



# Oregon Group Medical Plan

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## **SECTION 1. WELCOME**

Moda Health is pleased to have been chosen by the Group as its preferred provider organization (PPO) plan. This handbook is designed to provide members with important information about the Plan's benefits, limitations and procedures.

Members may direct questions to one of the numbers listed in section 2.1 or access tools and resources on Moda Health's personalized Member Dashboard at [www.modahealth.com](http://www.modahealth.com). The Member Dashboard is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week allowing members to access plan information whenever it is convenient.

Moda Health reserves the right to monitor telephone conversations and email communications between its employees and its members for legitimate business purposes as determined by Moda Health.

This handbook may be changed or replaced at any time, by the Group or Moda Health, without the consent of any member. The most current handbook is available on the Member Dashboard, accessed through the Moda Health website. All plan provisions are governed by the Group's policy with Moda Health. This handbook may not contain every plan provision.

## **SECTION 2. MEMBER RESOURCES**

### **2.1 CONTACT INFORMATION**

#### **Moda Health Website (log in to the Member Dashboard)**

www.modahealth.com

Includes many helpful features, such as:

- Find Care (use to find an in-network provider)
- Prescription price check tool and formulary (medication cost estimates and benefit tiers)
- Prior authorization lists (services and supplies that may require authorization) – see Referral and Authorization link under Resources

#### **Medical Customer Service Department**

888-217-2363

En español 888-786-7461

#### **Behavioral Health Customer Service Department**

800-799-9391

#### **Disease Management and Health Coaching**

877-277-7281

#### **Hearing Services Customer Service**

TruHearing

866-202-2178

#### **Virtual Care preferred vendor**

CirrusMD

Cirrusmd.com/modahealth

#### **Pharmacy Customer Service Department**

888-361-1610

#### **Appeals Department**

601 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97204

Fax 503-412-4003

OregonExternalReview@modahealth.com

#### **Telecommunications Relay Service for the hearing impaired**

711

#### **Moda Health**

P.O. Box 40384

Portland, Oregon 97240



## **2.2 MEMBERSHIP CARD**

After enrolling, members will receive ID (identification) cards that will include the group and identification numbers. Members will need to present the card each time they receive services. Members may go to the Member Dashboard or contact Customer Service for replacement of a lost ID card.

## **2.3 NETWORKS**

See Network Information (Section 5) for detail about how networks work.

### **Medical network**

Connexus

### **Pharmacy network**

Navitus

### **Travel network**

First Health

## **2.4 CARE COORDINATION**

### **2.4.1 Care Coordination**

The Plan provides individualized coordination of complex or catastrophic cases. Care Coordinators and Case Managers who are nurses or behavioral health clinicians work directly with members, their families and their professional providers to coordinate healthcare needs.

The Plan will coordinate access to a wide range of services spanning all levels of care depending on the member's needs. Having a nurse or behavioral health clinician available to coordinate these services ensures improved delivery of healthcare services to members and their professional providers.

### **2.4.2 Disease Management**

The Plan provides education and support to help members manage a chronic disease or medical condition. Health Coaches help members to identify their healthcare goals, self-manage their disease and prevent the development or progression of complications.

Working with a Health Coach can help members follow the medical care plan prescribed by a professional provider and improve their health status, quality of life and productivity.

Contact Disease Management and Health Coaching for more information.

### **2.4.3 Behavioral Health**

Moda Behavioral Health provides specialty services for managing mental health and chemical dependency benefits to help members access effective care in the right place and contain costs. Behavioral Health Customer Service can help members locate in-network providers and understand the mental health and chemical dependency benefits.

## **2.5 OTHER RESOURCES**

Additional member resources providing general information about the Plan can be found in Section 12, Section 14 and Section 15.

## SECTION 3. SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

This section is a quick reference summarizing the Plan’s benefits.

**It is important to also check the Benefit Description** (Section 7) for more details about any limitations or requirements. Link directly there from the Details column.

The details of the actual benefits and the conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Plan are contained in the sections that follow. Prior authorization may be required for some services (see section 6.1). An explanation of important terms is found in Section 16.

Cost sharing is the amount members pay. See Section 4 for more information, including an explanation of deductible and out-of-pocket maximum. For services provided out-of-network, members may also be responsible for any amount in excess of the maximum plan allowance.

All “annual” or “per year” benefits accrue on a calendar year basis unless otherwise specified.

	In-Network Benefits	Out-of-Network Benefits
<b>Annual deductible per member</b>	<b>\$8,550</b>	<b>\$25,650</b>
<b>Maximum annual deductible per family</b>	<b>\$17,100</b>	<b>\$51,300</b>
<b>Annual out-of-pocket maximum per member</b>	<b>\$8,550</b>	<b>\$25,650</b>
<b>Maximum annual out-of-pocket maximum per family</b>	<b>\$17,100</b>	<b>\$51,300</b>

Services	Cost Sharing (Deductible applies unless noted differently)		Section in Handbook & Details
	In-network	Out-of-network	
<b>Urgent &amp; Emergency Care</b>			
Ambulance Transportation	0% In-network deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums apply		Section 7.2.1 6 trips per year
Emergency Room Facility (includes ancillary services)	0% In-network deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums apply		Section 7.2.2
ER professional or ancillary services billed separately	0% In-network deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums apply		
Urgent Care Office Visit	0%	0%	Section 7.2.3
<b>Preventive Services</b>			
Services as required under the Affordable Care Act, including the following:	No cost sharing	Not covered except as stated	Section 7.3

Services	Cost Sharing (Deductible applies unless noted differently)		Section in Handbook & Details
	In-network	Out-of-network	
Colonoscopy	No cost sharing	Not covered	Section 7.3.1 One per 10 years, age 50+
Immunizations	No cost sharing	Not covered	Section 7.3.3
Mammogram	No cost sharing	0%	Section 7.3.8 One per year, age 40+
Pediatric Screenings	No cost sharing	Not covered	Section 7.3.4 Age/frequency limits apply
Preventive Health Exams	No cost sharing	Not covered	Section 7.3.5 6 visits in first year of life 7 exams from age 1 - 4 One per year, age 5+
Tobacco Cessation Treatment			
Consultation	No cost sharing	Not covered	Section 7.3.7
Supplies		0%	
Women's Exam & Pap Test	No cost sharing	0%	Section 7.3.8 One per year
Other Preventive Services including:			
Diagnostic X-ray & Lab	0%	Not covered	Section 7.4.12
Prostate Rectal Exam	0%	0%	Section 7.3.6 One per year, age 50+
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Test	0%	0%	Section 7.3.6 One per year, age 50+
<b>Outpatient Services</b>			
Acupuncture	0%	0%	Section 7.4.1 \$2,000 annual maximum includes spinal manipulation
Anticancer Medication	0%	0%	Section 7.4.2
Applied Behavior Analysis	0%	0%	Section 7.4.3
Biofeedback	0%	0%	Section 7.4.4 10 visit lifetime maximum
Chemical Dependency Services	0%	0%	Section 7.4.5
Coordinated Specialty Programs	0%	0%	Section 7.4.8
Dental Injury	0%	0%	Section 7.4.9
Diabetes Services	0%	0%	Section 7.4.11 Supplies covered under DME and Pharmacy benefits
Diagnostic Procedures, including x-ray and lab	0%	0%	Section 7.4.12

Services	Cost Sharing (Deductible applies unless noted differently)		Section in Handbook & Details
	In-network	Out-of-network	
Infusion Therapy (Home or Outpatient)	0%	0%	Section 7.4.15 Some medications may be limited to certain providers or are not covered in outpatient hospital setting.  Certain medications from preferred suppliers covered under specialty pharmacy benefit.
Kidney Dialysis	0%	0%	Section 7.4.16
Mental Health Services	0%	0%	Section 7.4.19
Office and Home Visits	0%	0%	Section 7.4.21 See also Virtual Care Visits under Other Services
Rehabilitation & Habilitation (Physical, occupational and speech therapy)	0%	0%	Section 7.4.23 30 sessions per year. May be eligible for up to 60 sessions for treatment of neurologic conditions. (N/A to mental health/chemical dependency)
Spinal Manipulation	0%	0%	Section 7.4.24 \$2,000 annual maximum includes acupuncture
Surgery & Invasive Diagnostic Procedures	0%	0%	Section 7.4.25
Therapeutic Injections	0%	0%	Section 7.4.26
Therapeutic Radiology	0%	0%	Section 7.4.27
<b>Inpatient &amp; Residential Facility Care</b>			
Chemical Dependency Detoxification	0%	0%	Section 7.5.1
Diagnostic Procedures, including x-ray and lab	0%	0%	Section 7.4.12
Hospital Physician Visits	0%	0%	Section 7.5.4
Inpatient Care	0%	0%	Section 7.5.3
Rehabilitation & Habilitation (Physical, occupational and speech therapy)	0%	0%	Section 7.5.7 30 days per year, or 60 days following head/spinal cord injury (N/A to mental health/chemical dependency)
Residential Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Treatment Programs	0%	0%	Section 7.5.8

Services	Cost Sharing (Deductible applies unless noted differently)		Section in Handbook & Details
	In-network	Out-of-network	
Skilled Nursing Facility Care	0%	0%	Section 7.5.9 60 days per year
Surgery	0%	0%	Section 7.5.10
Transplants			Section 7.5.13
Center of Excellence facilities	0%	N/A	\$7,500 maximum travel and housing expense per transplant
Other facilities	Not covered		
<b>Maternity Services</b>			
Breastfeeding			Section 7.6.2
Support and Counseling	No cost sharing	Not covered	
Supplies		No cost sharing	
Maternity	0%	0%	Section 7.6
Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Program	No cost sharing	Not covered	Section 7.6.5 Visit limits apply
<b>Other Services</b>			
Disease Management for Pain	No cost sharing	0%	Section 7.7.1
Durable Medical Equipment, Supplies & Appliances	0%	0%	Section 7.7.2 Limits apply to some DME, supplies, appliances
Wigs	0%	0%	One per year
Hearing Aids & Related Services	0%	0%	Section 7.7.3 Frequency limits apply
Home Healthcare	0%	0%	Section 7.7.4 140 out-of-network visits per year
<b>Hospice Care</b>			
Home Care	0%	0%	Section 7.7.5
Inpatient Care	0%	0%	
Respite Care	0%	0%	30 day lifetime maximum, up to 5 days consecutive
<b>Virtual Care Visits</b>			
Through CirrusMD	No cost sharing	N/A	Section 7.7.7 Log on via <a href="http://cirrusmd.com/modahealth">cirrusmd.com/modahealth</a>
Other providers	0%	0%	
<b>Pharmacy</b>			
Prescription Medication	A member who uses an out-of-network pharmacy must pay any amounts charged above the MPA		Section 7.8

Services	Cost Sharing (Deductible applies unless noted differently)		Section in Handbook & Details
	In-network	Out-of-network	
Retail Pharmacy			Up to 30-day supply per prescription
Value Tier	\$2, no deductible	\$2, no deductible	
Select Tier	0%	0%	
Preferred Tier	0%	0%	
Nonpreferred Tier	0%	0%	
Mail Order Pharmacy			Up to 90-day supply per prescription
Value Tier	\$6, no deductible	Must use a Moda-designated mail order pharmacy	
Select Tier	0%		
Preferred Tier	0%		
Nonpreferred Tier	0%		
Specialty Pharmacy			Up to 30-day supply per prescription for most medications
Preferred Specialty	0%	Must use a Moda-designated specialty pharmacy	
Nonpreferred Specialty	0%		
Anticancer Medication	0%	0% Must use Moda-designated mail order and specialty pharmacies	Section 7.4.2 Pharmacy tier deductible applies
<b>Vision</b>			
Pediatric Vision Care			Section 7.9.1 Once per year under age 19
Exam	0%	0%	
Lenses & frames or contacts	0%	0%	

## **SECTION 4. PAYMENT & COST SHARING**

### **4.1 DEDUCTIBLES**

The Plan has an annual deductible. The deductible amounts are shown in Section 3, and are the amount of covered expenses that are paid by members before benefits are payable by the Plan. That means the member pays the full cost of services that are subject to the deductible until he or she has spent the deductible amount. Then the Plan begins sharing costs with the member. In-network and out-of-network amounts accumulate separately. The deductible is lower when using in-network providers. After the deductible has been satisfied, benefits will be paid according to Section 3. When a per member deductible is met, benefits for that member will be paid according to Section 3. If coverage is for more than one member, the per member deductible applies only until the total family deductible is reached.

Disallowed charges, copayments and manufacturer discounts and/or copay assistance programs do not apply to the annual deductible.

If the Plan replaces a policy of the Group, any deductible amount satisfied under the prior policy during the year will be credited.

Deductibles are accumulated on a calendar year basis. If the Plan renews on a date other than January 1<sup>st</sup>, members may have to satisfy additional deductible after renewal through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **4.2 MAXIMUM OUT OF POCKET**

After the annual per member or per family out-of-pocket maximum is met, the Plan will pay 100% of covered services for the rest of the year. If coverage is for more than one member, the per member maximum applies only until the total family out-of-pocket maximum is reached. In-network and out-of-network out-of-pocket maximums accumulate separately and are not combined.

Out-of-pocket costs are accumulated on a calendar year basis. If the Plan renews on a date other than January 1<sup>st</sup>, members may have to pay additional out-of-pocket costs after renewal through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Payments made by manufacturer discounts and/or copay assistance programs do not count toward the out-of-pocket maximum.

Members are responsible for disallowed charges, which may include amounts over the MPA and expenses incurred due to brand substitution. They do not accrue toward the out-of-pocket maximum and the member must pay for them even after the out-of-pocket maximum is met.

### **4.3 PAYMENT**

Expenses allowed by Moda Health are based upon the maximum plan allowance (MPA), which is defined in Section 16. Depending upon the Plan provisions, cost sharing may apply.



Except for cost sharing and policy benefit limitations, in-network providers agree to look solely to Moda Health, if it is the paying insurer, for compensation of covered services provided to members.

#### **4.4 EXTRA-CONTRACTUAL SERVICES**

Extra-contractual services are services or supplies that are not otherwise covered, but which Moda Health believes to be medically necessary, cost effective and beneficial for quality of care. Moda Health works with members and their professional providers to consider effective alternatives to hospitalization and other care to make more efficient use of the Plan's benefits.

After case management evaluation and analysis by Moda Health, extra-contractual services will be covered when agreed upon by a member and his or her professional provider and Moda Health. Any party can provide notification in writing and terminate such services.

The fact that the Plan has paid benefits for extra-contractual services for a member shall not obligate it to pay such benefits for any other member, nor shall it obligate the Plan to pay benefits for continued or additional extra-contractual services for the same member. All amounts paid for extra-contractual services under this provision shall be included in computing any benefits, limitations or cost sharing under the Plan.

## SECTION 5. NETWORK INFORMATION

In-network benefits apply to services delivered by in-network providers. Out-of-network benefits apply to services delivered by out-of-network providers. By using an in-network provider, members will receive quality healthcare and will have a higher level of benefits. Services a member receives in an in-network facility may be provided by physicians, anesthesiologists, radiologists or other professionals who are out-of-network providers. When a member receives services from these out-of-network providers, any amounts charged above the MPA could be the member's responsibility (see section 5.1.4).

Remember to ask providers to send any lab work or x-rays to an in-network facility. Members may choose an in-network provider by using Find Care on the Member Dashboard or by contacting Customer Service for assistance. Member ID cards will identify the applicable network(s).

### 5.1 GENERAL NETWORK INFORMATION

#### 5.1.1 Primary Network; Primary Service Area

All members have access to a primary network, which provides services in their primary service area. Additional networks may also be available to members if the subscriber resides outside the primary service area. Subscribers who move outside of a network service area must contact Customer Service to find out if another network is available to ensure continued access to in-network providers.

Members should ask if their provider (both professional provider and facility) is participating with the specific network listed below. Do not ask if the provider accepts Moda. There are many Moda Health networks. A provider may accept Moda insurance, but not be participating with the network for the Plan. Members may contact Customer Service for help finding an in-network provider.

#### Networks

Medical network is Connexus, with providers in Oregon and southwest Washington  
Pharmacy network is Navitus

#### 5.1.2 Coverage Outside the Service Area for Children

Enrolled children residing in the United States but outside the primary service area may receive the in-network benefit level by using a travel network provider as described in section 5.1.3. If a travel network provider is not available, plan benefits will be extended to such children as if the care were rendered by in-network providers, subject to the following limitations:

- a. All non-emergency hospital confinements must be prior authorized
- b. Services will be paid at the in-network benefit level if provided within a 30-mile radius of the child's residence or at the closest appropriate facility
- c. Services will be paid at the out-of-network benefit level if such services are provided outside the 30-mile radius of the child's residence
- d. Out-of-area and out-of-network providers may bill members for charges in excess of the maximum plan allowance

In-network benefits are not available to a child residing outside the service area for the purpose of receiving treatment or benefits.

When an enrolled child moves outside the service area, the subscriber must contact Customer Service and his or her employer to update the address with Moda Health. The enrolled child will be eligible for out-of-area coverage the first day of the month following the date the address is updated in the Moda Health system.

### **5.1.3 Travel Network**

Members traveling outside of the primary service area may receive in-network benefits by using a travel network provider for urgent or emergency services. The in-network benefit level only applies to a travel network provider if members are outside the primary service area and the travel is not for the purpose of receiving treatment or benefits. The travel network is not available to members whose assigned network provides nationwide access.

#### **Travel Network**

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Members may find a travel network provider by using Find Care on the Member Dashboard or by contacting Customer Service for assistance.

### **5.1.4 Out-of-Network Care**

When members choose healthcare providers that are not in-network, the benefit from the Plan is lower, at the out-of-network level described in Section 3. In most cases the member must pay the provider all charges at the time of treatment, and then file a claim to be reimbursed the out-of-network benefit. If the provider's charges are more than the maximum plan allowance, the member may be responsible for paying those excess charges.

When receiving care at an in-network facility, ask to have ancillary services (such as diagnostic testing, anesthesia, surgical assistants) performed by in-network providers. When the member is at an in-network facility and is not able to choose the provider, in-network cost sharing will apply to services by out-of-network providers, and an Oregon-licensed provider cannot balance bill the member except when permitted by law.

### **5.1.5 Care After Normal Office Hours**

In-network professional providers have an on-call system to provide 24-hour service. Members who need to contact their professional provider after normal office hours should call his or her regular office number.

## **5.2 USING FIND CARE**

To search for in-network providers, members can log in to their Member Dashboard at [modahealth.com](http://modahealth.com) and click on Find Care.

Search for a specific provider by name, specialty or type of service, or look in a nearby area using ZIP code or city.

### **5.2.1 DME Providers**

Find a preferred DME provider:

- a. Choose the “Durable Medical Equipment” option under the Specialty drop down menu
- b. Enter ZIP code and Search

The search will bring up a list of preferred DME providers. Preferred DME providers have a ribbon icon next to their network name.

## **SECTION 6. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

Prior authorization is used to ensure member safety, encourage appropriate use of services and medications, and support cost effective treatment options for members. Moda Health may require using a preferred treatment center or provider for the treatment to be covered. Services requiring prior authorization are evaluated using evidence based criteria that align with medical literature, best practice clinical guidelines and guidance from the FDA. Moda Health will authorize medically necessary services, supplies or medications based upon the member's medical condition. Treatments are covered only when there is medical evidence of need.

When a professional provider suggests a type of service requiring authorization (see section 6.1.1), the member should ask the provider to contact Moda Health for prior authorization. Authorization for emergency hospital admissions must be obtained by calling Moda Health within 48 hours of the hospital admission (or as soon as reasonably possible). The hospital, professional provider and member are notified of the outcome of the authorization process by letter. Prior authorization does not guarantee coverage. When a service is otherwise excluded from benefits, charges will be denied.

### **6.1 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

Members using an out-of-network provider are responsible for making sure their provider contacts Moda Health for prior authorization. Services not authorized in advance will be denied, and the full charge will be the member's responsibility.

Any amounts that are member responsibility due to not obtaining a prior authorization do not apply toward the Plan's deductible or out-of-pocket maximum.

In-network providers are responsible for obtaining prior authorization on the member's behalf. If the in-network provider does not do so, he or she is expected to write off the full charge of the service.

Prior authorization is not required for an emergency admission.

#### **6.1.1 Services Requiring Prior Authorization**

Many services within the following categories may require prior authorization:

- a. Inpatient services and residential programs
- b. Outpatient services
- c. Rehabilitation (physical, occupational, speech therapy)
- d. Chiropractic or acupuncture services
- e. Imaging services
- f. Infusion therapy
- g. Disease management for pain
- h. Medications

A full list of services and supplies requiring prior authorization is on the Moda Health website. This list is updated periodically, and members should ask their provider to check to see if a service or supply requires authorization. A member may obtain authorization information by contacting

Customer Service. For mental health or chemical dependency services, contact Behavioral Health Customer Service.

### **6.1.2 Prior Authorization Limitations**

Prior authorization may limit the services that will be covered. Some limits that may apply include:

- a. An authorization is valid for a set period of time. Authorized services received outside of that time may not be covered
- b. The treatment, services or supplies/medications that will be covered may be limited
- c. The number, amount or frequency of a service or supply may be limited
- d. The member may have to receive treatment from a preferred treatment center or other certain provider for the service or supply to be covered. For some treatments, travel expenses may be covered.

Any limits or requirements that apply to authorized services will be described in the authorization letter that is sent to the provider and member. Members who are working with a Care Coordinator or Case Manager (see section 2.4) can also get help understanding how to access their authorized treatment from their Care Coordinator or Case Manager.

### **6.1.3 Second Opinion**

Moda Health may recommend an independent consultation to confirm that non-emergency treatment is medically necessary. The Plan pays the full cost of the second opinion with any deductible waived.

## **SECTION 7. BENEFIT DESCRIPTION**

The Plan covers services and supplies listed when medically necessary for diagnosis and/or treatment of a medical condition, as well as certain preventive services. The details of the different types of benefits and the conditions, limitations and exclusions are described in the sections that follow. An explanation of important terms is found in Section 16.

Payment of covered expenses is always limited to the maximum plan allowance. Some benefits have day or dollar limits, which are noted in the Details column in the Schedule of Benefits (Section 3).

Many services require prior authorization. A complete list is available on the Member Dashboard or by contacting Customer Service. Sometimes the authorization will require the member to use a certain provider for the service. Failure to obtain required prior authorization or to use the authorized provider when required will result in denial of benefits (see section 6.1).

### **7.1 WHEN BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE**

The Plan only pays claims for covered services obtained when a member's coverage is in effect. Coverage is in effect when the member:

- a. Is eligible to be covered according to the eligibility provisions of the Plan
- b. Has applied for coverage and has been accepted
- c. The Group has paid his or her premiums on time for the current month

Benefits are only payable after the service or supply has been provided. If a limitation or exclusion applies to an otherwise covered service, benefits will not be paid.

