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CIGNA DENTAL PREFERRED  
PROVIDER INSURANCE

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**CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

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

**POLICYHOLDER: LACERA (Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association)**

**GROUP POLICY(S) — COVERAGE**

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

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

  
*Anna Krishtul, Corporate Secretary*

### **Explanation of Terms**

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

### **The Schedule**

**The Schedule is a brief outline of your maximum benefits which may be payable under your insurance. For a full description of each benefit, refer to the appropriate section listed in the Table of Contents.**

## Important Notices

### Important Information About Free Language Assistance

**No Cost Language Services** for members who live in California and members who live outside of California who are covered under a policy issued in California. You can get an interpreter. You can get documents read to you and some sent to you in your language. For help, call us at the number listed on your ID card or 1-800-244-6224 for Cigna medical/dental or 1-866-421-8629 for Cigna Behavioral Health mental health/substance abuse. For more help call the CA Dept. of Insurance at 1-800-927-4357. **English**

**Servicios de idioma sin costo** para miembros que viven en California y para miembros que viven fuera de California y que están cubiertos por una póliza emitida en California. Puede obtener un intérprete. Puede hacer que le lean los documentos en español y que le envíen algunos de ellos en ese idioma. Para obtener ayuda, llámenos al número que aparece en su tarjeta de identificación o a 1-800-244-6224 para servicios médicos/dentales de Cigna o al 1-866-421-8629 para servicios de salud mental/farmacodependencia de Cigna Behavioral Health. Para obtener ayuda adicional, llame al Departamento de Seguros de CA al 1-800-927-4357. **Spanish**

居住在加州境內的會員和居住在加州境外但受到加州境內核發保單承保的會員可取得**免費之語言服務**。您可取得口譯員服務。我們可以用中文將文件讀給您聽，並將部分備有中文版的文件寄送給您。欲取得協助，請撥打您會員卡上所列示的電話號碼，或致電 1-800-244-6224 與 Cigna 醫療 / 牙科聯絡，或撥打 1-866-421-8629 聯繫 Cigna Behavioral Health 精神健康 / 物質濫用。欲取得其他協助，請致電 1-800-927-4357 與加州保險部聯絡。 **Chinese**

**خدمات لغوية بدون تكلفة** للأعضاء المقيمين في ولاية كاليفورنيا والأعضاء المقيمين خارج ولاية كاليفورنيا المشمولين في تغطية بوليصة التأمين الصادرة في ولاية كاليفورنيا. يمكنك الاستعانة بمتترجم وطلب قراءة الوثائق باللغة العربية. للحصول على المساعدة، اتصل بنا على الرقم المبين على بطاقة عضويتك على الرقم 1-800-244-6224 لخدمات Cigna الطبية وصحة الأسنان أو على الرقم 1-866-421-8629 لخدمات Cigna للصحة السلوكية والنفسية وإساءة استعمال المواد المخدرة. للحصول على المزيد من المساعدة، اتصل بإدارة التأمين لولاية كاليفورنيا على الرقم **Arabic** .1-800-927-4357

**무료 통역 서비스.** 귀하는 한국어 통역 서비스 및 한국어로 서류를 낭독해주는 서비스를 받으실 수 있습니다. 도움이 필요하신 분은 본인의 ID 카드상에 기재된 안내번호, 혹은 Cigna 의료/치과치료 안내번호 (1-800-244-6224번), 혹은 Cigna Behavioral Health 정신건강/약물남용 안내번호(1-866-421-8629번)로 연락해 주십시오. 보다 자세한 사항을 문의하실 분은 캘리포니아 주 보험국, 안내전화 1-800-927-4357번으로 연락해 주십시오. **Korean**

**Walang Gastos na mga Serbisyo sa Wika.** Makakakuha ka ng isang interpreter o tagasalin at mapababasa mo ang mga dokumento sa Tagalog. Para sa tulong, tawagan kami sa numerong nakalista sa iyong ID card o kaya sa 1-800-244-6224 para sa Cigna medical/dental o kaya sa 1-866-421-8629 para sa Cigna Behavioral Health mental health/substance abuse. Para sa karagdagang tulong, tumawag sa CA Dept. of Insurance sa 1-800-927-4357. **Tagalog**

**Dịch Vụ Trợ Giúp Ngôn Ngữ Miễn Phí.** Quý vị có thể có thông dịch viên giúp đỡ và được đọc giúp tài liệu bằng tiếng Việt. Để được giúp đỡ, xin gọi chúng tôi tại số điện thoại ghi trên thẻ hội viên của quý vị hoặc gọi số 1-800-244-6224 nếu liên quan tới bảo hiểm y tế/nha khoa của Cigna hoặc số 1-866-421-8629 nếu liên quan tới dịch vụ sức khỏe tâm thần/cai nghiện rượu/ma túy của Cigna Behavioral Health. Để được giúp đỡ thêm, xin gọi Sở Bảo Hiểm California tại số 1-800-927-4357. **Vietnamese.**

**ការបកប្រែភាសាដោយឥតគិតថ្លៃ** ។ អ្នកអាចទទួលបានការបកប្រែ និងឱ្យគេអានឯកសារឱ្យអ្នកស្តាប់ ជាភាសាខ្មែរបាន ។ សំរាប់ជំនួយ សូមទូរស័ព្ទមកយើង តាម លេខដែលមានកត់នៅលើប័ណ្ណ ID របស់អ្នក ឬលេខ 1-800-244-6224 សំរាប់ខាងពេទ្យ/ផ្នែក Cigna ឬ 1-866-421-8629 សំរាប់ខាងការបម្រើសុខភាព អារម្មណ៍ Cigna /ការរំលោភសំរាប់គ្រឿង ។ សំរាប់ជំនួយផ្សេងទៀត សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅក្រសួងការងារនិងការពារការងារលើប្រទេសខ្មែរ តាមលេខ 1-800-927-4357 ។ **Khmer**

**ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ:** ਤੁਸੀਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਹਾਸਲ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ ਅਤੇ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਣ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ। ਮਦਦ ਲਈ, ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਆਈਡੀ (ID) ਕਾਰਡ 'ਤੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਨੰਬਰ 'ਤੇ, ਜਾਂ 1-800-244-6224 ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ Cigna ਮੈਡੀਕਲ/ਡੈਂਟਲ ਲਈ, ਜਾਂ 1-866-421-8629 ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ Cigna ਵਿਹਾਰਕ ਸਿਹਤ, ਮਾਨਸਿਕ ਸਿਹਤ ਅਤੇ /ਜਾਂ ਪਦਾਰਥਾਂ ਦੀ ਦੁਰਵਰਤੋਂ ਲਈ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ। ਵਧੇਰੇ ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਕੈਲੀਫੋਰਨੀਆ ਡਿਪਾਰਟਮੈਂਟ ਆਫ ਇਨਸੂਰੈਂਸ ਨੂੰ 1-800-927-4357 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ। **Punjabi**

**خدمات مجاني مربوط به زبان.** می توانید از خدمات یک مترجم شفاهی برخوردار شده و بگویند مدارک به زبان خودتان برایتان خوانده شوند. برای دریافت کمک، با ما از طریق شماره تلفنی که روی کارت شناسایی شما قید شده است تماس بگیرید و یا به شماره 1-800-244-6224 برای طرح پزشکی انداندن پزشکی Cigna و یا به شماره 1-866-421-8629 برای برنامه بهداشت روانی اسوء استفاده از مواد مخدر طرح سلامت رفتاری Cigna تلفن کنید. برای دریافت کمک بیشتر به اداره بیمه کالیفرنیا به شماره 1-800-927-4357 تلفن کنید. **Persian**

**無料の言語サービス。** 通訳がご利用になれば、書類を日本語でお読みします。サービスをご希望の方は、IDカード記載の番号までご連絡ください。また、Cigna 医療・歯科サービス担当、1-800-244-6224、或いは、Cigna 行動医療精神衛生/薬物乱用治療担当、1-866-421-8629にもお問い合わせいただけます。更なるお問い合わせは、カリフォルニア州保険庁、1-800-927-4357までご連絡ください。 **Japanese.**

**Бесплатные услуги перевода.** Вы можете воспользоваться услугами устного переводчика, который прочитает вам документы на русском языке. Для получения помощи позвоните нам по номеру телефона, указанному в вашей карточке-удостоверении, либо по телефону 1-800-244-6224 по вопросам медицинского/стоматологического обслуживания Cigna или 1-866-421-8629 по вопросам поведенческой медицины в области психиатрической помощи или помощи при злоупотреблении алкоголем и наркотикам Cigna. Для получения дополнительной помощи обращайтесь в Департамент страхования штата Калифорния (California Department of Insurance) по телефону 1-800-927-4357. **Russian**

**Անվճար Լեզվական Օտարություններ:** Դուք կարող եք թարգման ձեռք բերել և փաստաթղթերը հայերենով ընթերցել տալ ձեզ համար: Օգնության համար, զանգահարեք մեզ ձեր ինքնության (ID) տոմսի վրա նշված կամ 1-800-244-6224 համարով՝ Cigna-ի բժշկական/ատամնաբուժական ծրագիր, կամ 1-866-421-8629 համարով՝ Cigna-ի Վարվեցողական Առողջության հոգեկան առողջության/թմրանյութի չարաշահման ծրագիր: Լրացուցիչ օգնության համար 1-800-927-4357 համարով զանգահարեք Կալիֆոռնիայի Ապահովագրության Բաժանմունք: **Armenian**

**Cov Kev Pab Txhais Lus Uas Tsis Tau Them Nqi.** Yuav muaj ib tug neeg txhais lus thiab nyeem cov ntawv ua lus Hmoob rau koj. Yog xav tau kev pab, hu rau peb ntawm tus xov tooj nyob hauv koj daim yuaj ID los sis 1-800-244-6224 rau Cigna qhov kev pab them nqi kho mob/kho hniav los sis 1-866-421-8629 rau Cigna Kev Kaj Huv Ntawm Cev Kev Coj Cuj Pwm kev puas hlwb/kev siv tshuaj. Yog xav tau kev pab ntxiv hu rau CA Lub Caj Meem Fai Saib Xyuas Txog Kev Tuav Pov Hwm ntawm 1-800-927-4357. **Hmong**

To contact the Department of Insurance, write or call:

Consumer Affairs Division  
California Department of Insurance  
Ronald Reagan Building  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Calling within California: 1-800-927-4357

Los Angeles Area and Outside California: 1-213-897-8921

The Department of Insurance should be contacted only after discussions with the insurer have failed to produce a satisfactory resolution to the problem.

**Please read your entire certificate so you will know from whom, or what group of providers, in-network dental benefits may be obtained.**

If you opt to receive dental services that are not covered services under this policy, a participating dental provider may charge you his or her usual and customary rate for those services. Prior to providing a patient with dental services that are not a covered benefit, the dentist should provide to the patient a treatment plan that includes each anticipated service to be provided and the estimated cost of each service. If you would like more information about dental coverage options, you may call member services at 1-800-Cigna24 or your insurance broker. To fully understand your coverage, you may wish to carefully review this evidence of coverage document.

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## How To File Your Claim

There's no paperwork for In-Network care. Just show your identification card and pay your share of the cost, if any; your provider will submit a claim to Cigna for reimbursement. Out-of-Network claims can be submitted by the provider if the provider is able and willing to file on your behalf. If the provider is not submitting on your behalf, you must send your completed claim form and itemized bills to the claims address listed on the claim form.

