Call 1-888-325-8386, toll free, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m., ET, if you need help or need to speak with someone in another language. TDD/TTY users should call 1-866-591-2908. These services are free to enrollees.

We do not allow unfair treatment in CoverKids. No one is treated in a different way because of race, color, birthplace, religion, language, sex, age, or disability. Do you think you’ve been treated unfairly? Do you have more questions or need more help? If you think you’ve been treated unfairly, call the Office of Non-Discrimination for free at 1-855-286-9085.
NOTICE

PLEASE READ THIS MEMBER HANDBOOK CAREFULLY AND KEEP IT IN A SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. IT EXPLAINS YOUR COVERAGE THROUGH COVERKIDS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS MEMBER HANDBOOK OR ANY OTHER MATTER RELATED TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PLAN, PLEASE WRITE OR CALL US AT:

COVERKIDS MEMBER SERVICE DEPARTMENT
BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF TENNESSEE, INC.
1 CAMERON HILL CIRCLE
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE 37402-2555
(888) 325-8386
(866) 591-2908 TTY/TDD

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ELIGIBILITY IN THE PLAN WRITE OR CALL THE STATE’S ELIGIBILITY CONTRACTOR AT:

COVERKIDS
P.O. BOX 182261
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37422-7261
(866) 620-8864
(866) 447-0272 TTY
(866) 913-1046 FAX
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INTRODUCTION

This Member Handbook describes the terms and conditions of Your Coverage. “You”, “Your” and “Member” mean the person eligible and enrolled for benefits under the CoverKids program (“Plan”). “We”, “Us” and “Our” mean BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc. (BCBST), the administrator of the Plan. “Coverage” means the benefits Members are entitled to receive under this Plan. The State’s Coverage is called CoverKids. This Member Handbook describes the terms and conditions of Your Coverage from the Plan through the State. This Member Handbook replaces and supersedes any Evidence of Coverage (EOC) or Member Handbook that You have previously received from the Plan.

PLEASE READ THIS MEMBER HANDBOOK CAREFULLY. It describes Your rights and duties as a Member. It is important to read the entire Member Handbook. Certain services are not covered by the Plan. Other covered services are limited. The Plan will not pay for any service not specifically listed as a Covered Service, even if a health care provider recommends or orders that non-covered service. (see Attachments A-C.)

ANY GRIEVANCE RELATED TO YOUR COVERAGE UNDER THIS MEMBER HANDBOOK MUST BE RESOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE “GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE” SECTION OF THIS MEMBER HANDBOOK.

In order to make it easier to read and understand this Member Handbook, defined words are capitalized. Those words are defined in the “DEFINITIONS” section of this Member Handbook.

Please contact one of Our Member service representatives, at the number listed on Your membership ID card, if You have any questions when reading this Member Handbook. Our Member service representatives are also available to discuss any other matters related to Your Coverage from the Plan.

The State of Tennessee (“State”) has entered into a Contract (“Contract”) with Us for Us to perform administrative services for the Plan. Such services include network contracting, customer service, claims payment and utilization review and clinical management. We do not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to Plan claims. We are not the plan sponsor, the plan administrator or the plan fiduciary. We are the claims administrator. The State is the plan fiduciary, the plan sponsor and the plan administrator. The Plan will also be using Our Provider Networks.

In addition to Us, the Plan may have other contractors provide additional administrative services for it. These contractors will perform services in a manner consistent with this Member Handbook.

While the State has delegated discretionary authority to make any benefit or eligibility determinations to Us, the State also has the authority to make any final Plan determination. Both We and the State, as the plan administrator, also have the authority to construe the terms of Your Coverage. We shall be deemed to have properly exercised that authority unless either party has abused its discretion when making such determinations.
WHAT IS A PPO PLAN?
Our Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) gives You a choice of doctors, hospitals and other health care providers. We have contracted with a network of health care institutions and professionals. These Providers, called Network Providers, agree to special pricing arrangements.

Your Plan provides benefits only when You use Network Providers. If You receive services from an Out-of-Network Provider, no benefits will be paid. You are responsible for all charges from an Out-of-Network Provider. Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits, shows Your benefits for services received from Network Providers. Attachment C also will show You that the same service might be paid differently depending on where You receive the service.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION CARD
Once Your Coverage becomes effective, You will receive a membership identification (ID) card. Your membership ID card is the key to receiving the benefits of the Plan. Carry it at all times.

Please be sure to show Your membership ID card each time You receive medical services, especially whenever a Provider recommends hospitalization.

The Member service number is on Your membership ID card. This is an important phone number. Call this number if You have any questions. Also, call this number if You are receiving hospital services from Providers outside of Tennessee to make sure all Prior Authorization procedures have been followed.

If Your membership ID card is lost or stolen, call the toll-free number listed on the front page of this Member Handbook. The Member service department will help You get a new one. You may want to record Your identification number in this Member Handbook.

Important: Your membership ID card should be presented at each visit to a physician’s office, hospital, pharmacy or other health care facility.

Easy Guidelines for Getting the Most from Your Benefits
1. Always carry Your membership ID card and show it before receiving medical care and Prescription medicines.

2. Always use Network Providers, including pharmacies, durable medical equipment suppliers and home infusion therapy Providers. See Attachment A for an explanation of a Network Provider. Call the Member service department to verify that a Provider is a Network Provider.

3. Be sure to ask Member service if the Provider is in the specific network shown on Your membership ID card. Since BCBST has several PPO networks, a Provider may be in one BCBST network, but not in all of Our networks. Check out Our website, www.BCBST.com, for more information on Providers in each PPO network.

4. To help You understand if BCBST considers a recommended service to be Medically Necessary, please refer to Our Medical Policy Manual at www.BCBST.com/Providers/Administration/Manuals.

5. Use the BlueCard PPO network when You need Covered Services outside of Tennessee. Call the toll-free number on the back of Your membership ID card to find a Network Provider outside of Tennessee.
6. In a true Emergency, it is appropriate to go to an Emergency room (see Emergency definition in the Definitions Section of this Member Handbook.) However, most conditions are not Emergencies and are best handled with a call to Your doctor’s office. You can also call Your doctor on nights and weekends when Your doctor provides a covering health care professional to return Your call.