### **7.2 URGENT & EMERGENCY CARE**

Care received outside of the United States is only covered for an urgent care or emergency medical condition. Emergency services will be reimbursed at the in-network benefit level. Members will need to pay for these services upfront and submit a claim to Moda Health for reimbursement (as described in section 11.1.4).

#### **7.2.1 Ambulance Transportation**

Ambulance transportation, including local ground transportation by state certified ambulance and certified air ambulance transportation, is covered for medically necessary transport to the nearest facility that has the capability to provide the necessary treatment. Out-of-network providers may bill members for charges in excess of the maximum plan allowance.

Services provided by a stretcher car, wheelchair car or other similar methods are considered custodial and are not covered benefits under the Plan.

### **7.2.2 Emergency Room Care**

Members are covered for treatment of emergency medical conditions (as defined in Section 16) worldwide. A member who believes he or she has a medical emergency should call 911 or seek care from the nearest appropriate provider.

Medically necessary emergency room care is covered. The emergency room benefit applies to services billed by the facility. This may include supplies, labs, x-rays and other charges. Professional fees (e.g., emergency room physician or reading an x-ray/lab result) billed separately are paid under inpatient or outpatient benefits.

All claims for emergency services (as defined in Section 16) will be paid at the in-network benefit level. At an out-of-network emergency room, providers may bill members for charges in excess of the maximum plan allowance. Using an in-network emergency room does not guarantee that all providers working in the emergency room and/or hospital are also in-network providers (see section 5.1.4 for more information). Emergency care should be reported to the PCP as soon as possible.

Prior authorization is not required for emergency medical screening exams or treatment to stabilize an emergency medical condition, whether in-network or out-of-network.

If a member's condition requires hospitalization in an out-of-network facility, the attending physician and Moda Health's medical director will monitor the condition and determine when the transfer to an in-network facility can be made. The Plan does not provide the in-network benefit level for care beyond the date the attending physician and Moda Health's medical director determine the member can be safely transferred.

The in-network benefit level is not available for out-of-network care other than emergency medical care. The following are examples of services that are not emergency medical conditions and members should not go to an emergency room for such services:

- a. Urgent care visits
- b. Care of chronic conditions, including diagnostic services
- c. Preventive services
- d. Elective surgery and/or hospitalization
- e. Outpatient mental health services

### **7.2.3 Urgent Care**

Immediate, short-term medical care provided by an urgent or immediate care facility for minor but urgent medical conditions that do not pose a significant threat to life or health at the time the services are rendered is covered. The member must be actually examined by a professional provider.

## **7.3 PREVENTIVE SERVICES**

As required under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), certain services will be covered at no cost to the member when performed by an in-network provider (see Section 3 for benefit level when services are provided out-of-network). Moda Health will use reasonable medical management techniques to determine coverage limitations where permitted by the ACA. This means that some alternatives in the services listed below may be subject to member cost sharing:



- a. Evidence-based services rated A or B by the United States Preventive Services Taskforce ([www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Name/uspstf-a-and-b-recommendations/](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Name/uspstf-a-and-b-recommendations/)) and including women's services as of January 1, 2017
- b. Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (ACIP)([www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/recs/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/recs/))
- c. Preventive care and screenings recommended by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for infants, children and adolescents ([www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity_schedule.pdf)), and women ([www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines/](http://www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines/)) and including women's services as of January 1,2017

If one of these organizations adopts a new or revised recommendation, the Plan has up to one year before coverage of the related services must be available and effective.

Members may call Customer Service to verify if a preventive service is covered at no cost sharing or visit the Moda Health website for a list of preventive services covered at no cost sharing as required by the ACA. Other preventive services are subject to the applicable cost sharing when not prohibited by federal law. Some frequently used preventive healthcare services covered by the Plan are:

### **7.3.1 Colorectal Cancer Screening**

The following services, including related charges, for members age 50 and over:

- a. One colonoscopy, including polyp removal, and pre-surgical exam or consultation every 10 years
- b. One fecal occult blood test every year
- c. One fecal DNA test every 3 years
- d. One flexible sigmoidoscopy and pre-surgical exam or consultation every 5 years
- e. One double contrast barium enema every 5 years

These screening timelines align with the USPSTF recommendations for individuals not at high risk for colorectal cancer. Screening procedures performed more frequently must be determined medically necessary.

Anesthesia that is medically necessary to perform the above preventive services is covered under the preventive benefit. If the anesthesia is determined not medically necessary, it is not covered.

Colorectal cancer screening is covered at no cost sharing when a member meets the criteria in the USPSTF recommendation for colorectal cancer screening. When a member's situation does not fit the USPSTF A or B rated recommendation for colorectal cancer screening, benefits will be at the medical benefit level. If the member has a positive result on a fecal occult blood test covered under the preventive benefit, a follow-up colonoscopy will be covered under the preventive benefit.

For members who are at high risk for colorectal cancer, including those with a family medical history of known genetic disorders that predispose them to a high lifetime risk of colorectal cancer (such as Lynch syndrome), a prior occurrence of colorectal cancer or an adenomatous polyp, or a personal history of inflammatory bowel disease, colorectal cancer screening exams and laboratory tests are covered as recommended by the treating professional provider and are

paid at the medical benefit level if outside the criteria for the USPSTF A or B rated recommendation.

### **7.3.2 Contraception**

All FDA approved contraceptive methods and counseling are covered. When delivered by an in-network provider and using the most cost effective option (e.g., generic instead of brand name), contraception will be covered with no cost sharing. If there is not an in-network provider available within a reasonable distance to provide cost-effective contraceptive services timely, members must contact Customer Service for services to be authorized at no cost sharing with an out-of-network provider. If the cost-effective contraceptive is deemed medically inadvisable by the member's provider, the Plan will cover an alternative prescribed by the provider. Over the counter contraceptives are covered under the Pharmacy benefit (section 7.8). Prior authorization and step therapy requirements do not apply. Surgery to reverse elective sterilization (vasectomy or tubal ligation) is not covered.

### **7.3.3 Immunizations**

Routine immunizations for members of all ages, limited to those recommended by the ACIP. Immunizations for the sole purpose of travel or to prevent illness that may be caused by a work environment are not covered, except as required under the Affordable Care Act.

### **7.3.4 Pediatric Screenings**

At the frequency and age recommended by HRSA or USPSTF, including:

- a. Screening for hearing loss in newborn infants
- b. Routine vision screening to detect amblyopia, strabismus and defects in visual sharpness in children age 3 to 5
- c. Developmental and behavioral health screenings

### **7.3.5 Preventive Health Exams**

Covered according to the following schedule:

- a. Newborn: One hospital visit
- b. Infants: 6 well-baby visits during the first year of life
- c. Age 1 to 4: 7 exams
- d. Age 5 and above: One exam every year

A preventive exam is a scheduled medical evaluation of a member that focuses on preventive care, and is not problem focused. It includes appropriate history, physical examination, review of risk factors with plans to reduce them, and ordering of appropriate immunizations, screening laboratory tests and other diagnostic procedures.

Routine diagnostic x-ray and lab work related to a preventive health exam that is not required by the ACA is subject to the standard cost sharing.

### **7.3.6 Prostate Rectal Exam & Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) Test**

Prostate rectal exam and PSA test are subject to the standard cost sharing. For men age 50 and over, the Plan covers one rectal examination and one PSA test every year or as determined by the treating professional provider. For men younger than 50 years of age who are at high risk for prostate cancer, including African-American men and men with a family medical history of

prostate cancer, prostate rectal exam and PSA test are covered as determined by the treating professional provider.

### **7.3.7 Tobacco Cessation**

Covered expenses include counseling, office visits, medical supplies and medications provided or recommended by a tobacco cessation program or other professional provider.

A tobacco cessation program can provide an overall treatment program that follows the United States Public Health Service guidelines for tobacco use cessation. Members may have more success with a coordinated program.

### **7.3.8 Women's Healthcare**

One preventive women's healthcare visit per year, including pelvic and breast exams and a Pap test. Breast exams are limited to women 18 years of age and older. Mammograms are limited to one between the ages of 35 and 39, and one per year age 40 and older.

Pap tests and breast exams, and mammograms for the purpose of screening or diagnosis in symptomatic or designated high risk women, are also covered when deemed necessary by a professional provider. These services are covered under the office visit, x-ray or lab test benefit level if not performed within the Plan's age and frequency limits for preventive screening.

## **7.4 OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

Many outpatient services require prior authorization (see section 6.1). All services must be medically necessary.

### **7.4.1 Acupuncture**

Acupuncture services must be prior authorized as medically necessary. Benefits are limited to an annual dollar maximum, which includes spinal manipulation services. Other services, such as office visits or diagnostic services, are not covered under this benefit. They are paid under the Plan's standard benefit for the type of service provided.

### **7.4.2 Anticancer Medication**

Prescribed anticancer medications, including oral, intravenous (IV) or injected medications, are covered. Most anticancer medications may require prior authorization and be subject to specific benefit limitations. Specialty anticancer medications require delivery by a Moda-designated specialty pharmacy (see section 7.8.6). For some anticancer medications, members may be required to enroll in programs to ensure proper medication use and/or reduce the cost of the medication. More information is available on the Member Dashboard or by contacting Customer Service.

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

ABA for autism spectrum disorder and the management of care provided in the member's home, a licensed health care facility or other setting as approved by Moda Health, is covered. Services must be medically necessary and prior authorized, and the provider must submit an individualized treatment plan.

Coverage for applied behavior analysis does not include:

- a. Services provided by a family or household member
- b. Custodial or respite care, equine assisted therapy, creative arts therapy, wilderness or adventure camps, music therapy, neurofeedback, chelation or hyperbaric chamber
- c. Services provided under an individual education plan (IEP) to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- d. Services provided by the Department of Human Services or Oregon Health Authority

#### **7.4.4 Biofeedback**

Covered expenses for biofeedback therapy services are limited to treatment of tension or migraine headaches or urinary incontinence. Covered visits are subject to a lifetime limit.

#### **7.4.5 Chemical Dependency Services**

Services for assessment and treatment of chemical dependency in an outpatient treatment program that meets the definitions in the Plan (see Section 16) are covered.

#### **7.4.6 Child Abuse Medical Assessment**

Child abuse medical assessment provided by a community assessment center that reports to the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Program is covered. Child abuse medical assessment includes a physical exam, forensic interview and mental health treatment.

#### **7.4.7 Clinical Trials**

Usual care costs for the care of a member who is enrolled in or participating in an approved clinical trial (as defined in Section 16) are covered. Usual care costs mean medically necessary conventional care, items or services covered by the Plan if typically provided absent a clinical trial. Such costs will be subject to the same cost sharing that would apply if provided in the absence of a clinical trial.

The Plan does not cover items or services:

- a. That are not covered by the Plan if provided outside of the clinical trial. This includes the drug, device or service being tested, even if it is covered in a different use outside of the clinical trial
- b. Required solely for the provision or clinically appropriate monitoring of the drug, device or service being tested in the clinical trial
- c. Provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the member
- d. Customarily provided by a clinical trial sponsor free of charge to any person participating in the clinical trial

Participation in a clinical trial must be prior authorized by Moda Health.

#### **7.4.8 Coordinated Specialty Programs**

Mental health care that meets the Plan definition of Coordinated Specialty Program (see Section 16) is covered. These programs provide multidisciplinary, team-based care to individuals with mental health conditions and their families. Treatment must be authorized. When prior authorization cannot be obtained, providers should notify Moda Health as soon after admission as possible.

#### **7.4.9 Dental Injury**

Dental services are not covered, except for treatment of accidental injury to natural teeth. Natural teeth are teeth that grew in the mouth. All of the following are required to qualify for coverage:

- a. The accidental injury must have been caused by a foreign object or was caused by acute trauma (e.g., a broken tooth resulting from biting or chewing food is not an accidental injury)
- b. Diagnosis is made within 6 months of the date of injury
- c. Treatment is completed within 12 months of the date of injury
- d. Treatment is medically necessary and is provided by a physician or dentist while the member is enrolled in the Plan
- e. Treatment is limited to that which will restore teeth to a functional state

Implants and implant related services are not covered.

#### **7.4.10 Dental Procedures, Facility Charges**

If a serious medical condition makes a dental procedure risky, or if the member cannot be safely and effectively treated in a dental office because of a physical or developmental disability, general anesthesia services and related facility charges are covered when the dental procedure is provided in a hospital or outpatient clinic. Services must be prior authorized.

#### **7.4.11 Diabetes Services**

Insulin and diabetic supplies including insulin syringes, needles and lancets, test strips, glucometers and continuous glucose monitors are covered under the pharmacy benefit (section 7.8), when purchased from a pharmacy with a valid prescription and using a preferred manufacturer (see the preferred drug list on the Member Dashboard). Pumps and other supplies may be covered under the DME benefit (section 7.7.6) when billed by a doctor. Members may have more cost savings when using the Pharmacy benefits.

Covered medical services for diabetes screening and management include:

- a. HbA1c lab test
- b. Checking for kidney disease
- c. Annual dilated eye exam or retinal imaging, including one performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist
- d. Diabetes self-management programs
  - i. One diabetes assessment and training program after diagnosis
  - ii. Up to 3 hours of assessment and training following a change of condition, medication or treatment, when provided by a program or provider with expertise in diabetes
- e. Dietary or nutritional therapy
- f. Routine foot care when medically necessary

Telemedicine or virtual care visits (section 7.7.7) in connection with covered treatment of diabetes can be delivered via audio, video conferencing, Voice over Internet Protocol, or transmission of telemetry. One of the participants must be an academic health center.

Services, medications and supplies for management of diabetes from conception through 6 weeks postpartum are covered at no cost sharing. The member or provider must contact Customer Service to get this maternal diabetes benefit.

#### **7.4.12 Diagnostic Procedures**

The Plan covers diagnostic services, including x-rays and laboratory tests, psychological and neuropsychological testing, and other diagnostic procedures related to treatment of a medical or mental health condition. Some of these procedures may need to be prior authorized.

The Plan covers all standard imaging procedures related to treatment of a medical condition. Most advanced imaging services require prior authorization (see section 6.1), including radiology (such as MR procedures (including MRA and MRI), CT, PET and nuclear medicine) and cardiac imaging.

A full list of diagnostic procedures that must be prior authorized is available on the Moda Health website, or by contacting Customer Service.

#### **7.4.13 Gender Dysphoria Services**

Expenses for gender dysphoria treatment are covered when the following conditions are met:

- a. Procedures must be performed by a qualified professional provider
- b. Prior authorization is required for surgical procedures
- c. Treatment plan must meet medical necessity criteria

Covered services may include:

- a. Mental health
- b. Hormone therapy (including puberty suppression therapy for adolescents)
- c. Surgical procedures (see section 7.5.10):
  - i. Breast/chest surgery
  - ii. Gonadectomy (hysterectomy/oophorectomy or orchiectomy)
  - iii. Reconstruction of the genitalia
  - iv. Gender confirming facial surgery

#### **7.4.14 Inborn Errors of Metabolism**

Inborn errors of metabolism are related to a missing or abnormal gene at birth that affects the metabolism of proteins, carbohydrates and fats. The Plan covers treatment for inborn errors of metabolism for which standard methods of diagnosis, treatment and monitoring exist, including quantification of metabolites in blood, urine or spinal fluid, or enzyme or DNA confirmation in tissues. Coverage includes diagnosing, monitoring and controlling the disorders by nutritional and medical assessment, including but not limited to clinical visits, biochemical analysis and medical foods used in the treatment of such disorders.

#### **7.4.15 Infusion Therapy**

Infusion therapy services and supplies are covered when prior authorized and ordered by a professional provider as a part of an infusion therapy regimen. For some medications, authorization may be limited to preferred medication suppliers, home infusion providers or provider office infusion only. When authorization is limited to a certain supplier, provider or setting, medications obtained from other suppliers or infusion therapy administered at a hospital outpatient facility or other in-network provider may not be covered. Some infusion medications

from a preferred medication supplier are covered under the pharmacy specialty medication benefit (see Section 3 and section 7.8.6). See section 7.8.7 for self-administered infusion therapy.

Infusion therapy benefits are limited to the following:

- a. aerosolized pentamidine
- b. intravenous drug therapy
- c. total parenteral nutrition
- d. hydration therapy
- e. intravenous/subcutaneous pain management
- f. terbutaline infusion therapy
- g. SynchroMed pump management
- h. intravenous bolus/push medications
- i. blood product administration

In addition, covered expenses include only the following medically necessary services and supplies. Some services and supplies are not covered if they are billed separately. They are considered included in the cost of other billed charges.

- a. solutions, medications, and pharmaceutical additives
- b. pharmacy compounding and dispensing services
- c. durable medical equipment (DME) for the infusion therapy
- d. ancillary medical supplies
- e. nursing services associated with
  - i. patient and/or alternative care giver training
  - ii. visits necessary to monitor intravenous therapy regimen
  - iii. emergency services
  - iv. administration of therapy
- f. collection, analysis, and reporting of the results of laboratory testing services required to monitor response to therapy

#### **7.4.16 Kidney Dialysis**

Covered expenses include:

- a. Treatment planning
- b. Professional services for administration and supervision
- c. Treatments, including therapist, facility and equipment charges

#### **7.4.17 Maxillofacial Prosthetic Services**

The Plan covers maxillofacial prosthetic services necessary for restoration and management of head and facial structures that cannot be replaced with living tissue and that are defective because of disease, trauma or birth and developmental deformities. Such restoration and management must be performed to control or eliminate infection or pain, or to restore facial configuration or functions such as speech, swallowing or chewing. Cosmetic procedures to improve on the normal range of conditions are not covered.

#### **7.4.18 Medication Administered by Provider, Infusion Center/Home Infusion or Treatment Center**

A medication that must be given in a professional provider's office, treatment or infusion center or home infusion is generally covered at the same benefit level as supplies and appliances (see Section 3).

Some medications may not be covered unless they are obtained from a preferred medication supplier. In this case, the medication is covered under the pharmacy specialty medication benefit.

For some medications, members must use a preferred treatment center. The treatment program may include office visits, testing, a stay at the treatment center and the medication. Sometimes travel expenses may be included. Treatment must be prior authorized (see section 6.1).

See section 7.4.15 for more information about infusion therapy and prior authorization requirements. Self-administered medications are not covered under this benefit (see section 7.8.7). See section 7.8 for pharmacy benefits.

#### **7.4.19 Mental Health**

The Plan covers the following medically necessary services by a mental health provider:

- a. Office or home visits, including psychotherapy
- b. Intensive outpatient program
- c. Case management, skills training, wrap-around services and crisis intervention
- d. Coordinated specialty program
- e. Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) and electroconvulsive therapy

Intensive outpatient treatment and TMS require prior authorization. Coordinated specialty programs must be prior authorized or authorized as soon as reasonably possible after being started. See Section 16 for definitions. See section 7.4.12 for coverage of diagnostic services.

#### **7.4.20 Nutritional Therapy**

Dietary or nutritional therapy is covered for certain conditions (excluding obesity). Nutritional therapy for eating disorders requires authorization after the first 5 visits. Preventive nutritional therapy that may be required under the Affordable Care Act is covered under the preventive care benefit. Also see diabetes services (section 7.4.11) and inborn errors of metabolism (section 7.4.14).

#### **7.4.21 Office or Home Visits**

A visit means the member is actually examined by a professional provider. Covered expenses include consultations with written reports and second opinion surgery consultations.

#### **7.4.22 Podiatry Services**

Covered for the diagnosis and treatment of a specific current problem. Routine podiatry services are not covered unless otherwise required by the member's medical condition (e.g., diabetes).

#### **7.4.23 Rehabilitation & Habilitation**

Rehabilitative and habilitative services are physical, occupational or speech therapies provided by a licensed physical, occupational or speech therapist, physician, chiropractor or other professional provider licensed to provide such services. Rehabilitative services are necessary to



restore or improve lost function caused by a medical condition, and habilitative services are used to establish skills that were never developed due to a medical condition.

Rehabilitative or habilitative services are subject to an annual limit, which may be increased for rehabilitative services required for treatment of a neurologic condition (e.g., stroke, spinal cord or head injury, pediatric neurodevelopmental problems) when the criteria for additional services are met. To receive this additional benefit, prior authorization must be obtained before the initial sessions have been exhausted. A session is one visit. No more than one session of each type of physical, occupational or speech therapy is covered in one day. Limits apply separately to rehabilitative and habilitative services. Medically necessary outpatient services for mental health and chemical dependency are not subject to these limits.

Outpatient rehabilitative services are short term in nature with the expectation that the member's condition will improve in a reasonable and generally predictable period of time. Therapy performed to maintain a current level of functioning without documentation of improvement is considered maintenance therapy and is not covered. Maintenance programs that prevent regression of a condition or function are not covered. This benefit does not cover recreational or educational therapy, educational testing or training, non-medical self-help or training, or hippotherapy.

#### **7.4.24 Spinal Manipulation**

Chiropractic or spinal manipulation services must be prior authorized as medically necessary. Benefits are limited to an annual dollar maximum, which includes acupuncture services. Other services, such as office visits, lab and diagnostic x-rays, and physical therapy services, are not covered under this benefit. They are paid under the Plan's standard benefit for the type of service provided.

#### **7.4.25 Surgery**

Operating rooms and recovery rooms, surgical supplies and other services ordinarily provided by a hospital or surgical center are covered.

Certain surgical procedures are covered only when performed as outpatient surgery. Members should ask their professional provider if this applies to a proposed surgery, or contact Customer Service. See sections 7.5.11 and 7.5.12 for more information about cosmetic and reconstructive surgery.

#### **7.4.26 Therapeutic Injections**

Administrative services for therapeutic injections, such as allergy shots, are covered when given in a professional provider's office. When comparable results can be obtained safely with self-administered medications at home, the administrative services for therapeutic injections by the provider are not covered. Vitamin and mineral injections are not covered unless they are medically necessary to treat a specific medical condition. More information is in sections 7.4.18 and 7.8.7.

#### **7.4.27 Therapeutic Radiology**

Covered expenses include:

- a. Treatment planning and simulation
- b. Professional services for administration and supervision
- c. Treatments, including therapist, facility and equipment charges

## 7.5 INPATIENT & RESIDENTIAL FACILITY CARE

Facility care will only be covered when it is medically necessary.

A hospital is a facility that is licensed to provide inpatient and outpatient surgical, medical and psychiatric care to members who are acutely ill. Services must be under the supervision of licensed physicians and includes 24-hour-a-day nursing service by licensed registered nurses.

Hospitalization must be directed by a physician and must be medically necessary. All inpatient and residential stays require prior authorization (see section 6.1). Failure to obtain required prior authorization will result in denial of benefits.

Facilities operated by agencies of the federal government are not considered hospitals. However, the Plan will cover expenses incurred in facilities operated by the federal government where benefit payment is required by law. Any covered service provided at any hospital owned or operated by the state of Oregon is also eligible for benefits.

### 7.5.1 Chemical Dependency Detoxification Program

Room and treatment services by a state-licensed treatment program are covered.

