute inpatient program. Care is medically monitored with on-site nursing and medical services. The focus of the program is an improvement of client's psychiatric symptoms through the use of assessment, evidenced-based treatment strategies, group and individual therapy, behavior management, medication management and active family engagement/therapy. Treatment must follow a written plan of care. The facility must be state licensed for residential treatment. Residential settings not meeting these criteria, such as group homes, halfway houses or adult/child foster homes, are not considered to be Mental Health Residential Treatment Programs.
- Chemical Dependency Rehabilitation/Residential Programs provide 24-hour rehabilitation treatment 7 days a week for Substance Related Conditions. Care is medically monitored, with 24-hour medical and/or nursing availability. Services include group, individual and when indicated family or multi-family group. The facility must offer sufficient availability of medical and nursing services to manage ancillary detoxification needs. Treatment must follow a written plan of care.

**Lifetime** is a reference to benefit maximums and limitations, understood to mean while covered under this Plan. Under no circumstances does lifetime mean during the lifetime of the participant.

**Medical group** means a group or association of providers, including hospital(s), listed in the provider directory.

**Medically necessary** is a medical service or supply that meets all the following criteria:

- It is required for the treatment or diagnosis of a covered medical condition
- It is the most appropriate supply or level of care that is essential for the diagnosis or treatment of the patient's covered medical condition
- It is known to be effective in improving health outcomes for the patient's medical condition in accordance with sufficient scientific evidence and professionally recognized standards
- It is not furnished primarily for the convenience of the patient or provider of services
- It represents the most economically efficient use of medical services and supplies that may be provided safely and effectively to the patient

The fact that a service or supply is furnished, prescribed or recommended by a physician or other provider does not, of itself, make it medically necessary. A service or supply may be medically necessary in part only.

**Mental Health Condition** means a mental disorder listed in the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), published by the American Psychiatric Association. The following conditions, although considered mental health conditions under the DSM, are not included in the Mental Health Care benefit under this Plan, and are either excluded or are covered under other benefits offered by this Plan (subject to all terms, limitations and exclusions):

- Conditions related to Substance Related and Addictive Disorders (see *Chemical Dependency* definition)
- Relational, family, and lifestyle stressors absent a primary psychiatric diagnosis

Sexual dysfunctions, personality disorders, paraphilic disorders

**Network provider** means a contracted FCHN provider in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Alaska, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota that is listed in the provider directory. Outside these states, participants must use the First Health Network for network providers.

**No Surprises Act** holds patients harmless from surprise medical bills and pre-authorization requirements. See *Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills*. This act:

- Bans balance billing for Emergency Services.
- Requires that patient cost-sharing, such as copayments, co-insurance, or a deductible, for Emergency Services and certain non-emergency services provided by an out-ofnetwork provider at an in-network facility cannot be higher than if such services were provided by an in-network provider, and any cost-sharing obligation must be based on in-network provider rates.
- Prohibits out-of-network charges for items or services provided by an out-of-network
  provider at an in-network facility, unless certain notice and consent is given. Providers
  and facilities must provide patients with a plain-language consumer notice explaining
  that patient consent is required to receive care on an out-of-network basis before that
  provider can bill the patient more than in-network cost-sharing rates.

**Open enrollment period** is a defined time when you are allowed to enroll yourself and/or your dependents for benefit coverage.

**Out-of-Network provider** means a provider who delivers or furnishes health care services but is not a contracted FCHN provider in Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Alaska, Wyoming, North Dakota, or South Dakota. Outside these states an Out-of-Network provider means a provider who delivers or furnishes health care services but is not a contracted First Health Network provider.

**Out of area/out of the service area** means outside the FCH service area as described under network provider and Out-of-Network provider.

Participant means any eligible employee or other eligible individual enrolled in the Plan.

**Plan Administrator** means the department designated by an employer group to administer a plan on behalf of participants. Usually, the Plan Administrator is your Benefits Department. (The principal duty of the Plan Administrator is to see that the Plan is carried out, in accordance with its terms, for the exclusive benefit of eligible participants and beneficiaries, without discrimination. The Plan Administrator has the power and exclusive authority necessary, at its discretion, to:

- Construe and interpret the Plan document and to decide all questions of eligibility and participation
- Make all findings of fact for Plan administration, including payment of reimbursements
- Prescribe procedures to be followed and forms to be used by participants and beneficiaries
- Request and receive from all employees the information necessary for proper Plan administration, and
- Appoint and employ the individuals or entities to assist in Plan administration as necessary or advisable, including benefit consultants and legal counsel

**Plan Document** means the document that describes requirements for eligibility and enrollment, covered services, limitations and exclusions, and other terms and conditions that apply to participation in this Plan.

**Plan Year** means the month period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022 of the same year..

**Post-service claim** means any claim for a Plan benefit that is not a pre-service claim and is a request for payment or reimbursement for covered services already received.

**Pre-authorization** is the process of obtaining coverage determination from FCH before receiving inpatient and certain outpatient services, as specified in the component plans' benefit description booklets.