7. Ask that Your Provider report any Emergency admissions to BCBST within 24 hours or the next business day.

8. Your Network Provider is responsible for obtaining any required Prior Authorization.

9. Get a second opinion before undergoing elective services.

10. Notify the State’s Eligibility Contractor toll-free at (866) 620-8864 if changes in the following occur:
   a. Name.
   b. Address.
   c. Telephone number.
   d. Employment.
   e. Status of any other health insurance You might have.
   f. Marriage.
   g. Death.

11. There are many community resources that may be helpful to You. For information, please call the Member service number shown on Your membership ID card or visit Our web site at www.BCBST.com.

**Benefit Administration Error**

If We make an error in administering the benefits under this Plan, the Plan may provide additional benefits or recover any overpayments from any person, insurance company, or plan. No such error may be used to demand more benefits than those otherwise due under this Plan. No such error is a guarantee of continued benefits that were provided in error.
RELATIONSHIP WITH NETWORK PROVIDERS

A. Independent Contractors

Network Providers are not employees, agents or representatives of the Plan or Us. Such Providers contract with Us and We have agreed to pay them for rendering Covered Services to You. Network Providers are solely responsible for making all medical treatment decisions in consultation with their Member-patients. The Plan does not make medical treatment decisions under any circumstances. Network Providers are not Our employees, agents or representatives.

The Plan has given Us the discretionary authority to make benefit determinations and interpret the terms of Your Coverage under this Plan (“Coverage Decisions”). We make those Coverage Decisions based on the terms of this Member Handbook, the State’s Contract with Us, Our participation agreements with Network Providers and applicable State or Federal laws.

The Network Providers’ participation agreements permit Network Providers to dispute the Plan’s Coverage decisions if they disagree with those decisions. If Your Network Provider does not dispute a Coverage decision, You may request reconsideration of that decision as explained in the grievance procedure section of this Member Handbook. The participation agreement requires Network Providers to fully and fairly explain Coverage decisions to You, upon request, if You decide to request that We reconsider a Coverage decision.

We have established various incentive arrangements to encourage Network Providers to provide Covered Services to You in an appropriate and cost effective manner. You may request information about Your Provider’s payment arrangement by contacting the Member service department.

B. Termination of Provider’s Participation

We or a Network Provider may end Our relationship with each other at any time. A Network Provider may also limit the number of Members that he, she or it will accept as patients. We do not promise that any specific Network Provider will be available to render services while You are Covered by this Plan.

INDEPENDENT LICENSEE OF THE BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD ASSOCIATION

We are an independent corporation operating under a license from the BlueCross BlueShield Association (the “Association”). That license permits Us to use the Association’s service marks within its assigned geographical location. We are not a joint venturer, agent or representative of the Association nor any other independent licensee of the Association.
ELIGIBILITY

Uninsured children, who meet the requirements of the CoverKids program, are eligible for Coverage if enrolled. If there is a question about whether a person is eligible for Coverage, the State or the State’s Eligibility Contractor shall make the final determination. To be eligible for CoverKids, You must satisfy all eligibility requirements of CoverKids and:

a. be age 18 or under;
b. be a US citizen, or qualified alien;
c. live in Tennessee;
d. not have health insurance in the past 3 months (unless transitioning from TennCare or another state’s SCHIP program or eligible for presumptive eligibility);
e. meet the household income requirements;
f. be screened for TennCare eligibility or access to other state-sponsored Coverage;
g. not be a child of a state employee, or a K-12 teacher or full-time support staff; and
h. not be covered under any other health plan.

Children in families that exceed the household income requirements may opt to buy-in the Plan.

ENROLLMENT

Eligible children may be enrolled for Coverage as set forth in this section. We will receive enrollment information from the State or the State’s Eligibility Contractor.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE

The effective date of Coverage will be determined by the State or the State’s Eligibility Contractor.

PREMIUM PAYMENT

A. Premium Payments

“Premium” in this Member Handbook means Your payment to participate in the state funded Plan. Some Members are required to pay Premiums. You will be billed for any Premium payment required. Premiums will be due on the 1st day of the month. You will be charged a fee for any check or draft not honored by Your financial institution.

B. Grace Period

You have a 31-day Grace Period in which to pay Your Premium. A Grace Period is a specific time after Your Premium is due, during which You can pay Your Premium, without a lapse in Coverage.
If You pay the Premium during the Grace Period, Your Coverage will continue and claims for Covered Services incurred during the Grace Period will be honored.

If You do not pay the Premium due, in full, by the due date or during the Grace Period, Your Coverage will terminate retroactive to the last date for which Your premium is paid. We may suspend payments to Providers rendering services to You during the Grace Period. You will be liable for Providers’ charges for services rendered during the Grace Period.

C. Reinstatement

If Your Coverage terminates due to non-payment of premium, You may request that We reinstate Your Coverage. Your request must be in writing and signed. To reinstate, You must request reinstatement within 60 days of the date of Your termination.

If you request reinstatement after 60 days from the termination date, the reinstatement request will be denied and You will be required to wait 6 months to re-enter the CoverKids program.

We will notify You within 45 days of Your request if we will reinstate. If Your Coverage is reinstated, You will not have a gap in Coverage. You must pay the required Premium for the entire period Your Coverage had lapsed. You must pay this within 30 days of being notified of Your approved reinstatement.

Reinstatement will only occur once the Premium for the entire period Your Coverage lapsed has been posted to Your account. We will reinstate Coverage only twice within a 12-month period.
TERMINATION AND CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

A. Termination

You may terminate Your Coverage at any time with or without cause by contacting the Eligibility Contractor at 1-866-620-8864.

The State may terminate Your Coverage when:
1. You reach age 19; or
2. You move out-of-state; or
3. You are found to be ineligible; or
4. You fail to pay any required Premium; or
5. You enroll in other health insurance.

B. Right To Request A Hearing

You may appeal the termination of Your Coverage for cause, as explained in the Grievance Procedure section of this Member Handbook. The fact that You have appealed shall not postpone or prevent Us from terminating Your Coverage. If Your Coverage is reinstated as part of the Grievance Procedure, You may submit any claims for services rendered after Your Coverage was terminated to Us for consideration, in accordance with the “Claims Procedure” section of this Member Handbook.