### 7.5.2 Diagnostic Procedures

The Plan covers diagnostic services, including x-rays and laboratory tests, standard and advanced imaging procedures, psychological and neuropsychological testing, and other diagnostic procedures related to treatment of a medical or mental health condition.

### 7.5.3 Hospital Benefits

Covered expenses for hospital care are:

- a. **Hospital room.** The actual daily charge
- b. **Isolation care.** When it is medically necessary to protect a member from contracting the illness of another person or to protect other patients from contracting the illness of a member
- c. **Intensive care unit.** Whether a unit in a particular hospital qualifies as an intensive care unit is determined using generally recognized standards
- d. **Facility charges.** For surgery performed in a hospital outpatient department
- e. **Other hospital services and supplies.** When medically necessary for treatment and ordinarily furnished by a hospital
- f. **Take-home prescription drugs.** Limited to a 3-day supply at the same benefit level as for hospitalization

### 7.5.4 Hospital Visits

A visit means the member is actually examined by a professional provider. Covered expenses include consultations with written reports and second opinion consultations.

### 7.5.5 Medication Administered at a Preferred Treatment Center

For some medications, members must use a preferred treatment center. The treatment program may include office visits, testing, a stay at the treatment center and the medication. Sometimes travel expenses may be included. Treatment must be prior authorized (see section 6.1).

### **7.5.6 Pre-admission Testing**

Medically necessary pre-admission testing is covered when ordered by the physician.

### **7.5.7 Rehabilitative & Habilitative Care**

To be a covered expense, rehabilitative services must be a medically necessary part of a physician's formal written program to improve and restore lost function following illness or injury.

Covered rehabilitative and habilitative care expenses are subject to an annual limit for inpatient services delivered in a hospital or other inpatient facility that specializes in such care. Additional days may be available for rehabilitation after acute head or spinal cord injury, subject to medical necessity and prior authorization. Limits apply separately to rehabilitative and habilitative care. Medically necessary services for mental health and chemical dependency are not subject to these limits.

### **7.5.8 Residential Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Treatment Programs**

Room and treatment services, including partial hospitalization, by a treatment program that meets the definitions in the Plan (see Section 16) are covered.

### **7.5.9 Skilled Nursing Facility Care**

A skilled nursing facility is licensed under applicable laws to provide inpatient care under the supervision of a medical staff or a medical director. It must provide rehabilitative services and 24-hour-a-day nursing services by registered nurses.

Covered skilled nursing facility days are subject to an annual limit. Covered expenses are limited to the daily service rate, but no more than the amount that would be charged if the member were in a semi-private hospital room.

### **Exclusions**

The Plan will not pay charges related to an admission to a skilled nursing facility before the member was enrolled in the Plan or for a stay where care is provided principally for:

- a. Senile deterioration
- b. Alzheimer's disease
- c. Mental health condition

Expenses for routine nursing care, non-medical self-help or training, personal hygiene or custodial care are not covered.

### **7.5.10 Surgery**

Surgery (operative and cutting procedures), including treatment of fractures, dislocations and burns, is covered. The surgery cost sharing applies to the following services:

- a. Primary surgeon
- b. Assistant surgeon
- c. Anesthesiologist or certified anesthetist
- d. Surgical supplies such as sutures and sterile set-ups when surgery is performed in the physician's office

### **7.5.11 Surgery, Cosmetic & Reconstructive**

Cosmetic surgery is surgery that improves or changes appearance without restoring impaired body function. Reconstructive surgery is surgery performed on abnormal structures of the body, caused by congenital defects, developmental abnormalities, trauma, infection, tumors or disease. It is usually performed to improve function, but may also be performed to approximate a normal appearance.

Cosmetic surgery is not covered. All reconstructive procedures, including surgical, dental and orthodontic repair of congenital deformities, must be medically necessary and prior authorized or benefits will not be paid. Reconstructive procedures that are partially cosmetic in nature may be covered if the procedure is medically necessary. This includes services to treat a covered mental health condition, such as gender dysphoria.

Treatment for complications related to a surgery performed to correct a functional disorder is covered when medically necessary. Treatment for complications related to a surgery that does not correct a functional disorder is not covered, except for stabilization of emergency medical conditions.

Surgery for breast augmentation, achieving breast symmetry, and replacing breast implants (prosthetics) to accomplish an alteration in breast contour or size are not covered except as provided in sections 7.4.13 and 7.5.12.

### **7.5.12 Surgery, Reconstructive Following a Mastectomy**

The Plan covers reconstructive surgery following a medically necessary mastectomy:

- a. All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed, including nipple reconstruction, skin grafts and stippling of the nipple and areola
- b. Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance
- c. Prostheses
- d. Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas
- e. Inpatient care related to the mastectomy and post-mastectomy services

This coverage will be provided in consultation with the member's attending physician and will be subject to the Plan's terms and conditions, including the prior authorization and cost sharing provisions.

### **7.5.13 Transplants**

The Plan covers medically necessary transplant procedures that conform to accepted medical practice and are not experimental or investigational.

#### **Definitions**

**Center of Excellence** is a facility and/or team of professional providers with which Moda Health has contracted or arranged to provide transplant services. Centers of Excellence follow best practices and have exceptional skills and expertise in managing patients with a specific condition.

**Donor costs** means the covered expense of removing the tissue from the donor's body and preserving or transporting it to the site where the transplant is performed. It includes any other necessary charges directly related to locating and procuring the organ.

**Transplant** means a procedure or series of procedures by which:

- a. tissue (e.g., solid organ, marrow, stem cells) is removed from the body of one person (donor) and implanted in the body of another person (recipient)
- b. tissue is removed from one's body and later reintroduced back into the body of the same person

Corneal transplants and the collection of and/or transfusion of blood or blood products are not considered transplants for the purposes of this section and are not subject to this section's requirements.

**Prior Authorization.** Prior authorization should be obtained as soon as possible after a member has been identified as a possible transplant candidate. To be valid, prior authorization approval must be in writing from Moda Health.

**Covered Benefits.** Benefits for transplants are limited as follows:

- a. Transplant procedures must be performed at a Center of Excellence. If a Center of Excellence cannot provide the necessary type of transplant, Moda Health will prior authorize services at an alternative transplant facility.
- b. Donor costs are covered as follows:
  - i. If the recipient or self-donor is enrolled in the Plan, donor costs related to a covered transplant, including expenses for an enrolled donor resulting from complications and unforeseen effects of the donation, are covered.
  - ii. If the donor is enrolled in the Plan and the recipient is not, the Plan will not pay any benefits toward donor costs.
  - iii. If the donor is not enrolled in the Plan, expenses that result from complications and unforeseen effects of the donation are not covered.
- c. Travel and housing expenses for the recipient and one caregiver are covered up to a maximum per transplant.
- d. Professional provider transplant services are paid according to the benefits for professional providers.
- e. Immunosuppressive drugs provided during a hospital stay are paid as a medical supply. Outpatient oral and self-injectable prescription medications for transplant related services are paid under the Pharmacy Prescription benefit (section 7.8).
- f. The Plan will not pay for chemotherapy with autologous or homogenic/allogenic bone marrow transplant for treatment of any type of cancer not approved for coverage.

## **7.6 MATERNITY CARE**

Pregnancy care, childbirth and related conditions are covered when rendered by a professional provider. Professional providers do not include midwives unless they are licensed and certified.

Maternity services are billed as a global charge. This is a lump sum charge for maternity care that includes prenatal care, labor and delivery, and post-delivery care.

Some diagnostic services, such as amniocentesis and fetal stress test, are not part of global maternity services and are reimbursed separately. See section 7.4.11 for gestational diabetes benefits.

Home birth expenses are not covered other than the fees billed by a professional provider. Additional information regarding home birth exclusions is in Section 8. Supportive services, such as physical, emotional and information support to the mother before, during and after birth and during the postpartum period, are not covered expenses, except under the newborn nurse home visiting program (section 7.6.5).

#### **7.6.1 Abortion**

Elective abortions are covered at no cost sharing when performed by an in-network provider. Elective abortion is the member's right to end a pregnancy for reasons other than the mother's health or a fetal disease.

#### **7.6.2 Breastfeeding Support**

Comprehensive lactation support and counseling is covered during pregnancy and/or the breastfeeding period. The Plan covers the purchase or rental charge (not to exceed the purchase price) for a breast pump and equipment. Charges for supplies such as milk storage bags and extra ice packs, bottles or coolers are not covered. Hospital grade pumps are covered when medically necessary.

#### **7.6.3 Circumcision**

Circumcision for a newborn is covered when performed within 3 months of birth and may be performed without prior authorization. A circumcision beyond age 3 months must be medically necessary and requires prior authorization.

#### **7.6.4 Diagnostic Procedures**

The Plan covers diagnostic services, including laboratory tests and ultrasounds, related to maternity care.

A full list of diagnostic services requiring prior authorization is available on the Moda Health website or by contacting Customer Service.

#### **7.6.5 Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Program**

Members must use a certified home visiting services provider for services to be covered. Certified home visiting services providers may not be available in all counties. Services include:

- a. One comprehensive newborn nurse home visit within 2 to 12 weeks of birth
- b. A support home visit within 2 weeks of birth and before the comprehensive visit if the family has immediate needs after the birth
- c. Support telephone calls after the comprehensive home visit
- d. One or 2 support home visits based on the clinical assessment of the comprehensive home visit
- e. A follow-up phone call after the last services provided

Comprehensive newborn nurse home visits are provided in the family's home and support home visits are provided either in the family's home or by telehealth. This program ends by age 6 months.

#### **7.6.6 Office, Home or Hospital Visits**

A visit means the member is actually examined by a professional provider. In addition to pregnancy care and childbirth visits, nurse home visiting services are covered (see section 7.6.5).

### 7.6.7 Hospital Benefits

Covered hospital maternity care expenses consist of the following:

- a. **Hospital room.** The actual daily charge
- b. **Facility charges.** When provided at a covered facility, including a birthing center
- c. **Nursery care.** While the mother is confined in the hospital and receiving maternity benefits. The deductible is waived for routine nursery care.
- d. **Nursery visits.** One in-nursery physician's visit of a well-newborn infant (preventive health exam) is covered at no cost sharing when performed in-network. Additional visits are covered at the hospital visit benefit level.
- e. **Other hospital services and supplies.** When medically necessary for treatment and ordinarily furnished by a hospital
- f. **Take-home prescription drugs.** Limited to a 3-day supply at the same benefit level as for hospitalization

**Special Right Upon Childbirth (Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act)** Benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth will not be restricted to less than 48 hours following a normal vaginal delivery or 96 hours following a cesarean section, unless the mother's or newborn's attending professional provider, after consulting with the mother, chooses to discharge the mother or her newborn earlier. Prior authorization is not required for a length of stay up to these limits.

## 7.7 OTHER SERVICES

### 7.7.1 Disease Management for Pain

Structured disease management programs for pain are covered. The program must be directed and overseen by a qualified provider. Prior authorization is required.

### 7.7.2 Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Supplies & Appliances

Equipment and related supplies that help members manage a medical condition. DME is typically for home use and is designed to withstand repeated use.

Some examples of DME, supplies and appliances are:

- a. CPAP for sleep apnea
- b. Glasses or contact lenses only for the diagnoses of aphakia or keratoconus
- c. Insulin pumps, continuous glucose monitors and other diabetes supplies (see section 7.8 for coverage under Pharmacy benefit)
- d. Hospital beds and accessories
- e. Intraocular lens within 90 days of cataract surgery
- f. Light boxes or light wands only when treatment is not available at a provider's office
- g. Orthotics, orthopedic braces, orthopedic shoes to restore or maintain the ability to complete activities of daily living or essential job-related activities. If needed correction or support is accomplished by modifying a mass-produced shoe, then the covered expense is limited to the cost of the modification.
- h. Oxygen and oxygen supplies
- i. Prosthetics
- j. Wheelchair or scooter (including maintenance expenses) limited to one per year under age 19 and one every 3 years age 19 and over
- k. Wig once per year for hair loss resulting from chemotherapy or radiation therapy

The Plan covers the rental charge for DME. For most DME, the rental charge is covered up to the purchase price. Members can work with their providers to order their prescribed DME.

Moda Health encourages the use of a preferred DME provider. Using a preferred DME provider may help members save money. Find a preferred provider using Find Care in the Member Dashboard (see section 5.2.1). A member can change a recurring prescription or automated billing to a preferred DME provider by contacting his or her current provider and the preferred DME provider to request the change.

All supplies, appliances and DME must be medically necessary. Some require prior authorization (see Section 6). Replacement or repair is only covered if the appliance, prosthetic, equipment or DME was not abused, was not used beyond its specifications and not used in a manner to void applicable warranties. Upon request, members must authorize any supplier furnishing DME to provide information related to the equipment order and any other records Moda Health requires to approve a claim payment.

### **Exclusions**

In addition to the exclusions listed in Section 8, the Plan will not cover the following appliances and equipment, even if they relate to a condition that is otherwise covered by the Plan:

- a. Those used primarily for comfort, convenience or cosmetic purposes
- b. Those used for education or environmental control (examples of Supportive Environmental materials can be found in Section 8)
- c. Therapeutic devices, except for transcutaneous nerve stimulators
- d. Dental appliances and braces
- e. Incontinence supplies
- f. Supporting devices such as corsets, compression or therapeutic stockings except when such stockings are medically necessary
- g. Testicular prostheses

Moda Health is not liable for any claim for damages connected with medical conditions arising out of the use of any DME or due to recalled surgically implanted devices or to complications of such devices covered by manufacturer warranty.

### **7.7.3 Hearing Services**

Hearing tests, hearing aid checks and aided testing are covered twice per year for members under age 4 and once per year for members age 4 and older.

The following items are covered once every 3 years:

- a. One hearing aid per hearing impaired ear
- b. Repairs, servicing or alteration of the hearing aid equipment
- c. Bone conduction sound processors, if necessary for appropriate amplification and prior authorized (the surgery to install the implant is covered at the surgical benefit level)
- d. Hearing assistive technology system, if necessary for appropriate amplification and prior authorized

In addition:



- a. Ear molds and replacement ear molds 4 times per year under age 8 and once per year age 8 and older
- b. Initial batteries and one box of replacement batteries per year for each hearing aid

The hearing aid must be prescribed, fitted and dispensed by a licensed audiologist or hearing aid specialist with the approval of a licensed physician. A hearing aid may be covered more frequently if modifications to an existing hearing aid cannot meet the needs of a member under age 26.

To get the highest benefit level for the above hearing services, members can call Hearing Services Customer Service to choose an in-network audiologist and arrange for a hearing exam. The audiologist will assist members with choices of hearing aids available to Plan members by the hearing services vendor through an in-network hearing instrument provider. Members can also use other in-network and out-of-network providers.

Bilateral cochlear implants are covered when medically necessary and prior authorized. Benefits include programming and reprogramming of the implant, and repair or replacement parts when medically necessary and not covered by warranty.

#### **7.7.4 Home Healthcare**

Home healthcare services and supplies are covered when provided by a home healthcare agency for a member who is homebound. Homebound means that the member's condition creates a general inability to leave home. If the member does leave home, the absences must be infrequent, of short duration, and mainly for receiving medical treatment. A home healthcare agency is a licensed public or private agency that specializes in providing skilled nursing and other therapeutic services, such as physical therapy, in a member's home.

The home healthcare benefit consists of medically necessary intermittent home healthcare visits. Home healthcare services must be ordered by a physician and be provided by and require the training and skills of one of the following professional providers:

- a. Registered or licensed practical nurse
- b. Physical, occupational, speech or respiratory therapist
- c. Licensed social worker

Home health aides do not qualify as a home health service provider.

This benefit does not include home healthcare, home care services, and supplies provided as part of a hospice treatment plan. These are covered under section 7.7.2 and section 7.7.5.

There is a 2-visit maximum in any one day for the services of a registered or licensed practical nurse. All other types of home healthcare providers are limited to one visit per day. Out-of-network home health visits are also subject to an annual limit.

#### **7.7.5 Hospice Care**

##### **Definitions**

**Hospice** means a private or public hospice agency or organization approved by Medicare and accredited by a nationally recognized entity such as the Joint Commission.

**Home health aide** means an employee of an approved hospice who provides intermittent custodial care under the supervision of a registered nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist or speech therapist.

**Hospice treatment plan** means a written plan of care established and periodically reviewed by a member's attending physician. The physician must certify in the plan that the member is terminally ill, and the plan must describe the services and supplies for medically necessary or palliative care to be provided by the approved hospice.

The Plan covers the services and supplies listed below when included in a hospice treatment plan. Services must be for medically necessary or palliative care provided by an approved hospice agency to a member who is terminally ill and not seeking further curative treatment for the terminal illness.

### **Hospice Home Care**

Covered charges for hospice home care include services by any of the following:

- a. Registered or licensed practical nurse
- b. Physical, occupational or speech therapist
- c. Home health aide
- d. Licensed social worker

### **Hospice Inpatient Care**

The Plan covers short term hospice inpatient services and supplies.

### **Respite Care**

The Plan covers respite care (as defined in Section 16) provided to a member who requires continuous assistance when arranged by the attending professional provider and prior authorized. Benefits are for a limited number of days of covered care for services provided in the most appropriate setting. The services and charges of a non-professional provider may be covered for respite care if Moda Health approves in advance.

### **Exclusions**

In addition to exclusions listed in Section 8, the following are not covered:

- a. Hospice services provided to other than the terminally ill member, including out of network bereavement counseling for family members
- b. Services and supplies not included in the hospice treatment plan or not specifically listed as a hospice benefit
- c. Services and supplies in excess of the stated limitations

#### **7.7.6 Nonprescription Enteral Formula for Home Use**

The Plan covers nonprescription elemental enteral formula for home use. The formula must be medically necessary and ordered by a physician for the treatment of severe intestinal malabsorption and must comprise the sole source, or an essential source, of nutrition.

#### **7.7.7 Virtual Care Visits (Telemedicine)**

Covered services, when generally accepted healthcare practices and standards determine they can be safely and effectively provided using synchronous 2-way interactive video conferencing, are covered when provided by a provider using such conferencing. The application and

technology used must meet all state and federal standards for privacy and security of protected health information. Virtual care visits through CirrusMD at cirrusmd.com/modahealth are covered at no cost sharing.

If a virtual care visit is in connection with covered treatment of diabetes, communication can also be delivered via audio, Voice over Internet Protocol, or transmission of telemetry. One of the participants must be a representative of an academic health center.

## **7.8 PHARMACY PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT**

Prescription medications provided when a member is admitted to the hospital are covered by the medical plan as an inpatient expense; the prescription medications benefit described here does not apply.

### **7.8.1 Definitions**

**Brand Medications** are medications sold under a trademark and protected name.

**Brand Substitution** Is a policy on how prescription medications are filled at the pharmacy. Both generic and brand medications are covered. If a member requests, or the treating professional provider prescribes, a brand medication when a generic equivalent is available, the member may be responsible for the nonpreferred cost sharing plus the difference in cost between the generic and brand medication.

**Formulary** is a listing of all prescription medications and their coverage under the pharmacy prescription benefit. A prescription price check tool is available on the Member Dashboard under the pharmacy tab. This online formulary tool provides coverage information, treatment options and price estimates.

**Generic Medications** are medications that have been found by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to be therapeutically equivalent to the brand alternative and are often the most cost effective option. Generic medications must contain the same active ingredients as their brand counterpart and be identical in strength, dosage form and route of administration.

**Nonpreferred Tier Medications** means brand medications, including specialty brand medications, that have been reviewed by Moda Health and do not have significant therapeutic advantage over their preferred alternative(s). These products generally have safe and effective options available under the Value, Select and/or Preferred tiers.

**Over the Counter (OTC) Medications** are medications that may be purchased without a professional provider's prescription. Moda Health follows the federal designation of OTC medications to decide if an OTC medication is covered by the Plan.

**Preferred Tier Medications** means those medications, including specialty preferred medications, that have been reviewed by Moda Health and found to be safe and clinically effective at a favorable cost when compared to other medications in the same therapeutic class and/or category. Generic medications may be included in this tier when they have not been shown to be safer or more effective than other more cost effective generic medications.

**Prescription Medication List** Means the Moda Health Prescription Medication List. The list is available on [modahealth.com](http://modahealth.com). It provides information about the coverage of commonly prescribed medications. It is not an all-inclusive list of covered products. Medications that are new to the market are subject to review and may have additional coverage limitations established by Moda Health.

The prescription medication list and the tiering of medications may change and will be periodically updated. A prescription price check tool is available on the Member Dashboard under the pharmacy tab. Members with any questions regarding coverage should contact Customer Service.

Moda Health is not responsible for any prescribing or dispensing decisions. These decisions are to be made by the professional provider and pharmacist using their professional judgment. Members should talk with their professional providers about whether a medication from the list is appropriate for them. This list is not meant to replace a professional provider's judgment when making prescribing decisions.

**Prescription Medications** are those that include the notice "Caution - Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription".

**Select Tier Medications** include those generic medications that are safe and effective, and represent the most cost effective option within their therapeutic category, as well as certain brand medications that are both clinically favorable and cost effective.

**Self-Administered Medications** are labeled by the FDA for self-administration. They can be safely administered by the member or the member's caregiver outside of a medically supervised setting (such as a physician's office, infusion center or hospital). These medications do not usually require a licensed medical provider to administer them.

**Specialty Medications** Certain prescription medications are defined as specialty products. Specialty medications are often used to treat complex chronic health conditions. Specialty medications often require special handling techniques, careful administration and a unique ordering process. Most specialty medications require prior authorization.

**Value Tier Medications** are medications that include commonly prescribed products used to treat chronic medical conditions, and that are considered safe, effective and cost-effective to alternative medications. A list of value tier medications is available on [modahealth.com](http://modahealth.com).

## **7.8.2 Covered Expenses**

A covered expense is a charge that meets all of the following criteria:

- a. It is for a covered medication supply that is prescribed for a member, or
- b. Is for an OTC contraceptive the member has bought
- c. It is incurred while the member is eligible under the Plan
- d. The prescribed medication is not excluded

A covered expense must be medically necessary, defined as delivery of a service by a qualified healthcare provider, exercising prudent clinical judgement, that meets all of the following:

- a. Is for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating a medical condition or its symptoms

- b. Meets generally accepted standards of medical practice
- c. Is proven to produce intended effects on health outcomes (e.g., morbidity, mortality, quality of life, symptom control, function) associated with the member’s medical condition or its symptoms
- d. Has beneficial effects on health outcomes that outweigh the potential harmful effects
- e. Is clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration
- f. Is not primarily for the convenience of the patient or healthcare provider
- g. Is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results for the diagnosis or treatment of the member’s medical condition or its symptoms as an alternative service or therapy, including no intervention, and is not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services.

For these purposes, “generally accepted standards of medical practice” are standards based on reliable scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, physician specialty society recommendations, and the views of physicians practicing in relevant clinical areas, and other relevant factors. For new treatments, effectiveness is determined by reliable scientific evidence that is published in peer-reviewed medical literature. For existing treatments, effectiveness is determined first by scientific evidence, then by professional standards, then by expert opinion. The fact that medications are FDA-approved and were furnished, prescribed or approved by a physician or other qualified provider does not in itself mean that they are medically necessary.