You may get the required claim forms by calling the Cigna customer service toll-free number located on your identification card.

### CLAIM REMINDERS

- BE SURE TO USE YOUR MEMBER ID AND ACCOUNT/GROUP NUMBER WHEN YOU FILE CIGNA'S CLAIM FORMS, OR WHEN YOU CALL YOUR CIGNA CLAIM OFFICE.

YOUR MEMBER ID IS THE ID SHOWN ON YOUR BENEFIT IDENTIFICATION CARD.

YOUR ACCOUNT/GROUP NUMBER IS SHOWN ON YOUR BENEFIT IDENTIFICATION CARD.

- BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE CLAIM FORM CAREFULLY WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM TO CIGNA.

#### **Timely Filing of Out-of-Network Claims**

Cigna will consider claims for coverage under our plans when proof of loss (a claim) is submitted within one year (365 days) after services are rendered. If services are rendered on consecutive days, such as for a Hospital Confinement, the limit will be counted from the last date of service. If claims are not submitted within one year, the claim will not be considered valid and will be denied.

**WARNING:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information; or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any material fact thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act.

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## **Eligibility - Effective Date**

### **Retiree Insurance**

This plan is offered to you as a retired Employee.

#### **Eligibility for Retiree Insurance**

You will become eligible for insurance on the date you retire if you are in a Class of Eligible Employees.

#### **Eligibility for Dependent Insurance**

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

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

#### **Classes of Eligible Retirees**

Each Retiree as reported to the insurance company by your retirement association.

#### **Effective Date of Retiree Insurance**

You will become insured on the date you elect the insurance by signing a written agreement with the Policyholder to make the required contribution, but no earlier than the date you become eligible.

You will become insured on the first day of the second month following your retirement.

To be insured for these benefits, you must elect the insurance for yourself no later than 60 days after your retirement.

### **Dependent Insurance**

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

#### **Effective Date of Dependent Insurance**

Insurance for your Dependents will become effective on the date you elect it by signing a written agreement with the Policyholder to make the required contribution, but no earlier than the day you become eligible for Dependent Insurance. All of your Dependents as defined will be included.

For your Dependents to be insured for these benefits, you must elect the Dependent insurance for yourself no later than 60 days after you become eligible.

Your Dependents will be insured only if you are insured.

#### **Exception for Newborns**

Any Dependent child born while you are insured will become insured on the date of his birth if you elect Dependent Insurance no later than 31 days after his birth. If you do not elect to insure your newborn child within such 31 days, coverage for that child will end on the 31st day. No benefits for expenses incurred beyond the 31st day will be payable.

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## **Important Information about Your Dental Plan**

When you elected Dental Insurance for yourself and your Dependents, you elected one of the two options offered:

- **Cigna Dental Care; or**
- **Cigna Dental Preferred Provider**

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

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

- **You and your Dependents may enroll for only one of the options, not for both options.**
- **Your Dependents will be insured only if you are insured and only for the same option.**



**Change in Option Elected**

If your plan is subject to Section 125 (an IRS regulation), you are allowed to change options only at Open Enrollment or when you experience a “Life Status Change.”

If your plan is not subject to Section 125 you are allowed to change options at any time.

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

**Effective Date of Change**

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

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<b>Cigna Dental Preferred Provider Insurance</b> <b>The Schedule</b>	
<b>For You and Your Dependents</b>	The Dental Benefits Plan offered by LACERA includes Participating and non-Participating Providers. If you select a Participating Provider, your cost will be less than if you select a non-Participating Provider.
<b>Emergency Services</b>	The Benefit Percentage payable for Emergency Services charges made by a non-Participating Provider is the same Benefit Percentage as for Participating Provider Charges. Dental Emergency services are required immediately to either alleviate pain or to treat the sudden onset of an acute dental condition. These are usually minor procedures performed in response to serious symptoms, which temporarily relieve significant pain, but do not effect a definitive cure, and which, if not rendered, will likely result in a more serious dental or medical complication.
<b>Deductibles</b>	Deductibles are expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent. Deductibles are in addition to any Coinsurance. Once the Deductible maximum in The Schedule has been reached you and your family need not satisfy any further dental deductible for the rest of that year.
<b>Participating Provider Payment</b>	Participating Provider services are paid based on the Contracted Fee that is agreed to by the provider and Cigna. Based on the provider's Contracted Fee, a higher level of plan payment may be made to a Participating Provider resulting in a lower payment responsibility for you. To determine how your Participating Provider compares refer to your provider directory. Provider information may change annually; refer to your provider directory prior to receiving a service. You have access to a list of all providers who participate in the network by visiting <a href="http://www.mycigna.com">www.mycigna.com</a> .
<b>Non-Participating Provider Payment</b>	Non-Participating Provider services are paid based on the Maximum Reimbursable Charge. For this plan, the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is calculated at the 90th percentile of all provider charges in the geographic area.
<b>Standard Carryover Provision</b>	Dental Expenses that were incurred and applied toward the Individual or Family Deductible during the last 3 months of the calendar year will be applied toward the next year's Deductible.
<b>Simultaneous Accumulation of Amounts</b>	Benefits paid for Participating and non-Participating Provider services will be applied toward both the Participating and non-Participating Provider maximum shown in the Schedule.  Expenses incurred for either Participating or non-Participating Provider charges will be used to satisfy both the Participating and non-Participating Provider Deductibles shown in the Schedule.