C. Payment For Services Rendered After Termination of Coverage

Services received after Coverage terminates are not Covered, even if those services are part of a series of treatments that started before Coverage terminated. If You receive Covered Services after the Coverage terminated, We or the Provider who rendered those services, may recover any charges for such services from You, plus any costs of recovering such charges, including attorney’s fees.

D. Modification or Termination by State.

The State reserves the right to modify or terminate this Plan at any time, without notice.

All Members’ Coverage through the Plan will change or terminate at 12:00 midnight on the date of such modification or termination. The State’s failure to notify You of the modification or termination of Your Coverage does not continue or extend Your Coverage beyond the date that the Plan is modified or terminated. You have no vested right to Coverage under this Plan following the date of the termination.
BLUECARD PPO PROGRAM

When You are in an area where BCBST Network Providers are not available and You need health care services or information about a BlueCross BlueShield PPO physician or hospital, just call the BlueCard PPO Doctor and Hospital Information Line at 1-800-810-BLUE (2583).

We will help You locate the nearest BlueCard PPO Participating Provider.

In the BlueCard PPO Program, the term, “Host Plan” means the BlueCross BlueShield Plan that provides access to service in the location where You need health care services.

Show Your membership ID card (that has the “PPO in a suitcase” logo) to any BlueCard PPO Participating Provider. The BlueCard PPO Participating Provider can verify Your membership, eligibility and Coverage with Your BlueCross BlueShield Plan. When You visit a BlueCard PPO Participating Provider, You should not have claim forms to file. After You receive services, Your claim is electronically routed to BCBST, which processes it and sends You a detailed explanation of benefits. You are responsible for any applicable Copayments, or Your Deductible and Coinsurance payments (if any).

The calculation of Your liability for claims incurred outside the BCBST service area which are processed through the BlueCard PPO program will typically be at the lower of the provider's Billed Charges or the negotiated price BCBST pays the Host Plan.

The negotiated price paid by BCBST to the Host Plan for health care services provided through the BlueCard PPO Program may represent either: (a) the actual price paid by the Host Plan on such claims; (b) an estimated price that factors into the actual price, expected settlements, withholds, any other contingent payment arrangements and non-claims transactions with all of the on-site Plan's health care Providers or one or more particular Providers; or (c) a discount from Billed Charges representing the on-site Plan's expected average savings for all of its Providers or for a specified group of Providers. The discount that reflects average savings may result in greater variation (more or less) from the actual price paid than will the estimated price.

Plans using either the estimated price or average savings factor methods may prospectively adjust the estimated or average price to correct for over- or underestimation of past prices. However, the amount You pay is considered a final price.

In addition, laws in certain states may require BlueCross and/or BlueShield Plans to use a basis for calculating Member liability for Covered Services that does not reflect the entire savings realized, or expected to be realized, on a particular claim or to add a surcharge. Thus, if You receive Covered Services in these states, Your liability for Covered Services will be calculated using these states' statutory methods.

REMEMBER: You are responsible for receiving Prior Authorization from BCBST for inpatient services received outside Tennessee.

If Prior Authorization is not received, Your benefits will be denied.

Call the toll-free number on Your membership ID card for Prior Authorization. In case of an Emergency, You should seek immediate care from the closest health care provider.
CLAIMS AND PAYMENT

When You receive Covered Services, either You or the Provider must submit a claim form to Us. We will review the claim, and let You, or the Provider, know if We need more information, before We pay or deny the claim.

A. Claims.

Federal regulations use several terms to describe a claim: pre-service claim; post-service claim; and a claim for Urgent Care.

1. A pre-service claim is any claim that requires approval of a Covered Service in advance of obtaining medical care as a condition of receipt of a Covered Service, in whole or in part.

2. A post-service claim is a claim for a Covered Service that is not a pre-service claim – the medical care has already been provided to You. Only post-service claims can be billed to the Plan, or You.

3. Urgent Care is medical care or treatment that, if delayed or denied, could seriously jeopardize: (1) the life or health of the claimant; or (2) the claimant’s ability to regain maximum function. Urgent Care is also medical care or treatment that, if delayed or denied, in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of the claimant’s medical condition, would subject the claimant to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the medical care or treatment. A claim for denied Urgent Care is always a pre-service claim.

B. Claims Billing.

1. You should not be billed or charged for Covered Services rendered by Network Providers, except for required Member payments. The Network Provider will submit the claim directly to Us.

2. You may be charged or billed by an Out-of-Network Provider for Services rendered by that Provider. If You use an Out-of-Network Provider, You are responsible for all charges.

3. If You obtain services from an Out-of-Network Provider in the event of a true Emergency, the Out-of-Network Provider may or may not file a claim for You. If You are charged or receive a bill, You must submit a claim to be considered for benefits. You must submit the claim within 1 year and 90 days from the date the service was received. If You do not submit the claim within 1 year and 90 days, it will not be considered. If it is not reasonably possible to submit the claim within 1 year and 90 days, it will not be invalidated or reduced.

4. A Network Provider may refuse to render a service, or reduce or terminate a service that has been rendered, or require You to pay for what You believe should be a Covered Service. If this occurs:

   a. You may submit a claim to Us to obtain a Coverage decision concerning whether the Plan will Cover that service. For example, if a pharmacy (1) does not provide You with a prescribed medication; or (2) requires You to pay for that prescription, You may submit a claim to the Plan to obtain a Coverage decision about whether it is Covered by the Plan.

   b. You may request a claim form from Our Member service department. We will send You a claim form within 15 days. We may request additional information or documentation if it is reasonably necessary to make a Coverage decision concerning a claim.
C. Payment

1. When You receive Covered Services from a Network Provider, We pay the Network Provider directly. These payments are made according to Our agreement with that Network Provider. You authorize assignment of benefits to that Network Provider.

2. If You received Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, You are responsible for the full payment of the Out-of-Network Provider’s charge.

3. We will pay benefits within 30 days after we receive a claim form that is complete. Claims are processed in accordance with current industry practices, and based on Our information at the time We receive the claim form.

4. When a claim is paid or denied, in whole or part, You will receive a Monthly Claims Statement (MCS). This will describe how much was paid to the Provider, and also let You know if You owe an additional amount to that Provider. The MCS will show the status of Your benefits. We will send the MCS monthly to the last address on file for You.

5. You are responsible for paying any applicable Copayment amount to the Provider.

Payment for Covered Services is more fully described in Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits.