### **7.8.3 Covered Medication Supply**

Includes the following:

- a. A prescription medication that is medically necessary for treatment of a medical condition
- b. Compounded medications containing at least one covered medication as the main ingredient
- c. Insulin and diabetic supplies including insulin syringes, needles and lancets, test strips, glucometers and continuous glucose monitors. Must have a valid prescription and use a preferred manufacturer
- d. Certain prescribed preventive medications required under the Affordable Care Act
- e. Medications for treating tobacco dependence, including OTC nicotine patches, gum or lozenges, with a valid prescription and from an in-network retail pharmacy, are covered with no cost sharing as required under the Affordable Care Act
- f. Prescription contraceptive medications and devices for birth control (section 7.3.2) and medical conditions covered under the Plan. Each contraceptive can be filled by the pharmacy up to a 3-month supply for the member’s first use of the medication and up to a 12-month supply for subsequent fills. Contact Customer Service for information on how to obtain a 12-month supply.
- g. Certain immunizations and related administration fees are covered with no cost sharing at in-network retail pharmacies (e.g. flu, pneumonia and shingles vaccines).

Certain prescription medications and/or quantities of prescription medications may require prior authorization (see section 6.1). Some medications used to treat complex chronic health conditions must be dispensed through a Moda-designated specialty pharmacy provider.

For assistance coordinating prescription refills, contact Pharmacy Customer Service. Emergency insulin refills and supplies are limited to the lesser of the smallest available package or a 30-day supply and are covered no more than 3 times per year.

The member or professional provider can request a medication that is not on the formulary through the Member Dashboard or by contacting Customer Service. Formulary exceptions must be based on medical necessity. The prescribing professional provider's contact information must be submitted, as well as information to support the medical necessity, including all of the following:

- a. Formulary medications were tried with an adequate dose and duration of therapy
- b. Formulary medications were not tolerated or were not effective
- c. Formulary or preferred medications would reasonably be expected to cause harm or not produce equivalent results as the requested medication
- d. The requested medication therapy is evidence-based and generally accepted medical practice

Moda Health will contact the prescribing professional provider to find out how the medication is being used in the member's treatment plan. Standard exception requests are determined within 72 hours. Urgent requests are determined within 24 hours. This formulary exception process is not used for a medication or pharmacy charge that is not covered for other reasons, such as generic substitution, step therapy or plan limitations and exclusions.

#### **7.8.4 90-Day Supply at Participating Retail Pharmacies**

Members may buy a 90-day supply from participating retail pharmacies at the mail order cost sharing and preferred discount. Not all medications are eligible for a 90-day supply. All standard benefit and administrative provisions apply. Search for participating pharmacies through the Member Dashboard. Participating pharmacies will say "3 months" under the Days Supply column in their details.

#### **7.8.5 Mail Order Pharmacy**

Members can choose to fill prescriptions for covered medications through a Moda-designated mail order pharmacy. A mail order pharmacy form can be obtained from the Group, on the Member Dashboard or by contacting Customer Service.

#### **7.8.6 Specialty Services & Pharmacy**

Specialty medications are often used to treat complex chronic health conditions. The member's pharmacist and other professional providers will tell a member if a prescription requires prior authorization or must be obtained from a Moda-designated specialty pharmacy. Information about the clinical services and a list of covered specialty medications is available on [modahealth.com](http://modahealth.com) or by contacting Customer Service.

Most specialty medications must be prior authorized. If a member does not purchase specialty medications at the Moda-designated specialty pharmacy, the expense will not be covered. Some specialty prescriptions may have shorter day supply coverage limits. Some medications may be eligible for a 90-day supply. For some specialty medications, members may be required to enroll in programs to ensure proper medication use and/or reduce the cost of the medication. More information is available on the Member Dashboard or by contacting Customer Service.

#### **7.8.7 Self-Administered Medication**

All self-administered medications are subject to the prescription medication requirements of section 7.8. Self-administered specialty medications are subject to the same requirements as other specialty medications (section 7.8.6).

Self-administered injectable medications are not covered when supplied in a provider's office, clinic or facility.

### **7.8.8 Step Therapy**

When a medication is part of the step therapy program, members must try certain medications (Step 1) before the prescribed Step 2 medication will be covered. When a prescription for a step therapy medication is submitted "out of order," meaning the member has not first tried the Step 1 medication before submitting a prescription for a Step 2 medication, the prescription will not be covered. When this happens, the provider will need to prescribe the Step 1 medication.

### **7.8.9 Limitations**

The following limitations apply:

- a. New FDA approved medications are subject to review and may have additional coverage requirements or limits set by the Plan. A member or prescriber can request a medical necessity evaluation if a newly approved medication is initially denied during the review period.
- b. If a brand medication is filled by the pharmacy when a generic equivalent is available, the member may have to pay the difference in cost between the generic and brand medication. Expenses incurred due to brand substitution do not count toward the out-of-pocket maximum.
- c. Certain brand medications may be prior authorized for a specific amount of time or until a generic medication becomes available, whichever comes first. When a generic medication becomes available during the authorized period, the brand is no longer covered. The member can get the generic medication without a new prescription or authorization.
- d. Starting treatment with a medication, whether by the use of free samples or otherwise, does not bypass the Plan's requirements (e.g., step therapy, prior authorization) before Plan benefits are available.
- e. Some specialty medications that have been found to have a high discontinuation rate or short durations of use may be limited to a 15-day supply.
- f. Medications with dosing intervals greater than the Plan's maximum day supply will have an increased copayment to match the day supply.
- g. Medications purchased outside of the United States and its territories are only covered in emergency and urgent care situations.
- h. Early refill of medications for travel outside of the United States will be reviewed. When allowed, early refill is limited to once every 6 months. Early refill cannot be used to cover a medication supply beyond the end of the plan year.

### **7.8.10 Exclusions**

In addition to the exclusions listed in Section 8, the following medications and supplies are not covered:

- a. **Devices.** Including, but not limited to therapeutic devices and appliances. Information for contraceptive devices is in section 7.8.3 and for other devices in section 7.7.2
- b. **Foreign Medication Claims.** Medications purchased from non-U.S. mail order or online pharmacies or U.S. mail or online pharmacies acting as agents of non-U.S. pharmacies
- c. **Hair Growth Medications.**
- d. **Immunization Agents for Travel.** Except as required under the Affordable Care Act

- e. **Institutional Medications.** To be taken by or administered to a member while he or she is a patient in a hospital, rest home, skilled nursing facility, extended care facility, nursing home or similar institution
- f. **Medication Administration.** A charge for administration or injection of a medication, except for certain immunizations or contraceptives at in-network retail pharmacies
- g. **Medications Covered Under Another Benefit.** Such as medications covered under home health, medical, etc.
- h. **Medications Not Approved by FDA.** Products not recognized or designated as FDA approved medications. This includes medications that are found to be less than effective by the FDA's Drug Efficacy Study Implementation (DESI) classifications.
- i. **Non-Covered Condition.** A medication prescribed for reasons other than to treat a covered medical condition
- j. **Nutritional Supplements and Medical Foods.**
- k. **Off-label Use.** Medications prescribed for or used for non-FDA approved indications, unless approved by Oregon's Health Evidence Review Commission or Pharmacy Therapeutics and Review Committee
- l. **Over the Counter (OTC) Medications** and certain prescription medications for which there is an OTC equivalent or alternative, except for contraceptives or those treating tobacco dependence
- m. **Repackaged Medications.**
- n. **Replacement Medications and/or Supplies.**
- o. **Vitamins and Minerals.** Except as required by law
- p. **Weight Loss Medications**

## 7.9 VISION CARE BENEFIT

### 7.9.1 Pediatric Vision Services

The following services are covered once per year for members through the end of the month in which they reach age 19:

- a. One complete eye exam, including refraction
- b. Corrective lenses and frames (glasses) or contact lenses instead of eyeglasses
- c. Optional lenses and treatments include ultraviolet protective coating, scratch resistant coating, tinting, photosensitive lenses and polycarbonate lenses
- d. Low vision services, including evaluation and low vision aids (prior authorization required)

Members may choose any licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist for these services, and glasses may also be provided by any licensed optician. Choosing in-network providers may reduce plan costs. Extra charges for special purpose vision aids or fashion features are not covered.



## **SECTION 8. GENERAL EXCLUSIONS**

In addition to the limitations and exclusions described elsewhere in the Plan, the following services, supplies (including medications), procedures and conditions are not covered, even if otherwise medically necessary, if they relate to a condition that is otherwise covered by the Plan, or if recommended, referred or provided by an in-network provider. Any direct complication or consequence that arises from these exclusions will not be covered except for emergency medical conditions.

### **Benefits Not Stated**

Services and supplies not specifically described in this handbook as covered expenses.

### **Care Outside the United States**

Scheduled care or care that is not due to an urgent or emergency medical condition.

### **Charges Over the Maximum Plan Allowance**

Except when required under the Plan's coordination of benefits rules (see section 11.4.1.5).

### **Comfort and First-Aid Supplies**

Including but not limited to footbaths, vaporizers, electric back massagers, footpads, heel cups, shoe inserts, band-aids, cotton balls, cotton swabs and off-the-shelf wrist, ankle or knee braces. Related exclusion is under Supportive Environmental Materials.

### **Cosmetic Procedures**

Any procedure or medication requested for the purpose of improving or changing appearance without restoring impaired body function, including rhinoplasty, breast augmentation, lipectomy, liposuction and hair removal (including electrolysis and laser). Exceptions are provided for reconstructive surgery if medically necessary and not specifically excluded (see sections 7.5.11 and 7.5.12).

### **Court Ordered Sex Offender Treatment**

### **Custodial Care**

Routine care and hospitalization that helps a member with activities of daily living, such as bathing, dressing, getting in and out of bed, preparation of special diets and supervision of medication that usually can be self-administered. Custodial care is care that can be provided by people without medical or paramedical skills.

### **Dental Examinations and Treatment; Orthodontia**

Except as specifically provided for in sections 7.4.9 and 7.4.17, or if medically necessary to restore function due to craniofacial anomaly.

### **Educational Supplies**

Including books, tapes, pamphlets, subscriptions, videos and computer programs (software)

### **Enrichment Programs**

Psychological or lifestyle enrichment programs including educational programs, assertiveness training, marathon group therapy, and sensitivity training unless provided as a medically necessary treatment for a covered medical condition.

**Experimental or Investigational Procedures**

Including expenses incidental to or incurred as a direct consequence of such procedures (see definition of experimental/investigational in Section 16).

**Faith Healing****Financial Counseling Services****Food Services**

Meals on Wheels and similar programs.

**Guest Meals in a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility****Hearing Aids**

Except as specifically provided for in section 7.7.3.

**Home Birth or Delivery**

Charges other than the professional services billed by a professional provider, including travel, portable hot tubs and transportation of equipment.

**Homemaker or Housekeeping Services****Homeopathic Treatment and Supplies****Illegal Acts**

Services and supplies for treatment of a medical condition caused by or arising directly from a member's illegal act. This includes any expense caused by or arising out of illegal acts related to riot, declared or undeclared war, including civil war, martial law, insurrection, revolution, invasion, bombardment or any use of military force or usurped power by any government, military or other authority.

**Infertility**

All services and supplies for office visits, diagnosis and treatment of infertility, as well as the cause of infertility. Includes surgery to reverse elective sterilization (vasectomy or tubal ligation).

**Inmates**

Services and supplies a member receives while in the custody of any state or federal law enforcement authorities or while in jail or prison, except when pending disposition of charges. Benefits paid under this exception may be limited to 115% of the Medicare allowable amount.

**Legal Counseling****Massage or Massage Therapy****Mental Examination and Psychological Testing and Evaluations**

For the purpose of adjudication of legal rights, administrative awards or benefits, corrections or social service placement, employment, or any use except as a diagnostic tool for the treatment of a mental health condition or as specifically provided for in section 7.4.6.

## **Missed Appointments**

### **Naturopathic Supplies**

Including herbal, naturopathic or homeopathic medicines, substances or devices and any other nonprescription supplements

### **Necessities of Living**

Including but not limited to food, clothing and household supplies. Related exclusion is under Supportive Environmental Materials.

### **Never Events**

Services and supplies related to never events. These are events that should never happen while receiving services in a hospital or facility, including the wrong surgery, surgery on the wrong body part or surgery on the wrong patient. These also apply to any hospital acquired condition, as that term is defined in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines, and which includes serious preventable events.

### **Nuclear Radiation**

Any medical condition arising from ionizing radiation, pollution or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel, and the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or component, unless otherwise required by law.

### **Nutritional Counseling**

Except as provided for in section 7.4.20.

### **Obesity or Weight Reduction**

Even if morbid obesity is present. Services and supplies including:

- a. Gastric restrictive procedures with or without gastric bypass, or the revision of such procedures
- b. Weight management services such as weight loss programs, exercise programs, counseling, hypnosis, biofeedback, neurolinguistic programming, guided imagery, relaxation training and subliminal suggestion used to modify eating behaviors
- c. Any medication or formula related to or resulting from the treatment of weight loss or obesity even if prescribed by a physician

The Plan covers services and supplies that are necessary for the treatment of established medical conditions that may be caused by or made worse by obesity, but services and supplies that do so by treating the obesity directly are not covered, except as required under the Affordable Care Act.

### **Orthopedic Shoes**

Except as provided in section 7.7.2.

### **Orthognathic Surgery**

Including associated services and supplies. Except when medically necessary to repair an accidental injury or for treatment of cancer.

### **Pastoral and Spiritual Counseling**

**Physical Examinations**

Physical examinations for administrative purposes, such as employment, licensing, participating in sports or other activities or insurance coverage.

**Physical Exercise Programs****Private Nursing Services****Professional Athletic Events**

Diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation services for injuries sustained while practicing for or participating in a professional (full time, for payment or under sponsorship) or semi-professional (part time, for payment or under sponsorship) athletic contest or event.

**Psychoanalysis or Psychotherapy**

As part of an educational or training program, regardless of diagnosis or symptoms.

**Reports and Records**

Including charges for the completion of claim forms or treatment plans.

**Routine Foot Care**

Including the following services unless otherwise required by the member's medical condition (e.g., diabetes):

- a. Trimming or cutting of overgrown or thickened lesion (e.g., corn or callus)
- b. Trimming of nails, regardless of condition
- c. Removing dead tissue or foreign matter from nails

**School Services**

Educational or correctional services or sheltered living provided by a school or half-way house.

**Self-Administered Medications**

Including oral and self-injectable when provided directly by a physician's office, facility or clinic instead of through the pharmacy prescription medication or anticancer benefits (sections 7.8.7 and 7.4.2).

**Self Help Programs****Service Related Conditions**

Treatment of any condition caused by or arising out of a member's service in the armed forces of any country or as a military contractor or from an insurrection or war, unless not covered by the member's military or veterans coverage.

**Services Otherwise Available**

Including those services or supplies:

- a. for which payment could be obtained in whole or in part if a member had applied for payment under any city, county, state or federal law, except for Medicaid coverage
- b. for which a member cannot be held liable because of an agreement between the provider and another third party payer that has paid or is obligated to pay for such service or supply

- c. for which no charge is made (including reducing a charge due to a coupon or manufacturer discount), or for which no charge is normally made in the absence of insurance
- d. provided under separate contracts that are used to provide coordinated coverage for covered persons in a group and are considered parts of the same plan
- e. a member could have received in a hospital or program operated by a government agency or authority. This exclusion does not apply to:
  - i. covered services provided at any hospital owned or operated by the state of Oregon or any state approved community mental health and developmental disabilities program
  - ii. veterans of the armed forces, in which case covered services and supplies furnished by the Veterans' Administration of the United States that are not service related are eligible for payment according to the terms of the Plan

#### **Services Provided or Ordered by a Relative**

Other than services by a dental provider. Relatives, for the purpose of this exclusion, include a member or a spouse, domestic partner, child, sibling, or parent of a member or his or her spouse or domestic partner.

#### **Services Provided by Volunteer Workers**

#### **Sexual Dysfunction of Organic Origin**

Services for sexual dysfunctions of organic origin, including impotence and decreased libido. This exclusion does not extend to sexual dysfunction diagnoses listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

#### **Support Education**

Including:

- a. Level 0.5 education-only programs
- b. Education-only, court mandated anger management classes
- c. Family education or support groups, except as required under the Affordable Care Act

#### **Supportive Environmental Materials**

Including handrails, ramps, bath benches, humidifiers, air filters, air conditioners, heat lamps, tanning lights, whirlpools, hot tubs and telephones, and other items that are not for the treatment of a medical condition even if they relate to a condition otherwise covered by the Plan. Related exclusion is under Necessities of Living.

#### **Taxes**

#### **Telehealth**

Including telephone visits or consultations and telephone psychotherapy, except telemedicine as specifically provided for in section 7.7.7. This exclusion does not apply to covered case management services.

#### **Telephones and Televisions in a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility**

#### **Temporomandibular Joint Syndrome (TMJ)**

Services and supplies related to the treatment of TMJ.

**Therapies**

Services or supplies related to hippotherapy (horse therapy), and maintenance therapy and programs.

**Third Party Liability Claims**

Services and supplies for treatment of a medical condition for which a third party is or may be responsible, to the extent of any recovery received from or on behalf of the third party (see section 11.4.2).

**Toupees, Hair Transplants****Transportation**

Except medically necessary ambulance transport.

**Treatment in the Absence of Illness**

Including individual or family counseling or treatment for marital, behavioral, financial, family, occupational or religious problems, treatment for at risk individuals in the absence of illness or a diagnosed mental health or chemical dependence condition, or treatment of normal transitional response to stress.

**Treatment After Coverage Ends**

The only exception is if a member is hospitalized at the time the Plan ends and services continue to meet the criteria for medical necessity (see section 10.6.1), or for covered hearing aids ordered before coverage ends and received within 90 days of the end date.

**Treatment Before Coverage Begins**

Including services and supplies for an admission to a hospital, skilled nursing facility or other facility that began before the member's coverage under the Plan began. Moda Health will provide coverage only for those covered expenses incurred on or after the member's effective date under the Plan.

**Treatment Not Medically Necessary**

Including services or supplies that are:

- a. Not medically necessary for the treatment or diagnosis of a condition otherwise covered under the Plan or are prescribed for purposes other than treating disease
- b. Inappropriate or inconsistent with the symptoms or diagnosis of a member's condition
- c. Not established as the standard treatment by the medical community in the service area in which they are received
- d. Primarily rendered for the convenience of a member or a provider
- e. Not the least costly of the alternative supplies or levels of service that can be safely provided to a member

The fact that a professional provider may prescribe, order, recommend, or approve a service or supply does not, of itself, make the charge a covered expense.

**Vision Care**

Including eye exams, the fitting, provision or replacement of eyeglasses or contact lenses, and any charges for orthoptics, vitamin therapy, low vision therapy, eye exercises or fundus photography, except for pediatric vision services described in section 7.9.1 or as otherwise

provided under the Plan. See section 7.4.11 for coverage of annual dilated eye exam for management of diabetes.

**Vision Surgery**

Any procedure to cure or reduce myopia, hyperopia or astigmatism. Includes reversals or revisions of any such procedures and any complications of these procedures.

**Vitamins and Minerals**

Except as required by law. Otherwise, not covered unless medically necessary for treatment of a specific medical condition, and only under the medical benefit and if they require a prescription and a dosage form of equal or greater strength of the medication is not available without a prescription under federal law. This applies whether the vitamin or mineral is oral, injectable or transdermal. Naturopathic substances are not covered.

**Work Related Conditions**

Treatment of a medical condition arising out of or in the course of employment or self-employment for wages or profit, unless the expense is denied as not work related under any workers' compensation provision. A claim must be filed for workers' compensation benefits and a copy of the workers' compensation denial letter must be submitted for payment to be considered. This exclusion does not apply to owners, partners or executive officers if they are exempt from workers' compensation laws and the Group does not provide workers' compensation coverage to them.

## **SECTION 9. ELIGIBILITY**

The date a person becomes eligible may be different than the date coverage begins (see section 10.5).

### **9.1 SUBSCRIBER**

A person is eligible to enroll in the Plan if he or she:

- a. is a permanent documented employee, sole proprietor, owner or business partner of the Group
- b. regularly works the required hours as specified by the Group
- c. is not a leased, substitute or temporary employee, or an agent, consultant or independent contractor
- d. is paid on a regular basis through the payroll system, has federal taxes deducted from such pay and is reported to Social Security; and
- e. satisfies any cumulative hours of service requirement and orientation and/or eligibility waiting period

Subscribers are eligible to remain enrolled if they are on an approved leave of absence under state or federal family and medical leave laws.

### **9.2 DEPENDENTS**

A subscriber's legal spouse or domestic partner is eligible for coverage. A subscriber's children are eligible until their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. Children eligible due to a court or administrative order are subject to the Plan's child age limit.

For purposes of determining eligibility, the following are considered children:

- a. The biological or adopted child of a subscriber or a subscriber's eligible spouse or domestic partner
- b. Children placed for adoption with a subscriber. Adoption paperwork must be provided
- c. A newborn child of an enrolled dependent for the first 31 days of the newborn's life
- d. Children related to a subscriber by blood or marriage for whom the subscriber is the legal guardian. A court order showing legal guardianship must be provided

A subscriber's child who has sustained a disability making him or her physically or mentally incapable of self-support at even a sedentary level may be eligible for coverage even though he or she is over 26 years old. To be eligible, the child must be unmarried and principally dependent on the subscriber for support and have had continuous medical coverage. The incapacity must have started, and the information below must be received, before the child's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday. Social Security Disability status does not guarantee coverage under this provision. Moda Health will determine eligibility based on commonly accepted guidelines. To avoid a break in coverage, it is recommended that the following information be submitted to Moda Health at least 45 days before the child's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday:

- a. Recent medical or psychiatric progress notes and evaluations, referrals or consult notes



- b. Relevant test results (e.g., lab, imaging, neuro-psychiatric testing, etc.)
- c. Relevant recent hospitalization records (e.g., history and physical, discharge summary)
- d. Disability information from prior carrier

Moda Health will make an eligibility determination based on documentation of the child's medical condition. Periodic review by Moda Health will be required on an ongoing basis except in cases where the disability is certified to be permanent.

### **9.3 QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDER (QMCSO)**

The Plan will cover a child of an eligible employee who has a right to enrollment due to a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO). The Plan has detailed procedures for determining whether an order qualifies as a QMCSO. A copy of such procedures is available from the Group without charge.

The child's coverage under the Plan will be effective as of the first day of the month following the date that the Group determines that applicable order qualifies as a QMCSO and that the child is eligible for enrollment in the Plan.

### **9.4 NEW DEPENDENTS**

A new dependent may cause a premium increase. Premiums will be adjusted accordingly and will apply from the date coverage is effective.