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	PARTICIPATING PROVIDER	NON-PARTICIPATING PROVIDER
<b>Classes I, II, III, IX Combined Calendar Year Maximum</b>	\$1,500	
<b>Calendar Year Deductible</b> Individual Family Maximum	\$25 per person \$50 per family	
<b>Class I</b> Preventive Care	80%	80%
<b>Class II</b> Basic Restorative	80% after plan deductible	80% after plan deductible
<b>Class III</b> Major Restorative	50% after plan deductible	50% after plan deductible
<b>Class IX</b> Implants	80% after plan deductible	80% after plan deductible

## Covered Dental Expense

Covered Dental Expense means that portion of a Dentist's charge that is payable for a service delivered to a covered person provided:

- the service is ordered or prescribed by a Dentist;
- is essential for the determination and maintenance for oral health and to restore identified disease;
- the service is within the scope of coverage limitations;
- the deductible amount in The Schedule has been met;
- the maximum benefit in The Schedule has not been exceeded;
- the charge does not exceed the amount allowed under the Alternate Benefit Provision;
- for Class I, II or III the service is started and completed while coverage is in effect, except for services described in the "Benefits Extension" section.

### Alternate Benefit Provision

If more than one covered service will treat a dental condition, payment is limited to the least costly service provided it is a professionally accepted, necessary and appropriate treatment.

If the covered person requests or accepts a more costly covered service, he or she is responsible for expenses that exceed the amount covered for the least costly service. Therefore, Cigna recommends Predetermination of Benefits before major treatment begins.

### Predetermination of Benefits

Predetermination of Benefits is a voluntary review of a Dentist's proposed treatment plan and expected charges. It is not preauthorization of service and is not required.

The treatment plan should include supporting pre-operative x-rays and other diagnostic materials as requested by Cigna's dental consultant. If there is a change in the treatment plan, a revised plan should be submitted.

Cigna will determine covered dental expenses for the proposed treatment plan. If there is no Predetermination of Benefits, Cigna will determine covered dental expenses when it receives a claim.

Review of proposed treatment is advised whenever extensive dental work is recommended when charges exceed \$200.

Predetermination of Benefits is not a guarantee of a set payment. Payment is based on the services that are actually delivered and the coverage in force at the time services are completed.

## Covered Services

The following section lists covered dental services. Cigna may agree to cover expenses for a service not listed. To be considered the service should be identified using the American Dental Association Uniform Code of Dental Procedures and Nomenclature, or by description and then submitted to Cigna.

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## Dental PPO – Participating and Non-Participating Providers

Plan payment for a covered service delivered by a Participating Provider is the Contracted Fee for that procedure, times the benefit percentage that applies to the class of service, as specified in the Schedule.

The covered person is responsible for the balance of the Contracted Fee.

Plan payment for a covered service delivered by a non-Participating Provider is the Maximum Reimbursable Charge for that procedure, times the benefit percentage that applies to the class of service, as specified in the Schedule.

The covered person is responsible for the balance of the non-Participating Provider's actual charge.

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## Class I Services – Diagnostic and Preventive

Clinical oral examination – Only 2 per person per calendar year.

Bitewing x-rays – Only 2 charges per person per calendar year.

Prophylaxis (Cleaning), including Periodontal maintenance procedures (following active therapy) – Only 2 per person per calendar year.

Topical application of fluoride (excluding prophylaxis) – Limited to persons less than 19 years old. Only 1 per person per calendar year.

Topical application of sealant, per tooth, on a posterior tooth for a person less than 14 years old - Only 1 treatment per tooth in any 36 calendar months.

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**Class II Services – Basic Restorations, Major Restorations, Endodontics, Periodontics, Oral Surgery, Prosthodontic Maintenance**

Amalgam Filling

Composite/Resin Filling

Root Canal Therapy – Any x-ray, test, laboratory exam or follow-up care is part of the allowance for root canal therapy and not a separate Dental Service.

Osseous Surgery – Flap entry and closure is part of the allowance for osseous surgery and not a separate Dental Service.

Periodontal Scaling and Root Planing – Entire Mouth

Adjustments – Complete Denture

Any adjustment of or repair to a denture within 6 months of its installation is not a separate Dental Service.

Routine Extractions

Surgical Removal of Erupted Tooth Requiring Elevation of Mucoperiosteal Flap and Removal of Bone and/or Section of Tooth

Removal of Impacted Tooth, Soft Tissue

Removal of Impacted Tooth, Partially Bony

Removal of Impacted Tooth, Completely Bony

Local anesthetic, analgesic and routine postoperative care for extractions and other oral surgery procedures are not separately reimbursed but are considered as part of the submitted fee for the global surgical procedure.

General Anesthesia - Paid as a separate benefit only when medically or dentally necessary and when administered in conjunction with complex oral surgical procedures which are covered under this plan.

I.V. Sedation - Paid as a separate benefit only when medically or dentally necessary and when administered in conjunction with complex oral surgical procedures which are covered under this plan.

X-rays – Complete series or Panoramic (Panorex) – Only one per person, including panoramic film, in any 36 calendar months.

Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain, minor procedures, when no other definitive Dental Services are performed. (Any x-ray taken in connection with such treatment is a separate Dental Service.)

Space Maintainers, fixed unilateral – Limited to nonorthodontic treatment.

Prophylaxis (Cleaning) - Only 2 per person per Calendar Year (after initial Class I maximum is reached).

Prosthesis Over Implant – A prosthetic device, supported by an implant or implant abutment is a Covered Expense. Replacement of any type of prosthesis with a prosthesis supported by an implant or implant abutment is only payable if the existing prosthesis is at least 60 calendar months old, is not serviceable and cannot be repaired.

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**Class III Services - Dentures and Bridgework, Prosthodontic Maintenance**

Crowns

Note: Crown restorations are Dental Services only when the tooth, as a result of extensive caries or fracture, cannot be restored with amalgam, composite/resin, silicate, acrylic or plastic restoration.