**Pre-service claim** means any claim for a Plan benefit for which the Plan requires approval before medical care is obtained.

**Provider** means any person, organization, health facility or institution licensed to deliver or furnish health care services.

**Provider directory** is the listing of the network providers, hospitals, and other facilities that have agreed to provide covered services to participants or dependents of Plans contracted with FCHN and FCH for PPO and TPA services.

**Qualifying event** means, under COBRA, the triggering event that causes a loss of coverage under a group health plan, including termination of employment, reduction in hours, death or divorce. (See the *COBRA* section for more details.)

**Qualifying Payment Amount (QPA)** means consumer cost-sharing amounts for Emergency Services provided by out-of-network emergency facilities and out-of-network providers, certain non-emergency services furnished by out-of-network providers at certain in-network facilities, and out-of-network air ambulances that must be calculated based on one of the following amounts:

- An amount determined by an applicable All-Payer Model Agreement under section 1115A of the Social Security Act;
- If there is no such applicable All-Payer Model Agreement, an amount determined under a specified state law; or
- If neither of the above apply, the lesser amount of either the billed charge or the QPA, which is generally the plan's or issuer's median contracted rate.

**Recognized Providers** are providers acting within the scope of his/her license but for whom: 1) FCHN does not offer agreements to his/her category of providers, or 2) agreements are offered but covered participant choice is not provided. Examples of both types are outlined below:

- Ambulance services
- Anesthesiologists
- Assistant surgeon
- Blood banks
- Dental services covered by the Plan; provider types may include:
  - Dentist
  - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon
  - Otolaryngologist (Ear, Nose & Throat specialist, or ENT)
- Non-contracted laboratories used by FCHN referring provider

- Ocular prosthetics (if covered by the Plan)
- PKU formula
- Services of non-contracted providers when rendering care within a network facility, except a primary surgeon for a non-emergent admission
- Suppliers of oral appliances (if covered by the Plan)
- Suppliers of wigs (if covered by the Plan)
- TMJ providers (if covered by the Plan)

For services received from out-of-network providers (not covered under *Recognized No Surprises Providers*), you are responsible to pay the difference between the Plan payment and the provider's actual charges.

**Recognized No Surprises Provider** is a provider acting within the scope of his/her license that the No Surprises Act applies to and whom: 1) FCH does not offer agreements to his/her category of providers, or 2) agreements are offered but do not cover the particular provider at issue or no written notice and consent was provided. This includes:

- Ambulance services
- Anesthesiologists services
- Assistant surgeon services
- Emergency services
- Hospital services
- Intensivist services
- Laboratory services
- Neonatology services
- Pathology services
- Radiology services
- Services of non-contracted providers when rendering care within an in-network facility, except a primary surgeon for a non-emergent admission

If you receive any of the services listed above, then those out-of-network providers cannot balance bill you, unless you are provided with written notice and give written consent to waive your protections against balance billing.

**Special enrollment** means, under HIPAA, special mid-year enrollment rights that group health plans must offer to certain unenrolled employees and dependents who experience a mid-year loss of other coverage or when there is a mid-year birth, adoption or marriage.

**Surrogacy** means a participant who bears a child for another person, often for pay, either through artificial insemination or by carrying until birth another participant's surgically implanted fertilized egg.

**Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) Disorders** mean disorders that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Pain in the musculature associated with the temporomandibular joint
- Internal derangement of the temporomandibular joint
- Arthritic problems with the temporomandibular joint
- An abnormal range of motion or limited motion of the temporomandibular joint

**Third Party Administrator (TPA)** is the organization providing services to this Plan's Administrator and Sponsor, including processing and payment of claims. FCH is the Third Party Administrator for this Plan.

**Urgent care** means services that are medically necessary and immediately required as a result of an unforeseen illness, injury or condition that is not an emergency, but it was not reasonable given the circumstances to wait for a routine appointment.

**Urgent care claim** means a claim for medical care or treatment that, if normal pre-service standards are applied:

- Would seriously jeopardize the claimant's life, health or ability to regain maximum function
- In the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the claimant's medical condition, would subject the claimant to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment requested

**Usual, customary and reasonable (UCR)** is the maximum amount that the Plan will consider for a covered health care service received from an out-of-network provider (outside of the Recognized No Surprises Providers) that is consistent with and based upon what providers in a given particular geographic area charge for a same or similar medical procedure.

The Plan's UCR calculation is based upon the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of the market rate for identical and similar services within a particular geographic area that has been obtained from a commercially-reasonable, independent, third-party source, which is updated semi-annually. If the third party source does not have enough data to establish a UCR amount for a given medical procedure, the UCR will be calculated as a multiple of Medicare, specifically 150% of Medicare. If there is no value from the third-party source, and there is no Medicare allowed amount, and the service is deemed payable, the Plan will allow 50% of billed charges. Coinsurance, copayments, deductible, or non-covered services are applied against UCR amount as patient responsibility. The provider can balance bill the member the difference between the Plan payment and the provider's actual charges.