D. Complete Information

Whenever You need to file a claim Yourself, We can process it more efficiently if You complete a claim form. This will ensure that You provide all the information needed. Most Providers will have claim forms or You can request them from Us by calling Our Member service department at the number listed on Your membership ID card.

Mail all claim forms to:

BCBST Claims Service Center
1 Cameron Hill Circle, Suite 0002
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402-0002
PRIOR AUTHORIZATION, CARE MANAGEMENT, MEDICAL POLICY AND PATIENT SAFETY

We provide services to help manage Your care including, performing Prior Authorization of certain services to ensure they are Medically Necessary, Concurrent Review of hospitalization, discharge planning, lifestyle and health counseling, low-risk case management, catastrophic medical and transplant case management and the development and publishing of medical policy.

We do not make medical treatment decisions under any circumstances. You may always elect to receive services that do not comply with Our Care Management requirements or medical policy, but doing so may affect the Coverage of such services.

A. Prior Authorization

We must Authorize some Covered Services in advance in order for those Covered Services to be paid at the Maximum Allowable Charge without Penalty. Obtaining Prior Authorization is not a guarantee of Coverage. All provisions of the Member Handbook must be satisfied before Coverage for services will be provided.

Refer to Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits for details on benefit penalties for failure to obtain Prior Authorization.

Network Providers in Tennessee will request Prior Authorization for You.

For the most current list of services that require Prior Authorization, call customer service or visit our Web site at www.bcbst.com.

We may authorize some services for a limited time. We must review any request for additional days or services.

Network Providers in Tennessee are required to comply with all of Our medical management programs. You are held harmless (not responsible for Penalties) if a Network Provider in Tennessee fails to comply with Care Management program and Prior Authorization requirements, unless You agreed that the Provider should not comply with such requirements.

Contact Our customer service department for a list of Covered Services that require Prior Authorization.

B. Care Management

A number of Care Management programs are available to Members, including those with low-risk health conditions, potentially complicated medical needs, chronic illness and/or catastrophic illnesses or injuries.

**Lifestyle and Health Education** -- Lifestyle and health education is for healthy Members and those with low-risk health conditions that can be self-managed with educational materials and tools. The program includes: (1) wellness, lifestyle, and condition-specific educational materials; (2) an on-line resource for researching health topics; and (3) a toll-free number for obtaining information on more than 1,200 health-related topics.

**Low Risk Case Management** -- Low risk case management, including disease management, is performed for Members with conditions that require a daily regimen of care. Registered nurses work with health care Providers, the Member, and primary care givers to coordinate care. Specific programs include: (1) pharmacy Care Management for special populations; (2) Emergency services management program; (3) transition of care program; (4) condition-specific care coordination program; and (5) disease management.
**Disease Management** -- Disease Management coordinates health care interventions and communications for Members whose medical conditions need significant self-care. Disease Management Programs target Members with chronic diseases such as diabetes or asthma. A Disease Manager will interact with providers and Members to provide ongoing support and tools to help improve overall health and management of the chronic condition.

**Catastrophic Medical and Transplant Case Management** -- Members with terminal illness, severe injury, major trauma, cognitive or physical disability, or Members who are transplant candidates may be served by the catastrophic medical and transplant case management program. Registered nurses work with health care Providers, the Member, and primary caregivers to coordinate the most appropriate, cost-efficient care settings. Case managers maintain regular contact with Members throughout treatment, coordinate clinical and health plan Coverage issues, and help families utilize available community resources.

After evaluation of the Member’s condition, it may be determined that alternative treatment is Medically Necessary and Appropriate.

In that event, alternative benefits for services not otherwise specified as Covered Services in Attachment A may be offered to the Member. Such benefits will be offered only in accordance with a written case management or alternative treatment plan agreed to by the Member’s attending physician and BCBST.

**Emerging Health Care Programs** -- Care Management is continually evaluating emerging health care programs. These are services or technologies that demonstrate reasonable potential improvement in access, quality, health care costs, efficiency, and Member satisfaction. When We approve an emerging health care program, services provided through that program are Covered, even though they may normally be excluded under the EOC.

C. **Medical Policy**

Medical Policy looks at the value of new and current medical science. Its goal is to make sure that Covered Services have proven medical value.

Medical policies are based on an evidence-based research process that seeks to determine the scientific merit of a particular medical technology. Determinations with respect to technologies are made using technology evaluation criteria. “Technologies” means devices, procedures, medications and other emerging medical services.

Medical policies state whether or not a technology is Medically Necessary, Investigational or cosmetic. As technologies change and improve, and as Members’ needs change, We may reevaluate and change medical policies without formal notice. You may check Our medical policies at www.bcbst.com. Enter “medical policy” in the Search field. Our Medical Policies are made a part of this Member Handbook by reference.

Medical policies sometimes define certain terms. If the definition of a term defined in a medical policy differs from a definition in this Member Handbook, the medical policy definition controls.

D. **Patient Safety**

If You have a concern with the safety or quality of care You received from a Network Provider, please call Us at the number on the membership ID card. Your concern will be noted and investigated by Our Clinical Risk Management department.
Care Management services, emerging health care programs and alternative treatment plans will be offered to eligible Members on a case-by-case basis to address their unique needs. Under no circumstances does a Member acquire a vested interest in continued receipt of a particular level of benefits. Offer or confirmation of Care Management services, emerging health care programs or alternative treatment plans to address a Member’s unique needs in one instance shall not obligate Us to provide the same or similar benefits for any other Member.
SUBROGATION AND RIGHT OF REIMBURSEMENT

Subrogation Rights

The Plan assumes and is subrogated to Your legal rights to recover any payments the Plan makes for Covered Services, when Your illness or injury resulted from the action or fault of a third party. The Plan’s subrogation rights include the right to recover the reasonable value of prepaid services rendered by Network Providers. We will help enforce that right on behalf of the State and the Plan.

The Plan has the right to recover any and all amounts equal to the Plan’s payments from:

- the insurance of the injured party;
- the person, company (or combination thereof) that caused the illness or injury, or their insurance company; or
- any other source, including uninsured motorist coverage, medical payment coverage, or similar medical reimbursement policies.