If a subscriber marries or registers a domestic partnership, the spouse or domestic partner and his or her children are eligible to enroll as of the date of the marriage or registration.

A member's newborn child is eligible from birth. A subscriber's adopted child, or child placed for adoption, will be eligible on the date of placement. To enroll a new child, an application must be submitted. When a premium increase is required, the application and payment must be submitted within 31 days. If payment is required but not received, the child will not be covered. Proof of legal guardianship will be required for coverage of a grandchild beyond the first 31 days from birth.

### **9.5 ELIGIBILITY AUDIT**

Moda Health reserves the right to conduct audits to verify a member's eligibility, and may request documentation including but not limited to employee timecards, member birth certificates, adoption paperwork, marriage certificates, domestic partnership registration and any other evidence necessary to document eligibility on the Plan.

## **SECTION 10. ENROLLMENT**

### **10.1 ENROLLING ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES**

A complete and signed application for the eligible employee and any dependents to be enrolled must be filed with the Group within 31 days of becoming eligible to apply for coverage. Eligible employees can apply on the date of hire or the end of any required waiting period.

The subscriber must notify the Group and Moda Health of any change of address.

### **10.2 ENROLLING NEW DEPENDENTS**

To enroll a new dependent, a complete and signed application and, when applicable, a marriage certificate, domestic partnership documentation, or adoption or placement for adoption paperwork must be submitted within 31 days of their eligibility. The subscriber must notify Moda Health if family members are added or dropped from coverage, even if it does not affect premiums.

### **10.3 OPEN ENROLLMENT**

If an eligible employee and/or any eligible dependents are not enrolled within 31 days of first becoming eligible, they must wait for the next open enrollment period to enroll unless:

- a. The person qualifies for special enrollment as described in section 10.4
- b. A court has ordered that coverage be provided for a spouse or minor child under a subscriber's health benefit plan and request for enrollment is made within 30 days after the court order is issued

Open enrollment occurs once a year at renewal.

### **10.4 SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS**

The special enrollment rights described in sections 10.4.1 and 10.4.2 apply:

- a. To an eligible employee who loses other coverage or becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy
- b. To a subscriber's dependent who loses other coverage or becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy
- c. To both the eligible employee and his or her dependent if neither is enrolled under the Plan, and either loses other coverage or becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy

To enroll, an eligible employee must submit a complete and signed application and supporting documentation within the required timeframe.

#### **10.4.1 Loss of Other Coverage**

If coverage is declined when initially eligible or at an open enrollment period because of other health coverage, an eligible employee or any dependents may enroll in the Plan outside of the open enrollment period if the following criteria are met:

- a. He or she was covered under a group health plan or had health insurance coverage at the time coverage was previously offered
- b. He or she stated in writing at such time that coverage under a group health plan or health insurance coverage was the reason enrollment was declined
- c. He or she requests such enrollment not later than 31 days after the previous coverage ended (except for event iv. below, which allows up to 60 days)
- d. One of the following events has occurred:
  - i. His or her prior coverage was under a COBRA continuation provision and the coverage under such provision was exhausted
  - ii. His or her prior coverage ended as a result of loss of eligibility for the coverage. Examples of when coverage under a plan may be lost include:
    - A. legal separation or divorce
    - B. loss of dependent status per plan terms
    - C. death
    - D. end of employment or reduction in the number of hours of employment
    - E. the plan stops offering coverage to a group of similarly situated persons
    - F. moving out of an HMO service area that causes coverage to end and no other option is available under the plan
    - G. termination of the benefit package option, and no substitute option is offered
  - iii. The employer contributions toward his or her other active (not COBRA) coverage end. (If employer contributions stop, the eligible employee or dependent does not have to end coverage to be eligible for special enrollment on a new plan.)
  - iv. His or her prior coverage was under Medicaid or a children's health insurance program (CHIP) and such coverage ended due to loss of eligibility. Special enrollment must be requested within 60 days of the end of coverage

#### **10.4.2 Eligibility for Premium Subsidy**

If an eligible employee or dependent covered under Medicaid or CHIP becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy, and special enrollment is requested within 60 days of the determination of eligibility, they may enroll in the Plan outside of the open enrollment period.

#### **10.4.3 New Dependents**

An eligible employee, spouse or domestic partner and children will have special enrollment rights if they are not enrolled at the time of the event that caused the eligible employee to gain a new dependent (e.g., marriage, domestic partnership, birth, adoption or placement for adoption).

### **10.5 WHEN COVERAGE BEGINS**

Coverage for subscribers begins on the enrollment date or after a waiting period, as specified in the policy.

Coverage for new dependents through marriage or registration of a domestic partnership begins on the first day of the month following receipt of the application.

Coverage for a newborn is effective on the date of the newborn's birth. Coverage for a child newly adopted or placed for adoption is effective on the date of adoption or placement. Court ordered coverage is effective on the first day of the month following the date the Group determines that an applicable order qualifies as a QMCSO and that the child is eligible for enrollment in the Plan.

Coverage for those enrolling during open enrollment begins on the date the Plan renews. All other plan provisions will apply. Coverage under special enrollment due to loss of coverage or eligibility for premium subsidy begins on the first day of the month following receipt of the special enrollment request or coinciding with, but not before, the loss of other coverage.

The necessary premiums must also be paid for coverage to become effective.

## **10.6 WHEN COVERAGE ENDS**

When the subscriber's coverage ends, coverage for all enrolled dependents also ends.

### **10.6.1 Termination of the Group Plan**

Coverage ends for the Group and members on the date the Plan ends. There is one exception to this rule. If the Group terminates the Plan and immediately replaces it with a policy through another carrier, coverage under the Plan shall continue for members who are hospitalized on the day the Plan ends until the hospital confinement ends.

If the policy is terminated and coverage is not replaced by the Group, Moda Health will notify the Group of the termination within 10 business days. The notice will explain members' rights to continuation coverage under federal and/or state law. It is the Group's responsibility to provide this information to members.

### **10.6.2 Termination by Subscriber**

A subscriber may end his or her coverage, or coverage for any enrolled dependent, only if there is a qualifying event. Qualifying events include marriage, divorce and birth. Coverage ends on the last day of the month through which premiums are paid.

### **10.6.3 Death**

If a subscriber dies, coverage for any enrolled dependents ends on the last day of the month in which the death occurs. Enrolled dependents may extend their coverage if the requirements for continuation of coverage are met (see Section 13). The Group must notify Moda Health of any continuation of coverage, and appropriate premiums must be paid along with the Group's regular monthly payment.

### **10.6.4 Termination, Layoff or Reduction in Hours of Employment**

Coverage ends on the last day of the month in which employment ends, unless a member chooses to continue coverage (see Section 13).

If a subscriber

- a. is laid off by the Group; or
- b. experiences a reduction in hours that causes loss of coverage

And within 9 months the subscriber

- a. returns to active work; or
- b. has an increase in hours to qualify for benefits

The subscriber and any eligible dependents may enroll in the Plan on the date of rehire or the date the subscriber works enough hours to qualify for benefits, and coverage will begin on that date. The Group must notify Moda Health that the subscriber has been rehired following a layoff or that the subscriber's hours have been increased, and the necessary premiums for coverage must be paid. Any waiting period required by the Plan will not have to be re-served. All plan provisions will resume at re-enrollment whether or not there was a lapse in coverage.

#### **10.6.5 Loss of Eligibility by Dependent**

Coverage ends on the last day of the month in which the dependent's eligibility ends.

- a. Coverage ends for an enrolled spouse on the last day of the month in which a decree of divorce or annulment is entered (regardless of any appeal), and for an enrolled domestic partner on the last day of the month in which a judgment of dissolution or annulment of the domestic partnership has been entered.
- b. Coverage ends for an enrolled child on the last day of the month in which he or she reaches age 26, or that a legal guardianship ends.

The subscriber must notify Moda Health when a marriage, domestic partnership or guardianship ends.

Enrolled dependents may have the right to continue coverage in their own names when their coverage under the Plan ends.

#### **10.6.6 Rescission**

Moda Health may rescind a member's coverage back to the effective date, or deny claims at any time, for fraud or intentional material misrepresentation by a member or the Group. This may include but is not limited to enrolling ineligible persons on the Plan, falsifying or withholding documentation or information that is the basis for eligibility or employment, and falsification or alteration of claims. Moda Health reserves the right to retain premiums paid as liquidated damages, and the Group and/or member shall be responsible for the full balance of any benefits paid. Moda Health will notify a member of a rescission 30 days before cancellation of coverage.

#### **10.6.7 Continuing Coverage**

Information is in Continuation of Health Coverage (Section 13).

## **SECTION 11. CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION & PAYMENT**

### **11.1 SUBMISSION & PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

A claim is not payable until the service or supply has actually been received. In no event, except absence of legal capacity or in the case of a Medicaid claim, is a claim valid if submitted later than 12 months from the date the expense was incurred. Claims submitted by Medicaid must be sent to Moda Health within 3 years after the date the expense was incurred.

Moda Health does not always pay claims in the order in which charges are incurred. This may affect how a member's cost sharing is applied to claims. For example, a deductible may not be applied to the first date a member is seen in a benefit year if a later date of service is paid first.

#### **11.1.1 Hospital & Professional Provider Claims**

A member who is hospitalized or visits a professional provider must present his or her Moda Health identification card to the admitting or treating office. In most cases, the hospital or professional provider will bill Moda Health directly for the cost of the services. Moda Health will pay the provider and send copies of its payment record to the member. The provider will then bill the member for any charges that were not covered.

Sometimes a hospital or professional provider will require a member, at the time of discharge or treatment, to pay charges for a service that the provider believes is not a covered expense. If this happens, the member must pay these amounts if he or she wishes to accept the service. Moda Health will reimburse the member if any of the charges paid are later determined to be covered by the Plan.

When a member is billed by the hospital or professional provider directly, he or she should send a copy of the bill to Moda Health and include all of the following information:

- a. Patient's name
- b. Subscriber's name and group and identification numbers
- c. Date of service
- d. Diagnosis with corresponding current ICD codes
- e. Itemized description of the services and charges with corresponding American Medical Association CPT and/or Centers for Medicare and Medicaid HCPCS codes
- f. Provider's tax ID number

If the treatment is for an accidental injury, a statement explaining the date, time, place and circumstances of the accident must be included with the bill.

For care received outside the United States, see section 11.1.4.

#### **11.1.2 Ambulance Claims**

Bills for ambulance service must show where the member was picked up and taken, as well as the date of service and the member's name, group number and identification number.

#### **11.1.3 Prescription Medication Claims**

Members who go to an in-network pharmacy should present their Moda Health ID card and pay the prescription cost sharing as required by the Plan. There will be no claim to submit.

A member who buys an OTC contraceptive or who fills a prescription at an out-of-network pharmacy that does not access Moda Health's claims payment system will need to submit a request for reimbursement by completing the prescription medication claim form, which is available on the Member Dashboard.

#### **11.1.4 Out-of-Country or Foreign Claims**

Out-of-country care is only covered for emergency or urgent care situations. When care is received outside the United States, the member must provide all of the following information to Moda Health:

- a. Patient's name, subscriber's name, and group and identification numbers
- b. Statement explaining where the member was and why he or she sought care
- c. Copy of the medical record (translated is preferred if available)
- d. Itemized bill for each date of service
- e. Proof of payment in the form of a credit card/bank statement or cancelled check

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

Moda Health will report its action on a claim by providing the member a document called an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). Members are encouraged to access their EOBs electronically by signing up through the Member Dashboard. Moda Health may pay claims, deny them, or apply the allowable expense toward satisfying any deductible. If all or part of a claim is denied, the reason will be stated in the EOB.

If a member does not receive an EOB or an email indicating that an EOB is available within a few weeks of the date of service, this may indicate that Moda Health has not received the claim. To be eligible for reimbursement, claims must be received within the claim submission period explained in section 11.1.

#### **11.1.6 Claim Inquiries**

Customer Service can answer questions about how to file a claim, the status of a pending claim, or any action taken on a claim. Moda Health will respond to an inquiry within 30 days of receipt.

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

If a claim is denied, Moda Health will send an EOB explaining the denial within 30 days after receiving the claim. If more time is needed to process the claim for reasons beyond Moda Health's control, a notice of delay will be sent to the member explaining those reasons within 30 days after Moda Health receives the claim. Moda Health will then finish processing the claim and send an EOB to the member no more than 45 days after receiving the claim. If more information is needed to process the claim, the notice of delay will describe the information needed and the party responsible for providing the additional information will have 45 days to submit it. Once the additional information is received, processing of the claim will be completed within 15 days. Submission of information necessary to process a claim is subject to the Plan's claim submission period explained in section 11.1.

If a service must be authorized for a member to receive maximum plan benefits, Moda Health will respond to the prior authorization request within 2 business days. If more information is needed, Moda Health will ask for it within 2 business days and will respond to the prior authorization request no more than 15 days after receiving it. The response time will be faster if the member has an urgent medical condition.

## 11.2 COMPLAINTS, APPEALS & EXTERNAL REVIEW

Before filing an appeal, it may be possible to resolve a dispute with a phone call to Customer Service.

### 11.2.1 Definitions

For purposes of section 11.2, the following definitions apply:

**Adverse Benefit Determination** means a letter or an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from Moda Health informing that a person is not eligible for benefits or that benefits have not been fully paid. Reasons are:

- a. Rescission of coverage (section 10.6.6)
- b. Eligibility to participate in the Plan
- c. Network exclusion, annual benefit limit or other limitation on otherwise covered services
- d. Utilization review (described below)
- e. Limitations or exclusions described in Section 7 and Section 8, including a decision that an item or service is experimental or investigational or not medically necessary
- f. Continuity of care (section 11.3) is denied because the course of treatment is not considered active.

A **Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination** is an adverse benefit determination that has been upheld by Moda Health at the end of the internal appeal process, or the internal appeal process has been finished.

**Appeal** is a written request by a member or his or her representative for Moda Health to review an adverse benefit determination.

**Complaint** means an expression of dissatisfaction about a specific problem a member has encountered or about a decision by Moda Health or an agent acting for Moda Health or a provider. It includes a request to resolve the problem or change the decision. Asking for information or clarification about the Plan is not a complaint.

**Expedited (fast) appeal** means any appeal requested when using the regular time period to review a denial of a pre-service appeal could

- a. Seriously risk a member's life or health or ability to regain maximum function
- b. Would subject the member to severe pain that cannot be managed without the requested care or treatment. A physician with knowledge of a member's medical condition decides this.

**Post-service appeal** means any appeal for a benefit under the Plan for care or services that have already been received by a member.

**Pre-service appeal** means any appeal for a benefit requested under the Plan for care or services that require prior authorization and the services have not been received.

**Utilization review** means a system of reviewing the medical necessity, appropriateness or quality of medical care services and supplies. An adverse benefit determination that the item or service is not medically necessary or appropriate, is investigational or experimental, or in



which the decision as to whether a benefit is covered involved a medical judgment is a utilization review decision.

### **11.2.2 Time Limit for Submitting Appeals**

A member has **180 days** from the date an adverse benefit determination is received to submit the first written appeal. If appeals are not submitted within the timeframes in these sections, the member will lose the right to any appeal.

### **11.2.3 The Review Process**

The Plan has a 2-level internal review process (a first level appeal and a second level appeal). If a member is not satisfied with the result of the second level appeal, he or she may ask for external review by an independent review organization. The first and second levels of appeal must be finished before a member can ask for external review, unless Moda Health agrees to skip the internal reviews.

If the appeal is about ending or reducing an ongoing course of treatment before the end of the authorized period of time or number of treatments, Moda Health will continue to provide benefits while the appeal is being reviewed. If the decision is upheld, the member will have to pay back the cost of coverage received during the review period.

The timelines in the sections below do not apply when the member does not reasonably cooperate, or circumstances beyond the control of either party (Moda Health or the member) makes it impossible to comply with the requirements. Whoever is unable to comply must give notice of the specific reason to the other party when the issue arises.

A member may review the claim file and submit written comments, documents, records and other information to support the appeal. A member may choose a person (representative) to act on his or her behalf.

### **11.2.4 First Level Appeals**

An appeal must be submitted in writing. If necessary, Customer Service can help with filing an appeal. Moda Health will send a letter no more than 7 days after receiving an appeal to tell the member that the appeal is received. Appeals are investigated by persons who were not involved in the original decision.

Expedited appeals can have a faster review upon request. Fast reviews will be finished within 72 hours in total for the first and second level appeals combined after Moda Health has received those appeals. The time between the first level appeal decision and when Moda Health receives the second level appeal does not count. If the member does not provide enough information for Moda Health to make a decision at each appeal level, Moda Health will tell the member and/or provider within 24 hours of receipt of the appeal of the specific information needed to make a decision. The member or provider must provide the specified information as soon as possible. Moda Health will make a decision on a fast appeal no later than 48 hours after the earlier of (a) Moda Health's receipt of the specified information, or (b) the end of the time allowed to submit the specified additional information.

When an investigation is finished, Moda Health will send a written notice of the decision to the member, including the reason for the decision. This notice will be sent within 15 days of a pre-service appeal or 30 days of a post-service appeal.

### **11.2.5 Second Level Appeals**

A member who disagrees with the decision on the first level appeal may ask for a review of the decision. The second level appeal must be submitted in writing within 60 days of the date of Moda Health's action on the first level appeal.

Investigations and responses to a second level appeal will be by persons who were not involved in the initial decisions, and will follow the same timelines as those for a first level appeal. If new or additional evidence or reasoning is used by Moda Health in connection with the appeal, it will be provided to the member, in advance and free of charge, before any final internal adverse benefit determination. Members may respond to this information before Moda Health's decision is finalized. Moda Health will send a written notice of the decision to the member, including the reason for the decision.

### **11.2.6 External Review**

A member may ask to have the appeal reviewed by an independent review organization (IRO) appointed by the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation.

- a. The member must sign an authorization to disclose protected health information allowing the IRO to see his or her medical records. This form will be included in Moda Health's response to the appeal, or contact Customer Service for a copy. It should be returned with the external review request. If the release is not returned within 5 days of Moda Health's receipt of the request, the external review will be delayed.
- b. The request for external review (including the Protected Health Information form) must be in writing to the Appeals Department (see section 2.1) no more than 180 days after receipt of the final internal adverse benefit determination. If necessary, Customer Service can help with filing the request. A member may submit additional information to the IRO within 5 days, or 24 hours for a fast review.
- c. Generally, the member must have exhausted the appeal process described in sections 11.2.4 and 11.2.5. However, Moda Health may agree to skip this requirement and send an appeal directly to external review if the member agrees. For a fast appeal or when the appeal is about a condition for which a member received emergency services and is still hospitalized, a request for external review may be expedited or at the same time as a request for internal appeal review.

Only certain types of denials are eligible for external review. The IRO screens requests, and will review appeals that relate to

- a. An adverse determination based on a utilization review decision
- b. Whether a course or plan of treatment that a member is undergoing is an active course of treatment for purposes of continuity of care (see section 11.3)
- c. Cases in which Moda Health does not meet the internal timeline for review or the federal requirements for providing related information and notices

The decision of the IRO is binding except to the extent other remedies are available to the member under state or federal law. If Moda Health fails to comply with the decision, the member may initiate a suit against Moda Health.

A final internal adverse benefit determination based on specific exclusions or limitations on the amount, duration or scope of coverage that does not involve medical judgment or a decision on

whether a person is a member under the Plan does not qualify for external review. A complaint decision does not qualify for external review.

### **11.2.7 Complaints**

Moda Health will review complaints about the following issues when submitted in writing within 180 days from the date of the claim:

- a. Availability, delivery or quality of a health care service
- b. Claims payment, handling or reimbursement for healthcare services that is not appealing an adverse benefit determination
- c. The contractual relationship between a member and Moda Health

Review of a complaint will be completed within 30 days. If more time is needed Moda Health will notify the member and have 15 more days to make a decision.

### **11.2.8 Additional Member Rights**

Members have the right to file a complaint or ask for help from the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation.

Phone: 503-947-7984 or toll-free 888-877-4894  
Mail: PO Box 14480, Salem, Oregon 97309-0405  
Internet: [dfr.oregon.gov](http://dfr.oregon.gov)  
email: [DFR.InsuranceHelp@oregon.gov](mailto:DFR.InsuranceHelp@oregon.gov)

This information is subject to change upon notice from the Director of the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation.

The first and second levels of review must be done before a member can file a lawsuit in court under ERISA section 502(a), unless Moda Health does not meet the timelines for review or provide all of the information and notices required under state and federal law. The right to file suit in court may be lost if the member has not used all of his or her internal appeal rights, which is generally required before filing a lawsuit.

## **11.3 CONTINUITY OF CARE**

Sometimes a provider's contract with the network ends. On the day a professional provider's contract with Moda Health ends, he or she becomes an out-of-network provider. When this happens, Moda Health may cover some services by the professional provider as if he or she were still in-network for a limited period of time. This is called continuity of care.

Moda Health will tell members who are under the care of a particular professional provider when this happens, and let them know about their right to continuity of care.

Eligible members

- a. Will get a letter from Moda Health
  - i. 30 days before the contract ends, or as soon as Moda Health knows the contract is ending, or

- ii. No more than 10 days after Moda Health first learns that a member had been seeing that provider for ongoing care
  - iii. When the professional provider is part of a group of providers, the provider group may give this notice
  - iv. When a member requests continuity of care before Moda Health sends its notice, the member is considered notified as of that date
- b. Are under the care of a professional provider whose contract with Moda Health ends
    - i. The care is an active course of treatment that is medically necessary
    - ii. Pregnancy care is in at least the second trimester
    - iii. The professional provider and the member agree that it is a good idea to maintain continuity of care
  - c. Request continuity of care from Moda Health

The professional provider must agree to follow the requirements of the medical services contract that had most recently been in effect between the professional provider and Moda Health, and to accept the contractual reimbursement applicable at the time the contract ended.

#### Continuity of care ends

- a. On the earlier of the following dates for most members:
  - i. The day after the member finishes the active course of treatment that gives him or her the right to continuity of care
  - ii. 120 days after the date Moda Health tells the member the contract with the professional provider has ended
- b. On the later of the following dates for pregnancy care that is in at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester:
  - i. 45 days after the birth
  - ii. As long as the member continues under an active course of treatment, but not later than 120 days after the date Moda Health tells the member the contract with the professional provider has ended

When continuity of care is not available:

- a. The member leaves the Plan
- b. The Group ends the Plan
- c. The professional provider has moved out of the service area
- d. The professional provider cannot continue to care for patients because of other reasons
- e. The contract with the professional provider ended for reasons related to quality of care and he or she has finished any appeals process

## **11.4 BENEFITS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES**

Sometimes healthcare expenses may be the responsibility of someone other than Moda Health.