Porcelain Fused to High Noble Metal

Full Cast, High Noble Metal

Three-Fourths Cast, Metallic

Removable Appliances

Complete (Full) Dentures, Upper or Lower

Partial Dentures

Lower, Cast Metal Base with Resin Saddles (including any conventional clasps, rests and teeth)

Upper, Cast Metal Base with Resin Saddles (including any conventional clasps rests and teeth)

Fixed Appliances

Bridge Pontics - Cast High Noble Metal

Bridge Pontics - Porcelain Fused to High Noble Metal

Bridge Pontics - Resin with High Noble Metal

Retainer Crowns - Resin with High Noble Metal  
 Retainer Crowns - Porcelain Fused to High Noble Metal  
 Retainer Crowns - Full Cast High Noble Metal  
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### Class IX Services – Implants

Covered Dental Expenses include: the surgical placement of the implant body or framework of any type; any device, index, or surgical template guide used for implant surgery; prefabricated or custom implant abutments; or removal of an existing implant. Implant removal is covered only if the implant is not serviceable and cannot be repaired.

Implant coverage may have a separate deductible amount, yearly maximum and/or lifetime maximum as shown in The Schedule.

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### Expenses Not Covered

Covered Expenses will not include, and no payment will be made for:

- services performed solely for cosmetic dentistry or cosmetic dental surgery performed solely to improve appearance;
- replacement of a lost or stolen appliance;
- replacement of a bridge, crown or denture within 5 years after the date it was originally installed unless: the replacement is made necessary by the placement of an original opposing full denture or the extraction of natural teeth; or the bridge, crown or denture, while in the mouth, has been damaged beyond repair as a result of an Injury received while a person is insured for these benefits;
- any replacement of a bridge, crown or denture which is or can be repaired or made useable according to common dental standards;
- procedures, appliances or restorations (except full dentures) whose main purpose is to: change vertical dimension; diagnose or treat conditions or dysfunction of the temporomandibular joint; stabilize periodontally involved teeth; or restore occlusion;
- porcelain or acrylic veneers of crowns or pontics on, or replacing the upper and lower first, second and third molars;

- bite registrations; precision or semiprecision attachments; or splinting;
- instruction for plaque control, oral hygiene and diet;
- services that would be covered under a medical plan;
- services and supplies received from a Hospital;
- orthodontic treatment;
- services for which benefits are not payable according to the “General Limitations” section.

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## General Limitations

### Dental Benefits

No payment will be made for expenses incurred for for you or any one of your Dependents:

- for or in connection with an Injury arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit;
- for or in connection with a Sickness which is covered under any workers' compensation or similar law;
- for charges made by a Hospital owned or operated by or which provides care or performs services for, the United States Government, if such charges are directly related to a military-service-connected condition;
- services or supplies received due to an act of war, declared or undeclared;
- to the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred;
- for charges which the person is not legally required to pay;
- for charges which would not have been made if the person had no insurance;
- to the extent that billed charges exceed the rate of reimbursement as described in the Schedule;
- to the extent that you or any of your Dependents in any way paid or entitled to payment for those expenses by or through a public program, other than Medicaid;
- for or in connection with experimental procedures. Experimental procedure(s) means service(s) in which current research has not yet established its effectiveness to diagnose and treat the presenting condition.

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## Coordination of Benefits

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

### Definitions

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

#### **Plan**

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

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

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

#### **Closed Panel Plan**

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

#### **Primary Plan**

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

#### **Secondary Plan**

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

#### **Allowable Expense**

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

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

- An expense or service or a portion of an expense or service that is not covered by any of the Plans is not an Allowable Expense.

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

#### **Claim Determination Period**

A calendar year, but does not include any part of a year during which you are not covered under this policy or any date before this section or any similar provision takes effect.

#### **Reasonable Cash Value**

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

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

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

- The Plan that covers you as an enrollee or an employee shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as a Dependent shall be the Secondary Plan.
- If you are a Dependent child whose parents are not divorced or legally separated, the Primary Plan shall be the Plan which covers the parent whose birthday falls first in the calendar year as an enrollee or employee.
- If you are the Dependent of divorced or separated parents, benefits for the Dependent shall be determined in the following order:
  - first, if a court decree states that one parent is responsible for the child's healthcare expenses or health coverage and the Plan for that parent has actual knowledge of the terms of the order, but only from the time of actual knowledge;
  - then, the Plan of the parent with custody of the child;

- then, the Plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the Plan of the parent not having custody of the child; and
  - finally, the Plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child.
- The Plan that covers you as an active employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as laid-off or retired employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
  - The Plan that covers you under a right of continuation which is provided by federal or state law shall be the Secondary Plan and the Plan that covers you as an active employee or retiree (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans cannot agree on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
  - If one of the Plans that covers you is issued out of the state whose laws govern this Policy, and determines the order of benefits based upon the gender of a parent, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefit determination, the Plan with the gender rules shall determine the order of benefits.

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

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

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

The difference between the amount that this Plan would have paid if this Plan had been the Primary Plan, and the benefit payments that this Plan had actually paid as the Secondary Plan, will be recorded as a benefit reserve for you. Cigna will use this benefit reserve to pay any Allowable Expense not otherwise paid during the Claim Determination Period.

As each claim is submitted, Cigna will determine the following:

- Cigna's obligation to provide services and supplies under this policy;
- whether a benefit reserve has been recorded for you; and
- whether there are any unpaid Allowable Expenses during the Claims Determination Period.

If there is a benefit reserve, Cigna will use the benefit reserve recorded for you to pay up to 100% of the total of all Allowable Expenses. At the end of the Claim Determination Period, your benefit reserve will return to zero and a new benefit reserve will be calculated for each new Claim Determination Period.

#### **Recovery of Excess Benefits**

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

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

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

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

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## **Payment of Benefits**

### **To Whom Payable**

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

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



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

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

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

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

### Recovery of Overpayment

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

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### Miscellaneous

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

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

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## Termination of Insurance

### Retirees

Your insurance will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date you cease to be in a Class of Eligible Employees or cease to qualify for the insurance.

- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.
- the date the policy is canceled.

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

### Dependents

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

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

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

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## Dental Benefits Extension

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

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

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

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## Federal Requirements

The following pages explain your rights and responsibilities under federal laws and regulations. Some states may have similar requirements. If a similar provision appears elsewhere

in this booklet, the provision which provides the better benefit will apply.

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## Notice of Provider Directory/Networks

### Notice Regarding Provider Directories and Provider Networks

If your Plan uses a network of Providers, a separate listing of Participating Providers who participate in the network is available to you without charge by visiting [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com); [mycigna.com](http://mycigna.com) or by calling the toll-free telephone number on your ID card.

Your Participating Provider network consists of a group of local dental practitioners, of varied specialties as well as general practice, who are employed by or contracted with Cigna HealthCare or Cigna Dental Health.

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## Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO)

### Eligibility for Coverage Under a QMCSO

If a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) is issued for your child, that child will be eligible for coverage as required by the order and you will not be considered a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance.

You must notify your Employer and elect coverage for that child, and yourself if you are not already enrolled, within 31 days of the QMCSO being issued.

### Qualified Medical Child Support Order Defined

A Qualified Medical Child Support Order is a judgment, decree or order (including approval of a settlement agreement) or administrative notice, which is issued pursuant to a state domestic relations law (including a community property law), or to an administrative process, which provides for child support or provides for health benefit coverage to such child and relates to benefits under the group health plan, and satisfies all of the following:

- the order recognizes or creates a child's right to receive group health benefits for which a participant or beneficiary is eligible;
- the order specifies your name and last known address, and the child's name and last known address, except that the name and address of an official of a state or political

subdivision may be substituted for the child's mailing address;

- the order provides a description of the coverage to be provided, or the manner in which the type of coverage is to be determined;
- the order states the period to which it applies; and
- if the order is a National Medical Support Notice completed in accordance with the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998, such Notice meets the requirements above.

The QMCSO may not require the health insurance policy to provide coverage for any type or form of benefit or option not otherwise provided under the policy, except that an order may require a plan to comply with State laws regarding health care coverage.

### Payment of Benefits

Any payment of benefits in reimbursement for Covered Expenses paid by the child, or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, shall be made to the child, the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, or a state official whose name and address have been substituted for the name and address of the child.

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## Eligibility for Coverage for Adopted Children

Any child who is adopted by you, including a child who is placed with you for adoption, will be eligible for Dependent Insurance, if otherwise eligible as a Dependent, upon the date of placement with you. A child will be considered placed for adoption when you become legally obligated to support that child, totally or partially, prior to that child's adoption.

If a child placed for adoption is not adopted, all health coverage ceases when the placement ends, and will not be continued.

The provisions in the "Exception for Newborns" section of this document that describe requirements for enrollment and effective date of insurance will also apply to an adopted child or a child placed with you for adoption.

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## Group Plan Coverage Instead of Medicaid

If your income and liquid resources do not exceed certain limits established by law, the state may decide to pay premiums for this coverage instead of for Medicaid, if it is

cost effective. This includes premiums for continuation coverage required by federal law.

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## **COBRA Continuation Rights Under Federal Law**

### **For You and Your Dependents**

#### **What is COBRA Continuation Coverage?**

Under federal law, you and/or your Dependents must be given the opportunity to continue health insurance when there is a “qualifying event” that would result in loss of coverage under the Plan. You and/or your Dependents will be permitted to continue the same coverage under which you or your Dependents were covered on the day before the qualifying event occurred, unless you move out of that plan’s coverage area or the plan is no longer available. You and/or your Dependents cannot change coverage options until the next open enrollment period.

#### **When is COBRA Continuation Available?**

For you and your Dependents, COBRA continuation is available for up to 18 months from the date of the qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan termination for any reason, other than gross misconduct prior to 18 months from the date you retire.

For your Dependents, COBRA continuation coverage is available for up to 36 months from the date of the following qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan:

- your death;
- your divorce or legal separation; or
- for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

#### **Who is Entitled to COBRA Continuation?**

Only a “qualified beneficiary” (as defined by federal law) may elect to continue health insurance coverage. A qualified beneficiary may include the following individuals who were covered by the Plan on the day the qualifying event occurred: you, your spouse, and your Dependent children. Each qualified beneficiary has their own right to elect or decline COBRA continuation coverage even if you decline or are not eligible for COBRA continuation.

The following individuals are not qualified beneficiaries for purposes of COBRA continuation: domestic partners, grandchildren (unless adopted by you), stepchildren (unless adopted by you). Although these individuals do not have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage, if

you elect COBRA continuation coverage for yourself, you may also cover your Dependents even if they are not considered qualified beneficiaries under COBRA. However, such individuals’ coverage will terminate when your COBRA continuation coverage terminates. The sections titled “Secondary Qualifying Events” and “Medicare Extension For Your Dependents” are not applicable to these individuals.

#### **Secondary Qualifying Events**

If, as a result of your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, your Dependent(s) have elected COBRA continuation coverage and one or more Dependents experience another COBRA qualifying event, the affected Dependent(s) may elect to extend their COBRA continuation coverage for an additional 18 months (7 months if the secondary event occurs within the disability extension period) for a maximum of 36 months from the initial qualifying event. The second qualifying event must occur before the end of the initial 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage or within the disability extension period discussed below. Under no circumstances will COBRA continuation coverage be available for more than 36 months from the initial qualifying event. Secondary qualifying events are: your death; your divorce or legal separation; or, for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

#### **Disability Extension**

If, after electing COBRA continuation coverage due to your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, you or one of your Dependents is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be totally disabled under Title II or XVI of the SSA, you and all of your Dependents who have elected COBRA continuation coverage may extend such continuation for an additional 11 months, for a maximum of 29 months from the initial qualifying event.