This right of recovery under this provision will apply whether recovery was obtained by suit, settlement, mediation, arbitration, or otherwise. The Plan’s recovery will not be reduced by Your negligence, nor by attorney fees and costs You incur.

Priority Right of Reimbursement

Separate and apart from the Plan’s right of subrogation, the Plan shall have first lien and right to reimbursement. The Plan’s first lien supersedes any right that You may have to be “made whole”. In other words, the Plan is entitled to the right of first reimbursement out of any recovery You might procure regardless of whether You have received compensation for any of Your damages or expenses, including Your attorneys’ fees or costs. This priority right of reimbursement supersedes Your right to be made whole from any recovery, whether full or partial. In addition, You agree to do nothing to prejudice or oppose the Plan’s right to subrogation and reimbursement and You acknowledge that the Plan precludes operation of the “made-whole”, “attorney-fund”, and “common-fund” doctrines. You agree to reimburse the Plan 100% first for any and all benefits provided through the Plan, and for any costs of recovering such amounts from those third parties from any and all amounts recovered through:

- Any settlement, mediation, arbitration, judgment, suit, or otherwise, or settlement from Your own insurance and/or from the third party (or their insurance);
- Any auto or recreational vehicle insurance coverage or benefits including, but not limited to, uninsured motorist coverage;
- Business and homeowner medical liability insurance coverage or payments.

The Plan may notify those parties of its lien and right to reimbursement without notice to or consent from You.

This priority right of reimbursement applies regardless of whether such payments are designated as payment for (but not limited to) pain and suffering, medical benefits, and/or other specified damages. It also applies regardless of whether You are a minor.

This priority right of reimbursement will not be reduced by attorney fees and costs You incur.
The Plan may enforce its rights of subrogation and recovery against, without limitation, any tortfeasors, other responsible third parties or against available insurance coverages, including underinsured or uninsured motorist coverages. Such actions may be based in tort, contract or other cause of action to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Notice and Cooperation

Members are required to notify the administrator promptly if they are involved in an incident that gives rise to such subrogation rights and/or priority right of reimbursement, to enable the administrator to protect the Plan’s rights under this section. Members are also required to cooperate with the administrator and to execute any documents that the administrator, acting on behalf of the Employer, deems necessary to protect the Plan’s rights under this section.

The Member shall not do anything to hinder, delay, impede or jeopardize the Plan’s subrogation rights and/or priority right of reimbursement. Failure to cooperate or to comply with this provision shall entitle the Plan to withhold any and all benefits due the Member under the Plan. This is in addition to any and all other rights that the Plan has pursuant to the provisions of the Plan’s subrogation rights and/or priority right of reimbursement.

If the Plan has to file suit, or otherwise litigate to enforce its subrogation rights and/or priority right of reimbursement, You are responsible for paying any and all costs, including attorneys’ fees, the Plan incurs in addition to the amounts recovered through the subrogation rights and/or priority right of reimbursement.

Legal Action and Costs

If You settle any claim or action against any third party, You shall be deemed to have been made whole by the settlement and the Plan shall be entitled to collect the present value of its rights as the first priority claim from the settlement fund immediately. You shall hold any such proceeds of settlement or judgment in trust for the benefit of the Plan. The Plan shall also be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys’ fees incurred in collecting proceeds held by You in such circumstances.

Additionally, the Plan has the right to sue on Your behalf, against any person or entity considered responsible for any condition resulting in medical expenses, to recover benefits paid or to be paid by the Plan.

Settlement or Other Compromise

You must notify Us prior to settlement, resolution, court approval, or anything that may hinder, delay, impede or jeopardize the Plan’s rights so that the Plan may be present and protect its subrogation rights and/or priority right of reimbursement.

The Plan’s subrogation rights and priority right of reimbursement attach to any funds held, and do not create personal liability against You.

The right of subrogation and the right of reimbursement are based on the Plan language in effect at the time of judgment, payment or settlement.

The Plan, or Us as its representative, may enforce the subrogation and priority right of reimbursement.
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

I. INTRODUCTION

Note: In this section of the Member Handbook “You” may also mean a parent or legal guardian acting on behalf of the Member.

We administer the Grievance Procedure for the Plan. Our Grievance Procedure (the “Procedure”) is intended to provide a fair, quick and inexpensive method of resolving any and all Disputes with the Plan. Such Disputes include: any matters that cause You to be dissatisfied with any aspect of Your relationship with the Plan; any Adverse Benefit Determination concerning a Claim; or any other claim, controversy, or potential cause of action You may have against the Plan. Please contact the Member service department, at the number listed on Your membership ID card: (1) to file a Claim; (2) if You have any questions about this Member Handbook or other documents that are related to Your Coverage (e.g. an explanation of benefits or monthly claims statement); or (3) to initiate a Grievance concerning a Dispute.

1. The Procedure can only resolve Disputes that are subject to the Plan’s control.

2. You cannot use this Procedure to resolve a claim that a Provider was negligent. Network Providers are independent contractors. They are solely responsible for making treatment decisions in consultation with their patients. You may contact Us, however, to complain about any matter related to the quality or availability of services, or any other aspect of Your relationship with Providers.

3. An Adverse Benefit Determination is any, denial, reduction, termination or failure to approve, furnish, provide or make payment for what You believe should be a Covered Service. In addition, an Adverse Benefit Determination includes any rescission of Coverage or a denial of Coverage in an initial eligibility determination.

   a. If a Provider does not render a service, or reduces or terminates a service that has been rendered, or requires You to pay for what You believe should be a Covered Service, You may submit a Claim to Us to obtain a determination concerning whether We will cover that service. As an example, if a pharmacy does not provide You with a prescribed medication or requires You to pay for that prescription, You may submit a Claim to Us to obtain a determination about whether it is Covered by the Plan. Providers may be required to hold You harmless for the cost of services in some circumstances.

   b. Providers may also appeal an Adverse Benefit Determination through the Plan’s Provider dispute resolution procedure.

   c. Our determination will not be an Adverse Benefit Determination if: (1) a Provider is required to hold You harmless for the cost of services rendered; or (2) until We have rendered a final Adverse Benefit Determination in a matter being appealed through the Provider dispute resolution procedure.