### **11.4.1 Coordination of Benefits (COB)**

Coordination of benefits applies when a member has healthcare coverage under more than one plan. If the member is covered by another plan or plans, the benefits under this Plan and the

other plan(s) will be coordinated. This means one plan pays its full benefits first, and then any other plans pay. The order of benefit determination rules govern the order in which each plan will pay a claim for benefits. (For coordination with Medicare, see section 11.5.)

#### **11.4.1.1 Order of Benefit Determination (Which Plan Pays First?)**

The first of the following rules that applies will govern:

- a. **Non-dependent/Dependent.** If a plan covers the member as other than a dependent (e.g., an employee, member of an organization, primary insured or retiree), then that plan will determine its benefits before a plan that covers the member as a dependent. However, if the member is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the plan covering the member as a dependent and primary to the plan covering the member as other than a dependent (e.g. a retired employee), then the order of benefits between the 2 plans is reversed.
- b. **Dependent Child/Parents Married or Living Together.** If the member is a dependent child whose parents are married or are living together whether or not they have ever been married or domestic partners, the plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the primary plan. If both parents' birthdays are on the same day, the plan that has covered the parent the longest is the primary plan. (This is called the birthday rule.)
- c. **Dependent Child/Parents Separated or Divorced or Not Living Together.** If the member is a dependent child of divorced or separated parents, or parents not living together whether or not they have ever been married or domestic partners, then the following rules apply:
  - i. If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the healthcare expenses of the child, and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. This rule applies to plan years beginning after the plan is given notice of the court decree.
  - ii. If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the healthcare expenses of the child, or that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent is responsible, the birthday rule described above applies.
  - iii. If there is not a court decree allocating responsibility for the child's healthcare expenses, the order of benefits is as follows: The plan covering the
    - A. Custodial parent
    - B. Spouse or domestic partner of the custodial parent
    - C. Non-custodial parent
    - D. Spouse or domestic partner of the non-custodial parent
- d. **Dependent Child Covered by Individual Other than Parent.** For a dependent child covered under more than one plan of persons who are not the parents of the child, the first applicable provision (b or c) above shall determine the order of benefits as if those persons were the parents of the child.
- e. **Dependent Child Covered by Parent and Spouse/Domestic Partner.** For a dependent child covered under the plans of both a parent and a spouse or domestic partner, the length of coverage provision below shall determine the order of benefits. If coverage under either or both parents' plans and the spouse's/domestic partner's plan began on the same day, the birthday rule will apply.
- f. **Active/Retired or Laid Off Employee.** The plan that covers a member as an active employee (i.e., one who is neither laid off nor retired) or as that employee's dependent determines its benefits before those of a plan that covers the member as a laid off or retired employee or as that employee's dependent. If the other plan does not have this

rule, and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of the benefits, this rule is ignored.

- g. **COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If a member whose coverage is provided under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another plan, the plan covering the member as an employee, member of an organization, primary insured, or retiree or as a dependent of the same, is the primary plan and the COBRA or other continuation coverage 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 the benefits, this rule is ignored.
- h. **Longer/Shorter Length of Coverage.** The plan that covered a member longer is the primary plan and the plan that covered the member for the shorter period of time is the secondary plan.
- i. **None of the Above.** If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the allowable expenses shall be shared equally between the plans. In addition, this Plan will not pay more than it would have paid if it had been the primary plan.

#### **11.4.1.2 How COB Works**

The **primary plan** (the plan that pays benefits first) pays the benefits that would be payable under its terms in the absence of this provision.

The **secondary plan** (the plan that pays benefits after the primary plan) will reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all plans are not more than 100% of the total allowable expense.

This Plan will coordinate with a plan that is “excess” or “always secondary” or that uses order of benefit determination rules that are inconsistent with the rules in OAR 836-020-0770 to 836-020-0805 (non-complying plan) on the following basis:

- a. If this Plan is primary, it will provide its benefits first
- b. If this Plan is secondary and the non-complying plan does not provide its primary payment information within a reasonable time after it is requested to do so, this Plan will assume that the benefits of the non-complying plan are identical to this Plan’s benefits. This Plan will provide its benefits first, but the amount of the benefits payable shall be determined as if this Plan were the secondary plan.
- c. If the non-complying plan reduces its benefits so that the member receives less in benefits than he or she would have received had this Plan provided its benefits as the secondary plan and the non-complying plan provided its benefits as the primary plan, then this Plan shall advance additional benefits equal to the difference between the amount that was actually paid and the amount that should have been paid if the non-complying plan had not improperly reduced its benefits. Additional payment will be limited so that this Plan will not pay any more than it would have paid if it had been the primary plan. In consideration of such an advance, this Plan shall be subrogated to all rights of the member against the non-complying plan.

#### **11.4.1.3 Effect on the Benefits of this Plan**

In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the secondary plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other healthcare coverage and apply that calculated amount to any allowable expense under its plan that is unpaid by the primary plan. The secondary plan shall credit to its plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other healthcare coverage.

If the primary plan is a closed panel plan and the member uses an out-of-network provider, the secondary plan shall provide benefits as if it were the primary plan, except for emergency services or authorized referrals that are paid or provided by the primary plan.

#### **11.4.1.4 Pharmacy COB**

Claims subject to the COB provision of the Plan may be submitted electronically by pharmacies or through the direct member reimbursement paper claim process. The preferred method is for the pharmacy to electronically transmit the primary plan's remaining balance to Moda Health for processing. If approved, the secondary claim will be automatically processed according to plan benefits. Members who are unable to have their secondary claims processed electronically may submit a claim reimbursement request directly to Moda Health (see section 11.1.3).

The manner in which a pharmacy claim is paid by the primary payer will affect how Moda Health pays the claim as the secondary plan.

**Denied by Primary:** If a claim is denied by the primary plan, Moda Health will process the claim as if it is primary.

#### **Approved by Primary:**

**Primary plan does not pay anything toward the claim.** Reasons for this may include the member has not satisfied a deductible or the cost of the medication is less than the primary plan's cost sharing. In this scenario, Moda Health will pay as if it is primary.

**Primary plan pays benefits.** In this scenario, Moda Health will pay up to what the Plan would have allowed if it had been the primary payer. The Plan will not pay more than the member's total out of pocket expense under the primary plan.

#### **11.4.1.5 Definitions**

For purposes of section 11.4.1 the following definitions apply:

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

Plan includes:

- a. Group or individual insurance contracts and group-type contracts
- b. HMO (health maintenance organization) coverage
- c. Coverage under a labor-management trustee plan, a union welfare plan, an employer organization plan or an employee benefits plan
- d. Medical care components of group long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care
- e. Medicare or other government programs, other than Medicaid, and any other coverage required or provided by law
- f. Other arrangements of insured or self-insured group or group-type coverage

Plan does not include:

- a. Hospital indemnity coverage or other fixed indemnity coverage
- b. Accident-only coverage
- c. Specified disease or specified accident coverage
- d. School accident coverage

- e. Benefits for non-medical components of group long-term care policies
- f. Medicare supplement policies
- g. Medicaid policies
- h. Coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law

Each contract or other arrangement for coverage described above is a separate plan. If a plan has 2 parts and COB rules apply to only one of the 2, each of the parts is treated as a separate plan.

**Complying plan** is a plan that follows these COB rules.

**Non-complying plan** is a plan that does not follow these COB rules.

**Claim** means a request that benefits of a plan be provided or paid.

**Allowable expense** means a healthcare expense, including cost sharing, that is covered at least in part by any plan covering the member. When a plan provides benefits in the form of a service instead of cash payments, the reasonable cash value of the service will also be considered an allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any plan covering the member is not an allowable expense. In addition, any expense that a provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging a member is not an allowable expense.

The following are examples of expenses that are not allowable expenses:

- a. The difference between the cost of a semi-private hospital room and a private hospital room, unless one of the plans provides coverage for private hospital room expenses
- b. The amount of the reduction by the primary plan because a member has not complied with the plan's requirements concerning second surgical opinions or prior authorization, or because the member has a lower benefit due to not using an in-network provider
- c. Any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit, if a member is covered by 2 or more plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology
- d. Any amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees, if a member is covered by 2 or more plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees
- e. If a member is covered by one plan that calculates its benefits on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology and another plan that provides its benefits on the basis of negotiated fees, the primary plan's arrangement shall be the allowable expense for all plans. However, if the provider has contracted with the secondary plan to provide the benefit for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the primary plan's payment arrangement and if the provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment shall be the allowable expense used by the secondary plan to determine its benefits
- f. If a plan is advised by a member that all plans covering the member are high-deductible health plans and the member intends to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the primary high-deductible health plan's deductible is not an allowable expense, except for any healthcare expense incurred that may not be subject to the deductible as described in Section 223(c)(2)(C)



**This Plan** is the part of this policy that provides benefits for healthcare expenses to which the COB provision applies and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of the policy providing healthcare benefits is separate from this Plan. A policy may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another COB provision to coordinate other benefits.

**Closed panel plan** is a plan that provides healthcare benefits to covered persons primarily in the form of services through a network of providers that have contracted with or are employed by the plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by an in-network provider.

**Custodial parent** is the parent awarded custody by a court decree. If there is no court decree, it is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year excluding any temporary visitation.

#### **11.4.2 Third Party Liability**

A member may have a legal right to recover benefit or healthcare costs from a third party as a result of a medical condition for which such costs were paid by Moda Health. The Plan does not cover benefits for which a third party may be legally liable, except for those related to a motor vehicle accident (see section 11.4.2.5 for motor vehicle accident recovery). Because recovery from a third party may be difficult and take a long time, as a service to the member Moda Health will pay a member's expenses based on the understanding and agreement that Moda Health is entitled to be reimbursed from any recovery the member may receive for any benefits paid that are or may be recoverable from a third party, as defined below.

The member agrees that Moda Health has the rights described in section 11.4.2. Moda Health may seek recovery under one or more of the procedures outlined in this section. The member agrees to do whatever is necessary to fully secure and protect, and to do nothing to prejudice, Moda Health's right of recovery or subrogation as discussed in this section. Moda Health has discretion to interpret and construe these recovery and subrogation provisions.

##### **11.4.2.1 Definitions**

For purposes of section 11.4.2, the following definitions apply:

**Benefits** means any amount paid by Moda Health, or submitted for payment to or on behalf of a member. Bills, statements or invoices submitted by a provider to or on behalf of a member are considered requests for payment of benefits by the member.

**Third Party** means any person or entity responsible for the medical condition, or the aggravation of a medical condition, of a member. Third party includes any insurer of such person or entity, including different forms of liability insurance, or any other form of insurance that may pay money to or on behalf of the member including uninsured motorist coverage, under-insured motorist coverage, premises med-pay coverage, personal injury protection (PIP) coverage and workers' compensation insurance.

**Third Party Claim** means any claim, lawsuit, settlement, award, verdict, judgment, arbitration decision or other action against a third party (or any right to such an action) by or on behalf of a member.

#### **11.4.2.2 Subrogation**

Upon payment by the Plan, Moda Health has the right to pursue the third party in its own name or in the name of the member. The member shall do whatever is necessary to secure such subrogation rights and do nothing to prejudice them. Moda Health is entitled to all subrogation rights and remedies under common and statutory law, as well as under the Plan.

#### **11.4.2.3 Right of Recovery**

In addition to its subrogation rights, Moda Health may, at its sole discretion and option, require a member, and his or her attorney, if any, to protect its recovery rights. The following rules apply to all recovery except for those related to motor vehicle accidents (see section 11.4.2.5 for motor vehicle recovery rights):

- a. The member holds any rights of recovery against the third party in trust for Moda Health, but only for the amount of benefits Moda Health paid for that medical condition.
- b. Moda Health is entitled to receive the amount of benefits it has paid for a medical condition out of any settlement or judgment that results from exercising the right of recovery against the third party. This is so whether or not the third party admits liability or claims that the member is also at fault. In addition, Moda Health is entitled to receive the amount of benefits it has paid whether the healthcare expenses are itemized or expressly excluded in the third party recovery.
- c. If the Plan is subject to ERISA, the Plan is not responsible for and will not pay any fees or costs associated with the member pursuing a claim against a third party. The Plan is entitled to full reimbursement, without discount and without reduction for attorney fees and costs. Neither the “made whole” rule nor the “common fund doctrine” rule applies under the Plan. Only if the Plan is exempt from ERISA the member may subtract from the money to be paid back to Moda Health a proportionate share of reasonable attorney fees as an expense for collecting from the other party.
- d. This right of recovery includes the full amount of the benefits paid or pending payment by Moda Health out of any recovery made by the member from the third party, including without limitation any and all amounts paid or payable to the member (including his or her legal representatives, estate or heirs, or any trust established for the purpose of paying for the future income, care or medical expenses of the member), regardless of the characterization of the recovery, whether or not the member is made whole, or whether or not any amounts are paid or payable directly by the third party, an insurer or another source. Moda Health’s recovery rights will not be reduced due to the member’s own negligence.
- e. If it is reasonable to expect that the member will incur future expenses for which benefits might be paid by Moda Health, the member shall seek recovery of such future expenses in any third party claim.

#### **11.4.2.4 Additional Provisions**

Members shall comply with the following, and agree that Moda Health may do one or more of the following at its discretion:

- a. The member shall cooperate with Moda Health to protect its recovery rights, including by:

- i. Signing and delivering any documents Moda Health reasonably requires to protect its rights, including a Third Party Reimbursement Questionnaire and Agreement. If the member has retained an attorney, then the attorney must also sign the agreement.
  - ii. Providing any information to Moda Health relevant to the application of the provisions of section 11.4.2, including all information available to the member, or any representative or attorney representing the member, relating to the potential third party claim. This may include medical information, settlement correspondence, copies of pleadings or demands, and settlement agreements, releases or judgments
  - iii. Notifying Moda Health of the potential third party claim for which the Plan may issue benefits. The member has this responsibility even if the first request for payment of benefits is a bill or invoice submitted to Moda Health by the member's provider
  - iv. Taking such actions as Moda Health may reasonably request to assist it in enforcing its third party recovery rights
- b. The member and his or her representatives are obligated to notify Moda Health in advance of any claim (written or oral) and/or any lawsuit made against a third party seeking recovery of any damages from the third party, whether or not the member is seeking recovery of benefits paid by Moda Health from the third party.
- c. By accepting payment of benefits by the Plan, the member agrees that Moda Health has the right to intervene in any lawsuit or arbitration filed by or on behalf of a member seeking damages from a third party.
- d. The member agrees that Moda Health may notify any third party, or third party's representatives or insurers, of its recovery rights described in section 11.4.2.
- e. Even without the member's written authorization, Moda Health may release to, or obtain from, any other insurer, organization or person, any information it needs to carry out the provisions of section 11.4.2.
- f. Section 11.4.2 applies to any member for whom advance payment of benefits is made by the Plan whether or not the event giving rise to the member's injuries occurred before the member became covered by Moda Health.
- g. If the member continues to receive treatment for a medical condition after obtaining a settlement or recovery from a third party, the Plan will provide benefits for the continuing treatment of that medical condition only to the extent that the member can establish that any sums that may have been recovered from the third party have been exhausted.
- h. If the member or the member's representatives fail to do any of the above mentioned acts, then Moda Health has the right to not advance payment or to suspend payment of any benefits, or to recover any benefits it has advanced, for any medical condition resulting from the event giving rise to, or the allegations in, the third party claim except for claims related to motor vehicle accidents (see section 11.4.2.5). Moda Health may notify medical providers seeking authorization of payment of benefits that all payments have been suspended and may not be paid.

- i. Coordination of benefits (where the member has healthcare coverage under more than one plan or health insurance policy) is not considered a third party claim.

#### **11.4.2.5 Motor Vehicle Accident Recovery**

If a claim for healthcare expenses arising out of a motor vehicle accident is filed with Moda Health and motor vehicle insurance has not yet paid, the Moda Health will advance benefits. Moda Health retains the right to repayment of any benefits paid from the proceeds of any settlement, judgement or other payment received by the member that exceeds the amount that fully compensates the member for their motor vehicle accident related injuries.

If Moda Health requires the member or his or her attorney to protect its recovery rights under this section, then the member may subtract from the money to be paid back to Moda Health a proportionate share of reasonable attorney fees as an expense for collecting from the other party.

The member shall do whatever is proper to secure, and may not prejudice, the rights of Moda Health under this section.

#### **11.4.3 Surrogacy**

Members who enter into a surrogacy agreement must reimburse Moda Health for covered services related to conception, pregnancy, delivery or postpartum care that are received in connection with the surrogacy agreement. The amount the member must pay will not exceed the payments or other compensation she and any other payee is entitled to receive under the surrogacy agreement. Any cost sharing amounts the member pays will be credited toward the amount owed under this section.

By accepting services, the member assigns Moda Health the right to receive payments that are payable to the member or any other payee under the surrogacy agreement, regardless of whether those payments are characterized as being for medical expenses. Moda Health will secure its rights by having a lien on those payments and on any escrow account, trust or other account that holds those payments. Those payments shall first be applied to satisfy Moda Health's lien.

Within 30 days after entering a surrogacy agreement, the member must send written notice of the agreement, a copy of the agreement, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all parties involved in the agreement to Moda Health. The member must also complete and send to Moda Health any consents, releases, authorizations, lien forms and other documents necessary for Moda Health to determine the existence of any rights it may have under this section and to satisfy those rights.

If the member's estate, parent, guardian or other party asserts a claim against a third party based on the surrogacy agreement, such person or entity shall be subject to Moda Health's liens and other rights to the same extent as if the member had asserted the claim against the third party.

### **11.5 MEDICARE**

The Plan coordinates benefits with Medicare as required under federal government rules and regulations. This includes coordinating to the Medicare allowable amount. To the extent permitted by law, if the Plan is secondary to Medicare, the Plan will not pay for any part of a

covered expense that is actually paid under Medicare or would have been paid under Medicare Part B if the member had enrolled in Medicare when eligible. The Plan will estimate what Medicare would have paid and reduce its benefits based on the estimate. In addition, if the Plan is secondary to Medicare, Moda Health will not pay for any part of expenses incurred from providers who have opted out of Medicare participation.

The Plan may estimate Medicare's payment when:

- a. The Plan is a retiree plan
- b. The member is on COBRA (does not apply for ESRD, below)
- c. The member is age 65 or older and the Group has fewer than 20 employees
- d. The member is under age 65 and disabled
- e. The member has end stage renal disease (ESRD) and it is during the 30 months after he or she became eligible to enroll in Medicare

A member who chose not to enroll in Medicare when first eligible or canceled Medicare after initial enrollment may have to pay any expenses not paid by the Plan.

## **SECTION 12. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **12.1 RIGHT TO COLLECT & RELEASE NEEDED INFORMATION**

In order to receive benefits, the member must give or authorize a provider to give Moda Health any information needed to pay benefits. Moda Health may release to or collect from any person or organization any needed information about the member.

### **12.2 CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEMBER INFORMATION**

Keeping a member's protected health information confidential is very important to Moda Health. Protected health information includes enrollment, claims, and medical and dental information. Moda Health uses such information internally for claims payment, referrals and authorization of services, and business operations such as case management and quality management programs. Moda Health does not sell this information. The Notice of Privacy Practices provides more detail about how Moda Health uses members' information. A copy of the notice is available on the Moda Health website by following the HIPAA link or by calling 855-425-4192.

### **12.3 TRANSFER OF BENEFITS**

Only members are entitled to benefits under the Plan. These benefits are not assignable or transferable to anyone else. Any attempted assignment or transfer will not be binding on Moda Health, except that Moda Health shall pay amounts due under the Plan directly to a provider when billed by a provider licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by law in the state of Oregon or upon a member's written request.

### **12.4 RECOVERY OF BENEFITS PAID BY MISTAKE**

If Moda Health mistakenly makes a payment for a member to which he or she is not entitled, or pays a person who is not eligible for payments at all, Moda Health has the right to recover the payment from the person paid or anyone else who benefited from it, including a provider. Moda Health's right to recovery includes the right to deduct the amount paid from future benefits it would provide for a member even if the mistaken payment was not made on that member's behalf.

### **12.5 CORRECTION OF PAYMENTS**

If benefits that this Plan should have paid are instead paid by another plan, this Plan may reimburse the other plan. Amounts reimbursed are plan benefits and are treated like other plan benefits in satisfying the Plan's liability.

## **12.6 CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

The policy between Moda Health and the Group and this handbook plus any endorsements or amendments are the entire contract between the parties. No promises, terms, conditions or obligations exist other than those contained in the contract. This handbook and the policy plus any endorsements or amendments shall supersede all other communications, representations or agreements, either verbal or written between the parties. If any term, provision, agreement or condition is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

## **12.7 REPLACING ANOTHER PLAN**

For persons covered on an earlier Moda Health or other group plan that this Plan replaces, provided they remain eligible for coverage according to the requirements of the Plan, Moda Health will apply the benefits under the Plan reduced by any benefits payable by the prior plan. This replacement provision does not apply to any person excluded from coverage under the Plan because the person is otherwise covered under another policy with similar benefits. The Plan shall give credit for the satisfaction or partial satisfaction of any deductibles met under the prior plan for the same or overlapping benefit periods with the Plan, but the credit shall apply or be given only to the extent that the expenses are recognized under the terms of the Plan and are subject to a similar deductible provision.

## **12.8 RESPONSIBILITY FOR QUALITY OF MEDICAL CARE**

In all cases, members have the exclusive right to choose their provider. Moda Health is not responsible for the quality of medical care a member receives, since all those who provide care do so as independent contractors. Moda Health cannot be held liable for any claim for damages connected with injuries a member suffers while receiving medical services or supplies.

## **12.9 WARRANTIES**

All statements made by the Group or a member, unless fraudulent, are considered representations and not warranties. No statement made for the purpose of obtaining coverage will void the coverage or reduce benefits unless contained in a written form and signed by the Group or the member, a copy of which has been given to the Group or member or the member's beneficiary.

## **12.10 NO WAIVER**

Any waiver of any provision of the Plan or any performance under the Plan must be in writing and signed by the waiving party. Any such waiver shall not operate as, or be deemed to be, a waiver of any prior or future performance or enforcement of that provision or any other provision. If Moda Health delays or fails to exercise any right, power or remedy provided in the Plan, including a delay or omission in denying a claim, that shall not waive Moda Health's rights to enforce the provisions of the Plan.

### **12.11 GROUP IS THE AGENT**

The Group is the members' agent for all purposes under the Plan. The Group is not the agent of Moda Health.

### **12.12 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL & STATE MANDATES**

Moda Health provides benefits in accordance with the requirements of all applicable state and federal laws and as described in the Plan. This includes compliance with federal mental health parity requirements and coverage of essential health benefits as defined by the Affordable Care Act, except that the Plan does not provide the required pediatric dental coverage. The Group must have a Marketplace certified pediatric dental plan available for their members.

### **12.13 GOVERNING LAW**

To the extent the Plan is governed by state law, it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Oregon.

### **12.14 WHERE ANY LEGAL ACTION MUST BE FILED**

Any legal action arising out of the Plan must be filed in either state or federal court in the state of Oregon.