To qualify for the disability extension, all of the following requirements must be satisfied:

- SSA must determine that the disability occurred prior to or within 60 days after the disabled individual elected COBRA continuation coverage; and
- A copy of the written SSA determination must be provided to the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the date the SSA determination is made AND before the end of the initial 18-month continuation period.

If the SSA later determines that the individual is no longer disabled, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 30 days after the date the final determination is made by SSA. The 11-month disability extension will terminate for all covered persons on the first day of the month that is more than 30 days after the date the SSA makes a final determination that the disabled individual is no longer disabled.

All causes for “Termination of COBRA Continuation” listed below will also apply to the period of disability extension.

### Termination of COBRA Continuation

COBRA continuation coverage will be terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- The balance of 18 months from the date you retire;
- upon cancellation of the retiree plan, the balance of 18 months from the date you retire if your former Employer provides coverage for active Employees;
- the end of the COBRA continuation period of 29 or 36 months from the date you retire, as applicable;
- failure to pay the required premium within 30 calendar days after the due date;
- cancellation of the Employer's policy with Cigna;
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary enrolls in Medicare (Part A, Part B, or both);
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary becomes covered under another group health plan, unless the qualified beneficiary has a condition for which the new plan limits or excludes coverage under a pre-existing condition provision. In such case coverage will continue until the earliest of: the end of the applicable maximum period; the date the pre-existing condition provision is no longer applicable; or the occurrence of an event described in one of the first three bullets above;
- any reason the Plan would terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary who is not receiving continuation coverage (e.g., fraud).

### Employer's Notification Requirements

Your former Employer is required to provide you and/or your Dependents with the following notices:

- An initial notification of COBRA continuation rights must be provided within 90 days after your (or your spouse's) coverage under the Plan begins (or the Plan first becomes subject to COBRA continuation requirements, if later). If you and/or your Dependents experience a qualifying event before the end of that 90-day period, the initial notice must be provided within the time frame required for the COBRA continuation coverage election notice as explained below.
- A COBRA continuation coverage election notice must be provided to you and/or your Dependents within the following timeframes:
  - if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the loss of coverage, 44 days after loss of coverage under the Plan;
  - if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the

occurrence of a qualifying event, 44 days after the qualifying event occurs; or

- in the case of a multi-employer plan, no later than 14 days after the end of the period in which Employers must provide notice of a qualifying event to the Plan Administrator.

### How to Elect COBRA Continuation Coverage

The COBRA coverage election notice will list the individuals who are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage and inform you of the applicable premium. The notice will also include instructions for electing COBRA continuation coverage. You must notify the Plan Administrator of your election no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If a written election notice is required, it must be post-marked no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If you do not make proper notification by the due date shown on the notice, you and your Dependents will lose the right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If you reject COBRA continuation coverage before the due date, you may change your mind as long as you furnish a completed election form before the due date.

Each qualified beneficiary has an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Continuation coverage may be elected for only one, several, or for all Dependents who are qualified beneficiaries. Parents may elect to continue coverage on behalf of their Dependent children. You or your spouse may elect continuation coverage on behalf of all the qualified beneficiaries. You are not required to elect COBRA continuation coverage in order for your Dependents to elect COBRA continuation.

### How Much Does COBRA Continuation Coverage Cost?

Each qualified beneficiary may be required to pay the entire cost of continuation coverage. The amount may not exceed 102% of the cost to the group health plan (including both Employer and Employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated active Employee or family member. The premium during the 11-month disability extension may not exceed 150% of the cost to the group health plan (including both employer and employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated active Employee or family member.

For example: If the retiree alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, the retiree will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If the spouse or one Dependent child alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If more than one qualified beneficiary elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the applicable family premium.

## When and How to Pay COBRA Premiums

### *First payment for COBRA continuation*

If you elect COBRA continuation coverage, you do not have to send any payment with the election form. However, you must make your first payment no later than 45 calendar days after the date of your election. (This is the date the Election Notice is postmarked, if mailed.) If you do not make your first payment within that 45 days, you will lose all COBRA continuation rights under the Plan.

### *Subsequent payments*

After you make your first payment for COBRA continuation coverage, you will be required to make subsequent payments of the required premium for each additional month of coverage. Payment is due on the first day of each month. If you make a payment on or before its due date, your coverage under the Plan will continue for that coverage period without any break.

### *Grace periods for subsequent payments*

Although subsequent payments are due by the first day of the month, you will be given a grace period of 30 days after the first day of the coverage period to make each monthly payment. Your COBRA continuation coverage will be provided for each coverage period as long as payment for that coverage period is made before the end of the grace period for that payment. However, if your payment is received after the due date, your coverage under the Plan may be suspended during this time. Any providers who contact the Plan to confirm coverage during this time may be informed that coverage has been suspended. If payment is received before the end of the grace period, your coverage will be reinstated back to the beginning of the coverage period. This means that any claim you submit for benefits while your coverage is suspended may be denied and may have to be resubmitted once your coverage is reinstated. If you fail to make a payment before the end of the grace period for that coverage period, you will lose all rights to COBRA continuation coverage under the Plan.

## You Must Give Notice of Certain Qualifying Events

If you or your Dependent(s) experience one of the following qualifying events, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the later of the date the qualifying event occurs or the date coverage would cease as a result of the qualifying event:

- Your divorce or legal separation; or
- Your child ceases to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.
- The occurrence of a secondary qualifying event as discussed under “Secondary Qualifying Events” above (this notice must be received prior to the end of the initial 18- or 29-month COBRA period).

(Also refer to the section titled “Disability Extension” for additional notice requirements.)