4. You may request a form from Us to authorize another person to act on Your behalf concerning a Dispute.

5. We and You may agree to skip one or more of the steps of this Procedure if it will not help to resolve Our Dispute.

6. Any Dispute will be resolved in accordance with applicable Tennessee or Federal laws and regulations and this Member Handbook.
II. DESCRIPTION OF THE REVIEW PROCEDURES – MEDICAL RELATED APPEALS

A. Inquiry

An Inquiry is an informal process that may answer questions or resolve a potential Dispute. You should contact a Member service representative if You have any questions about how to file a Claim or to attempt to resolve any Dispute. Making an Inquiry does not stop the time period for filing a Claim or beginning a Dispute. You do not have to make an Inquiry before filing a Grievance.

B. Grievance

You must submit a written request asking Us to reconsider an Adverse Benefit Determination, or take a requested action to resolve another type of Dispute (Your "Grievance"). You must begin the Dispute process within 30 days from the date We issue notice of an Adverse Benefit Determination; or, if no notice was sent, within 6 months from the date of the Adverse Benefit Determination. If You do not initiate a Grievance within this time frame, You may give up the right to take any action related to that Dispute.

Contact the Member service department at the number listed on Your membership ID card for assistance in preparing and submitting Your Grievance. They can provide You with the appropriate form to use in submitting a Grievance. This is the first level Procedure and is mandatory.

1. Grievance Hearing

After We have received and reviewed Your Grievance, Our first level Grievance committee will meet to consider Your Grievance and any additional information that You or others submit concerning that Grievance. In Grievances concerning urgent care or pre-service Claims, the Plan will appoint one or more qualified reviewer(s) to consider such Grievances. Individuals involved in making prior determinations concerning Your Dispute are not eligible to be voting members of the first level Grievance committee or reviewers. The Committee or reviewers have full discretionary authority to make eligibility, benefit and/or claim determinations, pursuant to the Coverage.

2. Written Decision

The committee or reviewers will consider the information presented, and the chairperson will send You a written decision concerning Your Grievance as follows:

(a) For a pre-service claim, within 30 days of receipt of Your request for review;

(b) For a post-service claim, within 30 days of receipt of Your request for review; and

(c) For a pre-service, urgent care claim, within 72 hours of receipt of Your request for review.

The decision of the Committee will be sent to You in writing and will contain:

(a) A statement of the committee’s understanding of Your Grievance;

(b) The basis of the committee’s decision; and
(c) Reference to the documentation or information upon which the committee based its decision. We will send You a copy of such documentation or information, without charge, upon written request.

C. State Informal Review

The State of Tennessee, Division of Health Care Finance and Administration has an appeal process that is available to you AFTER you have exhausted the grievance process with the claims administrator. Appeals must be requested in writing within 8 days of the claim determination or decision. To file an appeal at the state level, the member should send a letter and supporting documentation (e.g., explanation of benefit statements, decision letters, statements from healthcare providers, and medical records) to:

Appeals Coordinator, Division of Health Care Finance and Administration
26th Floor, Wm. R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue
Nashville, TN 37243-1102

If Your request is not received by the Division of Health Care Finance and Administration within 8 days, You may give up the right to further review. It is a good idea to maintain a copy of all correspondence you send. Specific questions regarding the appeal process may be directed to the appeals coordinator at 615-741-4517 or 1-866-576-0029.

The appeals coordinator in the Division of Health Care Finance and Administration may also request review by the state’s independent medical consultant. A written decision of the appeal coordinator should be issued within 20 days of receipt of the request for further review.

D. State Review Committee

If the informal review does not grant the relief requested, the request will be scheduled for review by the CoverKids Review Committee. The Committee will be composed of five members, including Division of Health Care Finance and Administration staff and at least one licensed medical professional, selected by the Commissioner or his designee. The members of the Committee will not have been directly involved in the matter under review. You will be given the opportunity to review the file, be represented by a person of Your choice, and provide supplemental information. The Committee may allow You to appear in person if it finds that scheduling the appearance will not cause delay in the review process. The Review Committee is not required to provide an in-person hearing or a contested case under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. You will receive written notification of the final decision stating the reasons for the decision. The decision of the CoverKids Review Committee is the final administrative recourse available to You.

E. Time for Reviews

Review of all non-expedited health services appeals will be completed within 90 days of receipt of the initial request for review by the Plan. Reviews by both the Appeals Coordinator and the Committee may be expedited (completed within 72 hours at each the Plan and State levels) for situations in which a benefit determination or a preauthorization denial has been made prior to services being received and the attending medical professional determines in writing (including legible handwriting) that the medical situation to be life
threatening or would seriously jeopardize Your health or ability to attain, maintain or regain maximum functioning.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE REVIEW PROCEDURES - ELIGIBILITY RELATED APPEALS

A. Informal Review

You may request review of an eligibility issue by writing or calling the Eligibility Contractor (EC). The EC’s address and toll-free number are provided in the front of this Handbook. A request for review must be received within 30 days of issuance of written notice of the action for which review is requested or, if notice is not provided, 30 days from the time the applicant becomes aware of the action. If the EC’s review is not favorable, a formal written request can be submitted to Division of Health Care Finance and Administration for review by the state-level CoverKids Eligibility Appeals Committee.

B. Formal Review

You may request further review by sending a letter and supporting documentation to:
Appeals Coordinator, Division of Health Care Finance and Administration
26th Floor, Wm. R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L Parks Avenue
Nashville, TN  37243-1102

Requests must be received by Division of Health Care Finance and Administration within 30 days of the issuance of the informal review decision. If your request is not received within 30 days, you may give up the right to further review. Receipts of requests for review will be acknowledged in writing within 10 days, including notification that a decision should be issued within one calendar month of receipt of the acknowledgment letter.

The request will be scheduled for review by the CoverKids Review Committee. The Committee will be composed of five members, including Division of Health Care Finance and Administration staff and at least one licensed medical professional, selected by the Commissioner or his designee. The members of the Committee shall not have been directly involved in the matter under review. You will receive written notification of the Committee’s decision, stating the reasons for the decision. The decision of the CoverKids Review Committee is the final administrative recourse available to the Member.
GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Applicable Law

The laws of Tennessee govern this Plan.

B. Notices

All notices required by this Plan must be in writing. Notices should be addressed to:

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc.
1 Cameron Hill Circle
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2555

We will send notices to You at the most recent address in Our files.