### **12.15 TIME LIMIT FOR FILING A LAWSUIT**

Any legal action arising out of, or related to, the Plan and filed against Moda Health by a member or any third party, must be filed in court no more than 3 years after the time the claim was filed (see section 11.1). All internal levels of appeal under the Plan must be exhausted before filing a legal action in court.

### **12.16 EVALUATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY**

Moda Health develops medical necessity criteria for new technologies and new use of current technologies. The medical necessity criteria committee reviews information consisting of medical studies, national, regional or local clinical practice guidelines, and local and national carrier benefits to develop the criteria. The reviews are performed once a year, or more often if needed.



## **SECTION 13. CONTINUATION OF HEALTH COVERAGE**

The following sections on continuation of coverage may apply. Members should check with the Group to find out if they qualify for this coverage. Both subscribers and their dependents should read the following sections carefully.

### **13.1 GENERAL OREGON CONTINUATION**

#### **13.1.1 Introduction**

General Oregon Continuation only applies to employers who are not required to make continuation of health insurance benefits available under COBRA, including employers with fewer than 20 employees on 50% of the typical business days, and certain government and church plans. Moda Health will provide General Oregon Continuation coverage to those eligible members who request it, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Moda Health will offer no greater rights than ORS 743B.347 requires
- b. Moda Health will not provide General Oregon Continuation coverage for those members who do not comply with the requirements outlined below

#### **13.1.2 Eligibility**

Members may request General Oregon Continuation coverage if coverage is lost because of one of the following qualifying events:

- a. Termination of employment
- b. Reduction in hours of employment
- c. Subscriber becomes eligible for Medicare
- d. Death of the subscriber or dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership with the subscriber
- e. Child ceases to qualify as eligible child under the Plan

And the following requirements are met:

- a. The member has been enrolled continuously in the Plan or a predecessor policy for at least 3 consecutive months prior to the date of the qualifying event
- b. The member is not eligible for Medicare or for any other hospital or medical benefits that are not already covering him or her when the termination of employment occurred
- c. The spouse or domestic partner is not eligible for 55+ Oregon continuation coverage under ORS 743B.343

#### **13.1.3 Enrollment**

Members will receive notice of the right to continuation of coverage after group coverage is lost. General Oregon Continuation coverage must be requested in writing no more than 10 business days after receiving the notice or after the date of the qualifying event, whichever is later. If General Oregon Continuation is not requested, coverage under the Plan will end.

#### **13.1.4 Premiums**

To continue group coverage, the member must pay the correct premiums to the Group each month in advance. The first premium must be paid within 31 days of the date coverage normally would have ended.

#### **13.1.5 When Coverage Ends**

General Oregon Continuation will end on the earliest of the following events:

- a. 9 months after the date on which coverage under the Plan otherwise would have ended because of a qualifying event
- b. Moda Health does not receive the member's full premiums with the Group's regular monthly payment
- c. The member becomes eligible for Medicare
- d. Moda Health receives written notice that the member wishes to end coverage
- e. The Plan is terminated by either the Group or Moda Health. If a replacement group health benefit plan is made available to members, then the balance of their continuation period will be covered under the replacement plan

In addition, coverage will end for all dependents on the last day of the month in which they would normally lose eligibility under the terms of the Plan.

### **13.2 OREGON CONTINUATION FOR SPOUSES & DOMESTIC PARTNERS AGE 55 AND OVER**

#### **13.2.1 Introduction**

55+ Oregon Continuation only applies to employers with 20 or more employees. Moda Health will provide 55+ Oregon Continuation coverage to those members who elect it, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Moda Health will offer no greater rights than ORS 743B.343 to 743B.345 requires
- b. Moda Health will not provide 55+ Oregon Continuation coverage for members who do not comply with the requirements outlined below
- c. If the Group or its designated third party administrator fails to notify the eligible spouse or domestic partner of their continuation rights, premiums shall be waived from the date the notice was required until the date notice is received by the spouse or domestic partner. The Group shall be responsible for such premiums

#### **13.2.2 Eligibility**

The spouse or domestic partner of the subscriber may elect 55+ Oregon Continuation coverage for himself or herself and any enrolled dependents if the following requirements are met:

- a. Coverage is lost because of the death of the subscriber, dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership with the subscriber, or legal separation from the subscriber
- b. The spouse or domestic partner is 55 years of age or older at the time of such event
- c. The spouse or domestic partner is not eligible for Medicare

#### **13.2.3 Notice & Election Requirements**

**Notice of Divorce, Dissolution or Legal Separation.** Within 60 days of legal separation or the entry of a judgment of dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, a member who is eligible for 55+ Oregon Continuation and seeks such coverage shall give the Group or its designated third

party administrator written notice of the legal separation or dissolution. The notice shall include his or her mailing address.

**Notice of Death.** Within 30 days of the death of the subscriber, the Group shall give the designated third party administrator, if any, written notice of the death and the mailing address of the eligible surviving spouse or domestic partner.

**Election Notice.** Within 14 days of receipt of the above notice (or within 44 days of the death of the subscriber if there is no third party administrator), the Group or its designated third party administrator shall provide notice to the surviving, legally separated or divorced spouse or domestic partner that coverage can be continued, along with an election form. If the Group or its designated third party administrator does not provide this election notice within the required timeframe, premiums shall be waived until the date notice is received.

**Election.** The surviving, legally separated or divorced spouse or domestic partner must return the election form within 60 days after the form is mailed. If the election is not made within 60 days of the notification, the member will lose the right to continued benefits under this section.

#### **13.2.4 Premiums**

Monthly premiums for 55+ Oregon Continuation are limited to 102% of the premiums paid by a current subscriber. The first premium shall be paid by the surviving, legally separated or divorced spouse or domestic partner to the Group or its designated third party administrator within 45 days of the date of election. All remaining monthly premiums must be paid within 30 days of the premium due date.

#### **13.2.5 When Coverage Ends**

55+ Oregon Continuation will end on the earliest of any of the following events:

- a. Failure to pay premiums when due, including any grace period allowed by the Plan
- b. The date the Plan ends, unless a different group policy is made available to members
- c. The date the member becomes insured under any other group health plan
- d. The date the member remarries or registers another domestic partnership
- e. The date the member becomes eligible for Medicare

### **13.3 COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE**

#### **13.3.1 Introduction**

COBRA only applies to employers with 20 or more employees on 50% of the typical business days in the prior calendar year. Certain church plans are exempted from COBRA. Moda Health will provide COBRA continuation coverage to members who have experienced a qualifying event and elect coverage under COBRA, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Moda Health will offer no greater COBRA rights than the COBRA statute requires
- b. Moda Health will not provide COBRA coverage for members who do not comply with the requirements outlined below
- c. Moda Health will not provide COBRA coverage if the COBRA Administrator does not provide the required COBRA notices within the statutory time periods or if the COBRA Administrator otherwise does not comply with any of the requirements outlined below

- d. Moda Health will not provide a disability extension if the COBRA Administrator does not notify Moda Health within 60 days of its receipt of a disability extension notice from a member

For purposes of section 13.3, COBRA Administrator means either the Group or a third party administrator delegated by the Group to handle COBRA administration.

### **13.3.2 Qualifying Events**

**Subscriber.** A subscriber may elect continuation coverage if coverage is lost because of termination of employment (other than termination for gross misconduct), or a reduction in hours.

**Spouse.** The spouse of a subscriber has the right to continuation coverage if coverage is lost for any of the following qualifying events:

- a. Death of the subscriber
- b. Termination of the subscriber's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct) or reduction in the subscriber's hours of employment with the Group
- c. Divorce or legal separation from the subscriber
- d. Subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare

If it can be established that a subscriber has eliminated coverage for his or her spouse in anticipation of a divorce or legal separation, and a divorce or legal separation later occurs, then the later divorce or legal separation will be considered a qualifying event even though the ex-spouse lost coverage earlier. If the ex-spouse notifies the COBRA Administrator within 60 days of the divorce or legal separation, COBRA coverage may be available for the period after the divorce or legal separation.

**Children.** A child of a subscriber has the right to continuation coverage if coverage is lost for any of the following qualifying events:

- a. Death of the subscriber
- b. Termination of the subscriber's employment (for reasons other than gross misconduct) or reduction in a subscriber's hours of employment with the Group
- c. Parents' divorce or legal separation
- d. Subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare
- e. Child ceases to be a "child" under the Plan

**Domestic Partners.** A subscriber, who at the time of the qualifying event was covering his or her domestic partner under the Plan, can elect COBRA continuation coverage that includes continuing coverage for the domestic partner. A domestic partner who is covered under the Plan by the subscriber is not an eligible member under COBRA and, therefore, does not have an independent election right under COBRA. This also means that the domestic partner's coverage ends immediately when the subscriber's COBRA coverage ends (for example, due to the subscriber's death or because the subscriber becomes covered under another plan).

**Retirees.** If the Plan provides retiree coverage and the subscriber's former employer files a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding, this may be a qualifying event for the retiree who loses coverage as a result, and for his or her covered dependents.

### **13.3.3 Other Coverage**

The right to elect continuation coverage shall be available to persons who are entitled to Medicare or covered under another group health plan at the time of the election.

### **13.3.4 Notice & Election Requirements**

**Qualifying Event Notice.** A dependent member's coverage ends as of the last day of the month in which a divorce or legal separation occurs (spouse's coverage is lost) or a child loses dependent status under the Plan (child loses coverage). Under COBRA, the subscriber or a family member has the responsibility to notify the COBRA Administrator if one of these events occurs by mailing or hand-delivering a written notice to the COBRA Administrator. The notice must include the following: 1) the name of the Group; 2) the name and social security number of the affected members; 3) the event (e.g. divorce); and 4) the date the event occurred. Notice must be given no later than 60 days after the loss of coverage under the Plan. If notice of the event is not given on time, continuation coverage will not be available.

**Election Notice.** Members will be notified of their right to continuation coverage within 14 days after the COBRA Administrator receives a timely qualifying event notice.

Otherwise, members will be notified by the COBRA Administrator of the right to elect COBRA continuation coverage within 44 days of any of the following events that result in a loss of coverage: the subscriber's termination of employment (other than for gross misconduct) or reduction in hours, death of the subscriber, the subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare, or the Group files for Chapter 11 reorganization.

**Election.** A member must elect continuation coverage within 60 days after plan coverage ends, or, if later, 60 days after the COBRA Administrator sends notice of the right to elect continuation coverage to the member. If continuation coverage is not elected, group health insurance coverage will end.

A subscriber or the spouse may elect continuation coverage for eligible family members. Each family member also has an independent right to elect COBRA coverage. This means that a spouse or child may elect continuation coverage even if the subscriber does not.

If COBRA is elected, the Group will provide the same coverage as is available to similarly situated members under the Plan.

### **13.3.5 COBRA Premiums**

Members are responsible for all premiums for continuation coverage. Due to the 60-day election period, it is likely that retroactive premiums will be owed for the months between when regular coverage ended and the first payment date. These premiums must be paid in a lump sum at the first payment. The first payment for continuation coverage is due within 45 days after a member provides notice of electing coverage (this is the date the election notice is postmarked, if mailed, or the date the election notice is received by the COBRA Administrator, if hand-delivered). Subsequent payments are due on the first day of the month. There will be a grace period of 30 days to pay the premiums. Moda Health will not send a bill for any payments due. The member is responsible for paying the applicable premiums when due, otherwise continuation coverage will end and may not be reinstated. The premium rate may include a 2% add-on to cover administrative expenses.

### **13.3.6 Length of Continuation Coverage**

**18-Month Continuation Period.** When coverage is lost due to end of employment or a reduction of hours of employment, coverage generally may be continued for up to a total of 18 months.

**36-Month Continuation Period.** When coverage is lost due to a subscriber's death, divorce or legal separation, or a child ceasing to be a dependent under the terms of the Plan, coverage under the Plan may be continued for up to a total of 36 months.

When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the subscriber's hours of employment, and the subscriber became entitled to Medicare benefits less than 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA coverage for members (other than the subscriber) who lose coverage as a result of the qualifying event can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement. This COBRA coverage period is available only if the subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare within 18 months before the termination or reduction of hours.

**Extended Period.** In the case of loss of coverage due to the bankruptcy of the Group, coverage for the retired subscriber may be continued up to his or her death. Coverage for each dependent may be continued up to the dependent's death or 36 months after the retired subscriber's death, whichever is earlier.

### **13.3.7 Extending the Length of COBRA Coverage**

An extension of the maximum period of coverage may be available if a member is disabled or a second qualifying event occurs. The COBRA Administrator must be notified of a disability or a second qualifying event in order to extend the period of COBRA coverage. If the member does not provide notice of a disability or second qualifying event, he or she will lose the right to extend the period of COBRA coverage.

**Disability.** If any of the members is determined by the Social Security Administration to be disabled, the maximum COBRA coverage period that results from a subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours may be extended to a total of up to 29 months. The disability must have started before the 61<sup>st</sup> day after the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours and must last at least until the end of the period of COBRA coverage that would be available without the disability extension (generally 18 months). Each member who has elected COBRA coverage will be entitled to the disability extension if one of them qualifies.

The disability extension is available only if the Social Security Administration determination is within the 18-month period following the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours. The member must provide a copy of the Social Security Administration's determination of disability to the COBRA Administrator within 60 days after the latest of:

- a. the date of the Social Security Administration's disability determination
- b. the date of the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours
- c. the date on which the member loses (or would lose) coverage under the terms of the Plan as a result of the subscriber's termination or reduction of hours

If the notice is not provided within this timeframe, then there will be no disability extension of COBRA coverage. The premiums for COBRA coverage may increase after the 18<sup>th</sup> month of coverage to 150% of the premiums.

If determined by the Social Security Administration to no longer be disabled, the member must notify the COBRA Administrator of that fact within 30 days after the Social Security Administration's determination.

**Second Qualifying Event.** An extension of coverage will be available to spouses and children who are receiving COBRA coverage if a second qualifying event occurs during the 18 months (or, in the case of a disability extension, the 29 months) following the subscriber's termination of employment or reduction of hours. The maximum amount of COBRA coverage available when a second qualifying event occurs is 36 months from the date of the first qualifying event. Second qualifying events may include the death of a subscriber, divorce or legal separation from the subscriber, or a child's ceasing to be eligible for coverage as a dependent under the Plan. These events can be a second qualifying event only if they would have caused the member to lose coverage under the Plan if the first qualifying event had not occurred. (This extension is not available under the Plan when a subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare after his or her termination of employment or reduction of hours.)

This extension is only available if the COBRA Administrator is notified in writing of the second qualifying event within 60 days after the date of the event. If this notice is not provided to the COBRA Administrator during the 60-day notice period, then there will be no extension of COBRA coverage due to a second qualifying event.

**Note:** Longer continuation coverage may be available under Oregon law for a subscriber's spouse or domestic partner age 55 and older who loses coverage due to the subscriber's death, or due to legal separation or dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership (see section 13.2).

### **13.3.8 Special Enrollment & Open Enrollment**

Members under continuation coverage have the same rights as similarly situated members who are not enrolled in COBRA. A member may add children, spouses or domestic partners as covered dependents in accordance with the Plan's eligibility and enrollment rules (see sections 9.4 and 10.2), including HIPAA special enrollment. If non-COBRA members can change plans at open enrollment, COBRA members may also change plans at open enrollment.

### **13.3.9 When Continuation Coverage Ends**

COBRA coverage will end earlier than the maximum period if:

- a. Any required premiums are not paid in full on time
- b. A member becomes covered under another group health plan
- c. A member becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both) after electing COBRA. (However, if the qualifying event is the Group's bankruptcy, the member will not lose COBRA because of entitlement to Medicare benefits)
- d. The Group ceases to provide any group health plan for its employees
- e. During a disability extension period (see section 13.3.7), the disabled member is determined by the Social Security Administration to be no longer disabled (COBRA coverage for all members, not just the disabled member, will end)

COBRA coverage may also be canceled for any reason the Plan would terminate coverage of a member not receiving COBRA coverage (such as fraud).

Questions about COBRA should be directed to the COBRA Administrator. The COBRA Administrator should be informed of any address changes.

### **13.4 UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT & REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT (USERRA)**

Coverage will end if a subscriber is called to active duty by any of the armed forces of the United States of America. However, if a subscriber asks to continue coverage under USERRA, coverage can be continued for up to 24 months or the period of uniformed service leave, whichever is shortest, if the subscriber pays any required contributions toward the cost of the coverage during the leave. If the leave is 30 days or less, the contribution rate will be the same as for active members. If the leave is longer than 30 days, the required contribution will not exceed 102% of the cost of coverage.

If a subscriber does not elect continuation coverage under USERRA or if continuation coverage is terminated or exhausted, coverage will be reinstated on the first day he or she returns to active employment with the Group if released under honorable conditions, but only if he or she returns to active employment:

- a. On the first full business day following completion of military service for a leave of 30 days or less
- b. Within 14 days of completing military service for a leave of 31 to 180 days
- c. Within 90 days of completing military service for a leave of more than 180 days

Regardless of the length of the leave, a reasonable amount of travel time or recovery time for a medical condition determined by the Veteran's Administration (VA) to be service connected will be allowed.

When coverage under the Plan is reinstated, all plan provisions and limitations will apply to the extent that they would have applied if the subscriber had not taken military leave and coverage had been continuous under the Plan. There will be no additional eligibility waiting period. (This waiver of limitations does not provide coverage for any medical condition caused or aggravated by military service, as determined by the VA. Complete information regarding rights under USERRA is available from the Group.)

### **13.5 FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE**

Subscribers should check with the Group to find out if they qualify for this coverage. If the Group grants a leave of absence under state or federal family and medical leave laws, the following rules will apply:

- a. Affected members will remain eligible for coverage during a family and medical leave
- b. If members elect not to remain enrolled during a family and medical leave, they will be eligible to re-enroll in the Plan on the date the subscriber returns from leave. To re-enroll, a complete and signed application must be submitted within 60 days of the return to work. All of the terms and conditions of the Plan will resume at the time of re-enrollment as if there had been no lapse in coverage. Any group eligibility waiting period under the Plan will not have to be re-served
- c. A subscriber's rights under family and medical leave will be governed by applicable state or federal statute and regulations



## **13.6 WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

If a subscriber is no longer eligible because of a medical condition and has filed a workers' compensation claim, he or she may continue coverage for up to 6 months. The subscriber must pay the full premiums directly to the Group, and the Group must pay the premiums to Moda Health when due. This continuation happens at the same time as any family medical leave. Members can elect other continuation of coverage after the end of this continuation. Workers' compensation continuation of coverage will end early if the subscriber takes full-time employment with another employer.

## **13.7 STRIKE OR LOCKOUT**

If employed under a collective bargaining agreement and involved in a work stoppage because of a strike or lockout, a subscriber may continue coverage for up to 6 months. The subscriber must pay the full premiums, including any part usually paid by the Group, directly to the union or trust, and the union or trust must continue to pay Moda Health the premiums when due.

Continuation of coverage during a strike or lockout will not occur if:

- a. Fewer than 75% of those normally enrolled choose to continue their coverage
- b. A subscriber accepts full-time employment with another employer
- c. A subscriber otherwise loses eligibility under the Plan

## **SECTION 14. ERISA DUTIES**

Subscribers are entitled to certain rights and protections if the Plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Members should check with the Group to find out if this section applies to their Plan.

### **14.1 Plan Administrator as Defined Under ERISA**

Moda Health is not the plan administrator or the named fiduciary of the Plan, as defined under ERISA. Contact the Group for more information.

### **14.2 Information About the Plan and Benefits**

Subscribers may examine without charge, at the Group's office and at other specified locations such as worksites, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements (if applicable), updated summary plan description, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration (if any). This information can be obtained by written request. The Group may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Subscribers are entitled to receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report, if any is required by ERISA. The Group is required by law to furnish each subscriber with a copy of this summary annual report.

### **14.3 Continuation of Group Health Plan Coverage**

Subscribers are entitled to continue healthcare coverage for themselves or their dependents if coverage under the Plan is lost as a result of a qualifying event. Members may have to pay for such coverage. Members should review this handbook and the documents governing the Plan regarding the rules governing continuation coverage rights.

### **14.4 Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for members, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Plan. The people who operate the Plan, called fiduciaries of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of members. No one, including the employer or any other person, may fire or discriminate against a subscriber in any way to prevent him or her from obtaining a benefit or exercising rights under ERISA.

## **14.5 Enforcement of Rights**

If a claim for benefits is denied or no action is taken, in whole or in part, members have a right to receive an explanation, to obtain without charge copies of documents relating to the decision, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps members can take to enforce these rights. For instance, if a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report is requested from the Group and not received within 30 days, a member may file suit in federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Group to provide the materials and pay the member up to \$110 a day until he or she receives the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Group. If a claim for benefits is denied or no action is taken, in whole or in part, a member may file suit in state or federal court after exhausting the appeal process required by the Plan (see section 11.2). In addition, a member who disagrees with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order may file suit in federal court.

If plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if a member is discriminated against for asserting his or her rights, the member may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or may file suit in federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If the member is successful, the court may order the person who has been sued to pay these costs and fees. If the member loses, the court may order him or her to pay these costs and fees, (e.g., if it finds the claim is frivolous).

## **14.6 Assistance with Questions**

For questions about this section or members' rights under ERISA, or for assistance obtaining documents from the Group, members should contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration: Seattle District Office, 300 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1110, Seattle, Washington, 98104, telephone 206-757-6781, or Office of Outreach, Education and Assistance, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20210, telephone 866-444-3272. Information and assistance is also available through their website: [dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://dol.gov/agencies/ebsa). Members may obtain publications about their rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the Office of Outreach, Education and Assistance.

## SECTION 15. MEMBER DISCLOSURES

### 15.1 What are a member's rights and responsibilities?

Members have the right to:

- a. Information about the Plan and how to use it, the providers who will care for them, and their rights and responsibilities.
- b. Be treated with respect and dignity
- c. Urgent and emergency services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- d. Participate in decision making regarding their healthcare. This includes
  - i. a discussion of appropriate or medically necessary treatment options, no matter how much they cost or if they are covered by Moda Health
  - ii. the right to refuse treatment and be informed of the possible medical result
  - iii. File a statement of wishes for treatment (i.e., an Advanced Directive), or give someone else the right to make healthcare choices when the member is unable to (Power of Attorney)
- e. Privacy. Personal and medical information will only be used or shared as required or allowed by state and federal law.
- f. Appeal a decision or file a complaint about the Plan, and to receive a timely response.
- g. Free language assistance services when communicating with Moda Health
- h. Make suggestions regarding Moda Health's member rights and responsibilities policy

Members have the responsibility to:

- a. Read this handbook and make sure they understand the Plan. Members should call Customer Service if they have any questions.
- b. Treat all providers and their staff with courtesy and respect
- c. Be on time for appointments, and call the office ahead of time if they will be late or need to cancel.
- d. Get regular health checkups and preventive services
- e. Give their provider all the information needed for him or her to provide good healthcare
- f. Participate in making decisions about their medical care and forming a treatment plan
- g. Follow plans and instructions for care they have agreed to with their provider
- h. Use urgent and emergency services appropriately
- i. Show their medical identification card when seeking medical care
- j. Tell providers about any other insurance policies that may provide coverage
- k. Reimburse Moda Health from any third party payments they may receive
- l. Provide information the Plan needs to properly administer benefits and resolve any issues or concerns that may arise

Members may call Customer Service with any questions about these rights and responsibilities.