Notice must be made in writing and must include: the name of the Plan, name and address of the Employee covered under the Plan, name and address(es) of the qualified beneficiaries affected by the qualifying event; the qualifying event; the date the qualifying event occurred; and supporting documentation (e.g., divorce decree, birth certificate, disability determination, etc.).

## Newly Acquired Dependents

If you acquire a new Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption while your coverage is being continued, you may cover such Dependent under your COBRA continuation coverage. However, only your newborn or adopted Dependent child is a qualified beneficiary and may continue COBRA continuation coverage for the remainder of the coverage period following your early termination of COBRA coverage or due to a secondary qualifying event. COBRA coverage for your Dependent spouse and any Dependent children who are not your children (e.g., stepchildren or grandchildren) will cease on the date your COBRA coverage ceases and they are not eligible for a secondary qualifying event.

## COBRA Continuation for Retirees Following Employer’s Bankruptcy

If you are covered as a retiree, and a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the Employer under Title 11 of the United States Code, you may be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage. If the bankruptcy results in a loss of coverage for you, your Dependents or your surviving spouse within one year before or after such proceeding, you and your covered Dependents will become COBRA qualified beneficiaries with respect to the bankruptcy. You will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage until your death. Your surviving spouse and covered Dependent children will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage for up to 36 months following your death. However, COBRA continuation coverage will cease upon the occurrence of any of the events listed under “Termination of COBRA Continuation” above.

## Interaction With Other Continuation Benefits

You may be eligible for other continuation benefits under state law. Refer to the Termination section for any other continuation benefits.

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## Notice of an Appeal or a Grievance

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

explanation of benefits for the applicable appeal or grievance procedure.

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## The Following Will Apply To Residents of California

### When You Have a Complaint or an Appeal

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

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

#### Start with Member Services

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

Customer Services Toll-Free Number or address that appears on your Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

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

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

#### Appeals Procedure

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

#### Level One Appeal

Your appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial decision. Appeals

involving Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness will be considered by a health care professional.

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

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

#### Level Two Appeal

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

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

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

#### Appeal to the State of California

You have the right to contact the California Department of Insurance for assistance at any time. The Commissioner may be contacted at the following address and fax number:

California Department of Insurance  
Claims Service Bureau, Attn: IMR  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
Or fax to 213-897-5891

#### Notice of Benefit Determination on Appeal

Every notice of a determination on appeal will be provided in writing or electronically and, if an adverse determination, will include: the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; a statement that the claimant

is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other Relevant Information as defined; a statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the plan and the claimant's right to bring an action under ERISA section 502(a); upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your appeal, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit.

You also have the right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA if you are not satisfied with the decision on review. You or your plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options such as Mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor office and your State insurance regulatory agency. You may also contact the Plan Administrator.

### Relevant Information

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

### Legal Action

If your plan is governed by ERISA, you have the right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA if you are not satisfied with the outcome of the Appeals Procedure. In most instances, you may not initiate a legal action against Cigna until you have completed the Level One and Level Two Appeal processes. If your Appeal is expedited, there is no need to complete the Level Two process prior to bringing legal action.

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## Definitions

### Accidental Injury

An accidental injury means an injury that is caused by biting on a foreign object not expected to be a normal constituent of food, or by biting down on an item such as a pencil, eyeglass frame, or dislodged or loose dental prosthesis.

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### Coinsurance

The term Coinsurance means the percentage of charges for Covered Expenses that an insured person is required to pay under the Plan.

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### Contracted Fee

The term Contracted Fee refers to the total compensation level that a provider has agreed to accept as payment for dental procedures and services performed on an Employee or Dependent, according to the Employee's dental benefit plan.

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### Dentist

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

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### Dependent

Dependents are:

- your lawful spouse; or
- your Domestic Partner; or
- any child of yours who is
  - less than 26 years old.
  - 26 or more years old, unmarried, and primarily supported by you and incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical disability. Proof of the

child's condition and dependence must be submitted to Cigna within 31 days after the date the child ceases to qualify above. From time to time, but not more frequently than once a year, Cigna may require proof of the continuation of such condition and dependence.

The term child means a child born to you or a child legally adopted by you from the date the child is placed in your physical custody prior to the finalization of the child's adoption. It also includes a stepchild, or a child for whom you are the legal guardian or your Domestic Partner's Dependent child.

Benefits for a Dependent child or student will continue until the last day of the calendar month in which the limiting age is reached.

Anyone who is eligible as an Employee will not be considered as a Dependent.

No one may be considered as a Dependent of more than one Employee.

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**Domestic Partner**

A Domestic Partner is defined as your Domestic Partner who has registered the domestic partnership by filing a Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the California Secretary of state pursuant to Section 298 of the Family Code or an equivalent document issued by a local agency of California, another state, or a local agency of another state under which the partnership was created.

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

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**Employer**

The term Employer means the Policyholder and all Affiliated Employers.

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**Injury**

The term Injury means an accidental bodily injury.

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**Maximum Reimbursable Charge - Dental**

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:

- the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or
- the policyholder-selected percentile of charges made by providers of such service or supply in the geographic area where it is received as compiled in a database selected by Cigna.

The percentile used to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is listed in the Schedule.

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge is subject to all other benefit limitations and applicable coding and payment methodologies determined by Cigna. Additional information about how Cigna determines the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is available upon request.

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**Medicaid**

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

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**Medicare**

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

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**Participating Provider**

The term Participating Provider means: a dentist, or a professional corporation, professional association, partnership,



or other entity which is entered into a contract with Cigna to provide dental services at predetermined fees.

The providers qualifying as Participating Providers may change from time to time. A list of the current Participating Providers will be provided by your Employer.

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**Retiree**

The term Retiree means a retired employee and a member of Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA).

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**Sickness**

The term sickness means a physical illness.

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