C. Legal Action

You cannot bring legal action under this Coverage until 60 days after proof of loss has been furnished. You cannot bring legal action after 3 years after the time proof of loss is required.

D. Right to Request Information

We have the right to request any additional necessary information or records with respect to the administration of this Plan.

E. Coordination of Benefits

This Plan is not subject to Tennessee’s Coordination of Benefits Regulation and does not Coordinate Benefits. When We discover You have other Coverage, this Plan will terminate. Other Coverage includes other group or individual coverage, Medicare and Medicaid. Until termination, if You are enrolled in this Plan at the same time You are enrolled in:

1. Medicare, or another group or individual coverage, this Plan will pay secondary; or
2. Medicaid, this Plan will pay primary.

F. Administrative Errors

If We make an error in administering the benefits under this Plan, We may provide additional benefits or recover any overpayments from any person, insurance company, or plan. Any recovery must begin by the end of the calendar year following the year in which the claim was paid. This time limit does not apply if the Member did not provide complete information or if material misstatements or fraud have occurred. This time limit does not apply to recoveries from Network Providers.

No such error may be used to demand more benefits than those otherwise due under this Plan.
DEFINITIONS

Defined terms are capitalized. When defined words are used in this Member Handbook, they have the meaning set forth in this section. Words that are defined in Our Medical Policies and Procedures have the same meaning if used in this Member Handbook.

1. **Acute** - An illness or injury which is both severe and of short duration.

2. **Behavioral Health Services** - Any services or supplies that are Medically Necessary and Appropriate to treat: a mental or nervous condition; alcoholism; chemical dependence; drug abuse or drug addiction.

3. **Billed Charges** – The amount that a Provider charges for services rendered. Billed Charges may be different from the amount that BCBST determines to be the Maximum Allowable Charge for services.

4. **BlueCard PPO Participating Provider** – A physician, hospital, licensed skilled nursing facility, home health care provider or other Provider contracted with other BlueCross and/or BlueShield Plans, Blue Card PPO Plans and/or Authorized by the Plan to provide Covered Services to Members.

5. **Brand Name Drug** - a Prescription Drug identified by its registered trademark or product name given by its manufacturer, labeler or distributor.

6. **Calendar Year or Plan Year**- The period of time beginning at 12:01 A.M. on January 1st and ending 12:00 A.M. on the following December 31st.

7. **Care Management** – A program that promotes cost effective coordination of care for Members with complicated medical needs, chronic illnesses, and/or catastrophic illnesses or injuries.

8. **Complications of Pregnancy** – Conditions requiring Hospital Confinement (when the pregnancy is not terminated) whose diagnoses are distinct from pregnancy but are adversely affected by pregnancy or caused by pregnancy, such as Acute nephritis, nephrosis, cardiac decompensation, missed abortion, and similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity, non-elective caesarean section, ectopic pregnancy which is terminated, and spontaneous termination of pregnancy, which occurs during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible.

Complications of Pregnancy does not include false labor; occasional spotting; physician prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy; morning sickness; hyperemesis gravidarum and similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy not constituting a nosologically distinct complication of pregnancy

9. **Compound Drug** - An outpatient Prescription Drug, which is not commercially prepared by a licensed pharmaceutical manufacturer in a dosage form approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and which contains at least one ingredient classified as a Legend Prescription Drug.

10. **Concurrent Review Process** – The process of evaluating care during the period when Covered Services are being rendered.

11. **Congenital Anomaly** – A physical developmental defect present at birth and identified within the first 12 months following birth.

12. **Copayment** – The dollar amount specified in Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits, that You are required to pay directly to a Provider for certain Covered Services. You must pay such Copayments at the time You receive those Services.
13. **Cosmetic Surgery** – Any treatment intended to improve Your appearance. Our Medical Policy establishes the criteria for what is cosmetic, and what is Medically Necessary and Appropriate.

14. **Covered Services, Coverage or Covered** - Those Medically Necessary and Appropriate services and supplies that are set forth in Attachment A of this Member Handbook. Covered Services are subject to all the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of this Member Handbook.

15. **Custodial Care** - Any services or supplies provided to assist an individual in the activities of daily living as determined by Us including but not limited to eating, bathing, dressing or other self care activities.

16. **Drug Copayment/Copay** - the dollar amount that You must pay directly to the Network Pharmacy at the time the covered Prescription Drug is dispensed. The Drug Copayment must be paid for each Prescription Drug.

17. **Drug Formulary** - a list designating which Prescription Drugs and drug products are approved for reimbursement. This list is subject to periodic review and modification by Us.

18. **Emergency** – A sudden and unexpected medical condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect to result in:

   a. serious impairment of bodily functions; or
   
   b. serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or
   
   c. placing the prudent layperson’s health in serious jeopardy.

Examples of Emergency conditions include: (1) severe chest pain; (2) uncontrollable bleeding; or (3) unconsciousness.

19. **Emergency Care Services** - Those services and supplies that are Medically Necessary and Appropriate in the treatment of an Emergency.

20. **Enrollment Form** – A form or application, which must be completed in full for the eligible child before he/she will be considered for Coverage under the Plan.

21. **Experimental and/or Investigational Drugs** – Drugs or medicines, which are labeled: “Caution – limited by federal law to Investigational use.”

22. **Generic Drug** - A Prescription Drug that has the same active ingredients, strength or concentration, dosage form and route of administration as a Brand Name Drug. The FDA approves each Generic Drug as safe and effective as a specific Brand Name Drug.

23. **Hospital Confinement or Hospital Admission** – When You are treated as a registered bed patient at a Hospital or other Provider facility and incur a room and board charge.

24. **Hospital Services** - Covered Services which are Medically Appropriate to be provided by an Acute care hospital.