## **15.2 What if a member has a medical emergency?**

A member who believes he or she has a medical emergency should call 911 or seek care from the nearest appropriate provider, such as a physician's office or clinic, urgent care facility or emergency room.

## **15.3 How will a member know if benefits are changed or terminated?**

It is the responsibility of the Group to notify members of benefit changes or termination of coverage. If the group policy terminates and the Group does not replace the coverage with another group policy, the Group is required by law to inform its members in writing of the termination.

## **15.4 If a member is not satisfied with the Plan, how can an appeal or complaint be filed?**

A member can file an appeal or complaint by writing a letter to Moda Health. Customer Service can help the member if needed. Complete information can be found in section 11.2.

A member may also ask for help from the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation:

Phone: 503-947-7984 or toll-free 888-877-4894  
Mail: PO Box 14480, Salem, Oregon 97309-0405  
Internet: [dfr.oregon.gov](http://dfr.oregon.gov)  
email: [DFR.InsuranceHelp@oregon.gov](mailto:DFR.InsuranceHelp@oregon.gov)

## **15.5 What are the prior authorization and utilization review criteria?**

Prior authorization is used to determine whether a service is covered (including whether it is medically necessary) before the service is provided. Members may contact Customer Service or visit the Member Dashboard for a list of services that require prior authorization.

Obtaining prior authorization is the member's assurance that the services and supplies recommended by the provider are medically necessary and covered under the Plan. Except in the case of fraud or misrepresentation, prior authorization for benefit coverage and medical necessity shall be binding if obtained no more than 30 days prior to the date the service is provided, and eligibility shall be binding for 5 business days from the date of the authorization.

Utilization review is the process of reviewing services after they are provided to ensure that they were medically necessary and appropriate with regard to widely accepted standards of good medical practice.

A written summary of information that may be included in Moda Health's utilization review of a particular condition or disease can be obtained by calling Customer Service.

**15.6 What are my rights under the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA)?**

The Plan provides benefits for mastectomy related services, including all states of reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses and complications resulting from a mastectomy, including lymphedema. Contact Customer Service for more information.

**15.7 How are important documents, such as medical records, kept confidential?**

Moda Health protects member information in several ways:

- a. Moda Health has a written policy to protect the confidentiality of health information
- b. Only employees who need to access member information in order to perform their job functions are allowed to do so
- c. Disclosure outside Moda Health is permitted only when necessary to perform functions related to providing coverage and/or when otherwise allowed by law
- d. Most documentation is stored securely in electronic files with designated access

**15.8 How can a member participate in the development of Moda Health’s corporate policies and practices?**

Member feedback is very important. Moda Health welcomes any suggestions for improvements to its health benefit plans or its services.

Moda Health has advisory committees to allow participation in the development of corporate policies and to provide feedback. Members may obtain more information by contacting Moda Health.

**15.9 How can non-English speaking members get information about the Plan?**

Customer Service will coordinate the services of an interpreter over the phone when a member calls.

**15.10 What additional information is available upon request?**

The following documents are available free of charge by calling Customer Service:

- a. Moda Health’s annual report on complaints and appeals
- b. Moda Health’s efforts to monitor and improve the quality of health services
- c. Procedures for credentialing network providers and how to obtain the names, qualifications, and titles of the providers responsible for a member’s care
- d. Prior authorization and utilization review procedures

**15.11 What information about Moda Health is available from the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation?**

The following information regarding Moda Health’s health benefit plans is available from the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation:

- a. The results of all publicly available accreditation surveys
- b. A summary of Moda Health's health promotion and disease prevention activities
- c. An annual summary of appeals
- d. An annual summary of utilization review policies
- e. An annual summary of quality assessment activities
- f. An annual summary of scope of network and accessibility of services

Contact:

Oregon Division of Financial Regulation  
PO Box 14480, Salem, Oregon 97309-0405  
503-947-7984 or toll-free 888-877-4894  
[dfr.oregon.gov](http://dfr.oregon.gov)  
[DFR.InsuranceHelp@oregon.gov](mailto:DFR.InsuranceHelp@oregon.gov)

## SECTION 16. DEFINITIONS

**Ancillary Services** are support services provided to a member in the course of care. They include such services as laboratory and radiology.

**Applied Behavior Analysis** means a variety of psychosocial interventions that use behavioral principles to shape an individual's behavior. It includes direct observation, measurement and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior. It is a type of treatment for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (formerly called pervasive developmental disorder). Typical goals include improving daily living skills, decreasing harmful behavior, improving social functioning and play skills, improving communication skills and developing skills that result in greater independence.

### **Approved Clinical Trial**

Limited to those clinical trials that are:

- a. Funded or supported by a center or cooperative group that is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the United States Department of Energy, the United States Department of Defense or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- b. Conducted as an investigational new drug application, an investigational device exemption or a biologics license application to the United States Food and Drug Administration
- c. Exempt by federal law from the requirement to submit an investigational new drug application to the United States Food and Drug Administration

**Authorization** see Prior Authorization.

**Autism Service Provider** means a behavior analyst licensed by the Oregon Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board (BARB), an assistant behavior analyst licensed by BARB and practicing under the supervision of a behavior analyst, an interventionist registered by BARB and practicing under the supervision of a behavior analyst, or a state-licensed or state-certified healthcare professional providing services for autism spectrum disorder within the scope of his or her professional license. In states that do not license autism service providers, certification or registration with the Behavior Analysis Certification Board may be accepted instead.

**Balance Billing** means the difference between the maximum plan allowance and the provider's billed charge. Out-of-network providers may bill the member this amount, except Oregon-licensed providers when performing services at an in-network facility and the member did not choose the provider. Balance billing is not a covered expense under the Plan.

**Behavioral Health Assessment** means an evaluation by a behavioral health provider, in person or using telemedicine, to determine a person's need for immediate crisis stabilization.

**Behavioral Health Crisis** means a disruption in a person's mental or emotional stability or functioning resulting in an urgent need for immediate outpatient treatment in an emergency department or admission to a hospital to prevent a serious deterioration in the person's mental or physical health.



**Calendar Year** means a period beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Chemical Dependency** means an addictive physical and/or psychological relationship with any drug or alcohol that interferes on a recurring basis with an individual's main life areas, such as employment, and psychological, physical and social functioning. Chemical dependency does not mean an addiction to or dependency upon foods, tobacco or tobacco products.

**Chemical Dependency Outpatient Treatment Program** means a state-licensed program that provides an organized outpatient course of treatment, with services by appointment, for substance-related disorders.

**Coinsurance** means the percentages of covered expenses to be paid by a member.

**Copay or Copayment** means the fixed dollar amounts to be paid by a member to a provider when receiving a covered service.

**Coordinated Specialty Program** means:

- a. Crisis and Transition Services (CATS) programs operating under contract with the Oregon Health Authority
- b. Early Assessment and Support Alliance (EASA) and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) provided by Community Mental Health Programs
- c. Intensive Outpatient Services and Supports (IOSS)
- d. Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Treatment (IBHT)

These programs provide multidisciplinary, team-based care to individuals with mental health conditions and their families. Programs must operate under a Certificate of Approval from the Oregon Health Authority to qualify.

**Cost Sharing** is the share of costs a member must pay when receiving a covered service, including deductible, copayments or coinsurance. Cost sharing does not include premiums, balance billing amounts for out-of-network providers or the cost of non-covered services.

**Covered Service** is a service or supply that is specifically described as a benefit of the Plan.

**Custodial Care** means care that helps a member conduct such common activities as bathing, eating, dressing, getting in and out of bed, preparation of special diets and supervision of medication that usually can be self-administered. It is care that can be provided by people without medical or paramedical skills.

**Dental Care** means services or supplies provided to prevent, diagnose or treat diseases of the teeth and supporting tissues or structures, including services or supplies rendered to restore the ability to chew and to repair defects that have developed because of tooth loss.

**Dependent** means any person who is or may become eligible for coverage under the terms of the Plan because of a relationship to a subscriber.

**Disease Management Program for Pain** means a holistic, organized course of treatment to help individuals manage chronic pain. Programs incorporate assessment, education, movement

therapy and mindfulness training to change the experience of pain and help individuals with chronic pain improve their functioning.

**Domestic Partner** means a person joined with the subscriber in a partnership that has been registered under the laws of any federal, state or local government.

**Eligible Employee**, for the purpose of this handbook, means an employee of the Group who meets the eligibility requirements to be enrolled on the Plan (see section 9.1).

**Emergency Medical Condition** means a medical condition or behavioral health crisis with acute symptoms, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect would place the health of a member, or a fetus in the case of a pregnant woman, in serious jeopardy without immediate medical attention.

**Emergency Medical Screening Examination** means the medical history, examination (which may include behavioral health assessment), related tests and medical determinations required to confirm the nature and extent of an emergency medical condition.

**Emergency Services** means those healthcare items and services furnished in an emergency department of a hospital. All related services routinely available to the emergency department to the extent they are required for the stabilization of a member, and within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the hospital, are included. Emergency services also include further medical examination and treatment required to stabilize a member.

**Enroll** means to become covered for benefits under the Plan (that is, when coverage becomes effective) without regard to when the person may have completed or filed any forms that are required in order to become covered. For this purpose, a person who has health coverage is enrolled in the Plan regardless of whether the person elects coverage, the person is a dependent who becomes covered as a result of an election by a subscriber, or the person becomes covered without an election.

**Enrollment Date** means, for new hires and others who enroll when first eligible, the date coverage begins or, if earlier, the first day of the waiting period. For all others, the enrollment date is the date the plan coverage actually begins.

**Experimental or Investigational** means services and supplies that meet one of the following:

- a. Involve a treatment for which scientific or medical assessment has not been completed, or the effectiveness of the treatment has not been generally established
- b. Are available in the United States only as part of a clinical trial or research program for the illness or condition being treated
- c. Are not provided by an accredited institution or provider within the United States or are provided by one that has not demonstrated medical proficiency in the provision of the service or supplies
- d. Are not recognized by the medical community in the service area in which they are received
- e. Involve a treatment for which the approval of one or more government agencies is required, but has not been obtained at the time the services and supplies are provided or are to be provided

**Experimental or Investigational Medications** are those that involve one or more of the following:

- a. A medication, device (supply) or biologic product for which the approval of one or more government agencies (such as the FDA) is required, but has not been obtained at the time the treatment is requested or administered
- b. A treatment for which scientific or medical assessment has not been completed, or the effectiveness of the treatment has not been generally established
- c. Is only available in the United States as part of a clinical trial or research program for the illness or condition being treated
- d. Is the subject of an on-going phase I or phase II clinical trial, or is the research/experimental/study/investigational arm of an on-going phase III clinical trial
- e. Is used within a regimen that may be individually proven, but when utilized in combination, scientific literature does not support the use
- f. Is used within a regimen that is proven in combination with other medications, but when utilized individually, scientific literature does not support the use

**Genetic Information** pertains to a member or his or her relative, and means information about genetic tests, a request for or receipt of genetic services, or participation in clinical research that includes genetic services. It also includes a disease or disorder in a member's relative.

The **Group** is the organization whose employees are covered by the Plan.

**Health Benefit Plan** means any hospital and/or medical expense policy or certificate, healthcare service contractor or health maintenance organization subscriber contract, any plan provided by a multiple employer welfare arrangement, or other benefit arrangement defined in the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. This Plan is a health benefit plan.

**Hearing Assistive Technology Systems** means devices that amplify or change audio communication to another format or alert members where there is a lot of background noise. Some examples include frequency modulation (FM), infrared systems, induction loop systems, telephone amplifiers, voice carryover telephones, text telephones or alerting devices.

**Illness** means a disease or bodily disorder that results in a covered service.

**Implant** means a material inserted or grafted into tissue.

**Injury** means physical damage to the body inflicted by a foreign object, force, temperature or corrosive chemical that is the direct result of an accident, independent of illness or any other cause.

**In-network** refers to providers that are contracted under Moda Health to provide care to members.

**Intensive Outpatient** means mental health or chemical dependency services more intensive than routine outpatient and less intensive than a partial hospital program. Mental health intensive outpatient is 3 or more hours per week of direct treatment. Chemical dependence intensive outpatient is 9-19 hours per week for adults or 6-19 hours per week for adolescents.

**Maximum Plan Allowance (MPA)** is the maximum amount Moda Health will reimburse providers. For an in-network provider, the MPA is the amount the provider has agreed to accept for a particular service.

MPA for out-of-network services is either a supplemental provider fee arrangement Moda Health may have in place or the amount calculated using one of the following methodologies, any of which may be used by Moda Health: a percentage of the Medicare allowable amount, a percentage of the allowable amount established by the Oregon Health Authority, a percentile of fees commonly charged for a given procedure in a given area, a percentage of the acquisition cost or a percentage of the billed charge. Otherwise, the MPA is the amount determined by state guidelines.

MPA for emergency services received out-of-network is the greatest of the median in-network rate, the maximum amount as calculated according to this definition for out-of-network providers and the Medicare allowable amount.

MPA for prescription medications at out-of-network pharmacies is no more than the prevailing pharmacy network fee based on the average wholesale price (AWP) minus a percentage discount.

In certain instances, when a dollar amount is not available, Moda Health reviews the claim to determine a comparable code to the one billed. Once a comparable code is established, the claim is processed as described above.

When using an out-of-network provider, any amount above the MPA may be the member's responsibility (this is the balance billing amount).

**Medical Condition** means any physical or mental condition, including one resulting from illness, injury (whether or not the injury is accidental), pregnancy or congenital malformation. Genetic information in and of itself is not a condition.

**Medical Services Contract** means a contract between an insurer and an independent practice association or a provider. Medical services contract does not include a contract of employment or a contract creating legal entities.

**Medically Necessary** means healthcare services, medications, supplies or interventions that a treating licensed healthcare provider recommends and all of the following are met:

- a. It is consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis of a member's condition and appropriate considering the potential benefit and harm to the patient
- b. The service, medication, supply or intervention is known to be effective in improving health outcomes
- c. The service, medication, supply or intervention is cost-effective compared to the alternative intervention, including no intervention.

The fact that a provider prescribes, orders, recommends or approves a service or supply does not, of itself, make the service medically necessary or a covered service.

Moda Health may require proof that services, interventions, supplies or medications (including court-ordered care) are medically necessary. No benefits will be provided if the proof is not received or is not acceptable, or if the service, supply, medication or medication dose is not

medically necessary. Claims processing may be delayed if proof of medical necessity is required but not provided by the health service provider.

Medically necessary care does not include custodial care.

Moda Health uses scientific evidence from peer-reviewed medical literature to determine effectiveness for services and interventions for the medical condition and patient indications being considered.

More information about medical necessity can be found in the General Exclusions (Section 8)

**Member** means a subscriber or dependent of a subscriber who is enrolled for coverage under the terms of the Plan.

**Mental Health** refers to benefits, facilities, programs, levels of care and services related to the assessment and treatment of mental health conditions, as defined in the Plan.

**Mental Health Condition** means any mental health disorder covered by the diagnostic categories listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR) or the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5).

**Mental Health Provider** means a board-certified psychiatrist or any of the following state-licensed professionals: a psychologist, a psychologist associate, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, a clinical social worker, a mental health counselor, a marriage and family therapist or a program licensed, approved, established, maintained, contracted with or operated by the Oregon Office of Mental Health & Addiction Services.

**Moda Health** refers to Moda Health Plan, Inc.

**Network** means a group of providers who contract to provide healthcare to members at negotiated rates. Such groups are called Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs), and provide in-network services in their specific service areas. Covered medical expenses will be paid at a higher rate when an in-network provider is used (see Section 3).

**Out-of-network** refers to providers that are not contracted under Moda Health to charge discounted rates to members.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum** means the maximum amount a member pays out-of-pocket every year, including the deductible, coinsurance and copays. If a member obtains both in-network and out-of-network services, 2 separate out-of-pocket maximums apply. If a member reaches the out-of-pocket maximum in a calendar year, the Plan will pay 100% of eligible expenses for the rest of the year.

**Outpatient Surgery** means surgery that does not require an inpatient admission or a stay of 24 hours or more.

**Partial Hospital Program** means an appropriately licensed mental health or chemical dependency facility providing no less than 4 hours of direct, structured treatment services per day. Chemical dependency partial hospital programs provide 20 or more hours of direct treatment per week. Partial hospital programs do not provide overnight 24-hour per day care.

The **Plan** is the health benefit plan sponsored by the Group and insured under the terms of the policy between the Group and Moda Health.

**Plan Year** means the 12 month period commencing on the original effective date and each 12 month period thereafter.

The **Policy** is the agreement between the Group and Moda Health for insuring the health benefit plan sponsored by the Group. This handbook is a part of the policy.

**Prior Authorization** or **Prior Authorized** refers to obtaining approval by Moda Health before the date of service. A complete list of services and medications that require prior authorization is available on the Member Dashboard or by contacting Customer Service. Failure to obtain required authorization will result in denial of benefits (see section 6.1).

**Professional Provider** means any state-licensed or state-certified healthcare professionals, when providing medically necessary services within the scope of their licenses or certifications. In all cases, the services must be covered under the Plan to be eligible for benefits.

**Provider** means an entity, including a facility, a medical supplier, a program or a professional provider, that is state licensed or state certified and approved to provide a covered service or supply to a member.

**Residential Program** means a state-licensed program or facility providing an organized full-day or part-day program of treatment. Residential programs provide overnight 24-hour per day care and include programs for treatment of mental health conditions or chemical dependency. Residential program does not include any program that provides less than 4 hours per day of direct treatment services.

**Respite Care** means care for a period of time to provide caregivers relief from full-time residing with and caring for a member in hospice. Providing care to allow a caregiver to return to work does not qualify as respite care.

**Service Area** is the geographical area where in-network providers provide their services.

**Subscriber** means any employee or former employee who is enrolled in the Plan.

**Waiting Period** means the period that must pass before a person is eligible to enroll for benefits under the terms of the Plan.

# Nondiscrimination notice

**We follow federal civil rights laws. We do not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, gender identity, sex or sexual orientation.**

We provide free services to people with disabilities so that they can communicate with us. These include sign language interpreters and other forms of communication.

If your first language is not English, we will give you free interpretation services and/or materials in other languages.

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**If you need any of the above, call Customer Service at:**

888-217-2363 (TDD/TTY 711)

**If you think we did not offer these services or discriminated, you can file a written complaint.**

**Please mail or fax it to:**

Moda Partners, Inc.  
Attention: Appeal Unit  
601 SW Second Ave.  
Portland, OR 97204  
Fax: 503-412-4003

**If you need help filing a complaint, please call Customer Service.**

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights at [ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf](http://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf), or by mail or phone:

U.S. Department of Health  
and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave. SW, Room 509F  
HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201  
800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

You can get Office for Civil Rights complaint forms at [hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html](http://hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html).

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855-232-9111  
[compliance@modahealth.com](mailto:compliance@modahealth.com)

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, hay disponibles servicios de ayuda con el idioma sin costo alguno para usted. Llame al 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711).

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói tiếng Việt, có dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí cho bạn. Gọi 1-877-605-3229 (TTY:711)

注意：如果您說中文，可得到免費語言幫助服務。請致電1-877-605-3229（聾啞人專用：711）

주의: 한국어로 무료 언어 지원 서비스를 이용하시려면 다음 연락처로 연락해주시기 바랍니다. 전화 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, ang mga serbisyong tulong sa wika, ay walang bayad, at magagamit mo. Tumawag sa numerong 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، فهناك خدمات مساعدة لغوية متاحة لك مجانًا. اتصل برقم (الهاتف النصي: 711) 1-877-605-3229

بولتے ہیں تو سانی (URDU) توجہ دیں: اگر آپ اردو اعانت آپ کے لیے بلا معاوضہ دستیاب ہے۔ 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711) پر کال کریں

ВНИМАНИЕ! Если Вы говорите по-русски, воспользуйтесь бесплатной языковой поддержкой. Позвоните по тел. 1-877-605-3229 (текстовый телефон: 711).

ATTENTION : si vous êtes locuteurs francophones, le service d'assistance linguistique gratuit est disponible. Appelez au 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

توجہ: در صورتی کہ بہ فارسی صحبت می کنید، خدمات ترجمہ بہ صورت رایگان برای شما موجود است. با تماس بگیرد. (TTY: 711) 1-877-605-3229

ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं, तो आपको भाषाई सहायता बिना कोई पैसा दिए उपलब्ध है। 1-877-605-3229 पर कॉल करें (TTY: 711)

Achtung: Falls Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos Sprachassistentendienste zur Verfügung. Rufen sie 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

注意:日本語をご希望の方には、日本語サービスを無料で提供しております。1-877-605-3229 (TTY、テレタイプライターをご利用の方は711)までお電話ください。

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ໂປດຊາຍ: ຖ້າທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາລາວ, ການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາແມ່ນມີໃຫ້ທ່ານໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຍຄ່າ. ໂທ 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

УВАГА! Якщо ви говорите українською, для вас доступні безкоштовні консультації рідною мовою. Зателефонуйте 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

ATENȚIE: Dacă vorbiți limba română, vă punem la dispoziție serviciul de asistență lingvistică în mod gratuit. Sunați la 1-877-605-3229 (TTY 711)

THOV CEEB TOOM: Yog hais tias koj hais lus Hmoob, muaj cov kev pab cuam txhais lus, pub dawb rau koj. Hu rau 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

ត្រូវចងចាំ: បើអ្នកនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ ហើយត្រូវការសេវាកម្មជំនួយផ្នែកភាសាដោយឥតគិតថ្លៃ គឺមានផ្តល់ជូនលោកអ្នក។ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅកាន់លេខ 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

HUBACHIISA: Yoo afaan Kshtik kan dubbattan ta'e tajaajiloonni gargaarsaa isiniif jira 1-877-605-3229 (TTY:711) tiin bilbilaa.

โปรดทราบ: หากคุณพูดภาษาไทย คุณสามารถใช้บริการช่วยเหลือด้านภาษาได้ฟรี โทร 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

FA'AUTAGIA: Afai e te tautala i le gagana Samoa, o loo avanoa fesoasoani tau gagana mo oe e le totogia. Vala'au i le 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

IPANGAG: Nu agsasaoka iti Ilocano, sidadaan ti tulong iti lengguahe para kenka nga awan bayadna. Umawag iti 1-877-605-3229 (TTY: 711)

UWAGA: Dla osób mówiących po polsku dostępna jest bezpłatna pomoc językowa. Zadzwoń: 1-877-605-3229 (obsługa TTY: 711)





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