25. **Inmate** – an individual confined in a local, state or federal prison, jail, youth development center, or other penal or correctional facility, including a furlough from such a facility.
26. **Investigational Service** - A drug, device, treatment, therapy, procedure, or other service or supply that does not meet the definition of Medical Necessity or:

   a. cannot be lawfully marketed without the approval of the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") when such approval has not been granted at the time of its use or proposed use, or

   b. is the subject of a current Investigational new drug or new device application on file with the FDA, or

   c. is being provided according to Phase I or Phase II clinical trial or the experimental or research portion of a Phase III clinical trial (provided, however, that participation in a clinical trial shall not be the sole basis for denial), or

   d. is being provided according to a written protocol which describes among its objectives, determining the safety, toxicity, efficacy or effectiveness of that service or supply in comparison with conventional alternatives, or

   e. is being delivered or should be delivered subject to the approval and supervision of an Institutional Review Board ("IRB") as required and defined by Federal regulations, particularly those of the FDA or the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"), or

   f. in the predominant opinion of experts, as expressed in the published authoritative literature, that usage should be substantially confined to research settings, or

   g. in the predominant opinion of experts, as expressed in the published authoritative literature, further research is necessary in order to define safety, toxicity, efficacy, or effectiveness of that Service compared with conventional alternatives, or

   h. the service or supply is required to treat a complication of an Experimental or Investigational Service.

Our Medical Director has discretionary authority to make a determination concerning whether a service or supply is an Investigational Service. If Our Medical Director does not authorize the provision of a service or supply, it will not be a Covered Service. In making such determinations, Our Medical Director shall rely upon any or all of the following, at his or her discretion:

1. Your medical records, or

2. the protocol(s) under which proposed service or supply is to be delivered, or

3. any consent document that You have executed or will be asked to execute, in order to receive the proposed service or supply, or

4. the published authoritative medical or scientific literature regarding the proposed service or supply in connection with the treatment of injuries or illnesses such as those experienced by You, or

5. regulations and other official publications issued by the FDA and HHS, or

6. the opinions of any entities that contract with Us to assess and coordinate the treatment of Members requiring non-Experimental or Investigational Services, or

7. the findings of the BlueCross and BlueShield Association Technology Evaluation Center or other similar qualified evaluation entities.

27. **Legend Drugs** – A drug that, by law, can be obtained only by Prescription and bears the label, “Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a Prescription.”
28. **Maintenance Care** – Skilled services including skilled nursing visits, skilled nursing facility care, physical therapy, occupational therapy and/or speech therapy for chronic, static or progressive medical conditions where the services: (1) fail to contribute toward cure; (2) fail to improve unassisted clinical function; (3) fail to significantly improve health; and (4) are indefinite or long-term in nature.

29. **Maximum Allowable Charge** – The amount that We, at Our sole discretion, have determined to be the maximum amount payable for a Covered Service. That determination will be based upon Our contract with a Network Provider for Covered Services rendered by that Provider.

30. **Medical Director** - The physician designated by Us, or that physician’s designee, who is responsible for the administration of Our medical management programs, including its authorization program.

31. **Medically Appropriate** – Services, which have been determined by the Medical Director to be of value in the care of a specific Member. To be Medically Appropriate a service must:
   a. be Medically Necessary;
   b. be used to diagnose or treat a Member’s condition caused by disease, injury or congenital malformation;
   c. be consistent with current standards of good medical practice for the Member’s medical condition;
   d. be provided in the most appropriate site and at the most appropriate level of service for the Member’s medical condition; and
   e. on an ongoing basis, have a reasonable probability of:
      (1) correcting a significant congenital malformation or disfigurement caused by disease or injury.
      (2) preventing significant malformation or disease.
      (3) substantially improving a life sustaining bodily function impaired by disease or injury.
   f. not be provided solely to improve a Member’s condition beyond normal variations in individual development and aging including:
      (1) comfort measures in the absence of disease or injury.
      (2) Cosmetic Surgery.
   g. not be for the sole convenience of the Provider, Member or Member’s family.

32. **Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity** – Services which have been determined by Us to be of proven value for use in the general and/or specialized population, as appropriate. To be Medically Necessary a service must:
   a. have final approval from the appropriate government regulatory bodies;
   b. have scientific evidence permitting conclusions concerning the beneficial effect of the service on health outcomes;
   c. improve the net health outcome;
   d. be as beneficial as any established alternative;
e. demonstrate the improvement outside the investigational setting; and
f. not be an experimental or Investigational service.

33. Medicare - Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended, and coverage under this program.

34. Member, You, Your - An Eligible child enrolled under the CoverKids program.

35. Member Payment – The Copayment amounts for Covered Services that You are responsible for as set forth in Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits. We may require proof that You have made any required Member Payment.

36. Network Benefit – Our payment level that applies to Covered Services received from a Network Provider. See Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits.

37. Network Pharmacy - A Pharmacy which has entered into a Participating Pharmacy Agreement with BCBST or its agent to provide Prescription Drug benefits to Members Covered under this Member Handbook, either in person or through home delivery.

38. Network Provider - A Provider who has contracted with Us to provide access to benefits to Members at specified rates. Such Providers may be referred to as Blue Card PPO Participating Providers, Participating Hospitals, etc.

39. Non-Contracted Provider – A provider that renders Covered Services to a Member but is in a specialty category or type with which We do not contract. A Non-Contracted Provider is different from an Out-of-Network Provider. A Non-Contracted Provider is not eligible to hold a contract with Us. Provider types that are considered Non-Contracted can change as We contract with different Provider types. A Provider’s status as a Non-Contracted Provider, Network Provider, or Out-of-Network Provider can and does change. We reserve the right to change a Provider’s status.

40. Non-Routine Diagnostic Services – Services listed under non-routine diagnostic services in Attachment A: Covered Services.

41. Out-of-Network Pharmacy - A Pharmacy which has not entered into a service agreement with BCBST or its agent to provide benefits under this Member Handbook at specified rates to Members Covered under this Member Handbook.

42. Out-of-Network Provider – Any Provider who is an eligible Provider type but who does not have a contract with the Plan to provide Covered Services.

43. Payor(s) - An insurer, health maintenance organization, no-fault liability insurer, self-insured group, or other entity that provides or pays for a Member’s health care benefits.

44. Periodic Health Screening – An assessment of a patient’s health status at intervals set forth in Our Medical Policies, for the purpose of maintaining health and detecting disease in its early state. This assessment should include:

   a. a complete history or interval update of the patient’s history and a review of systems; and

   b. a physical examination of all major organ systems, and preventive screening tests per Our Medical Policy.

45. Pharmacy - a state or federally licensed establishment which is physically separate and apart from the office of a physician or authorized Practitioner, and where Legend
Drugs are dispensed by Prescription by a pharmacist licensed to dispense such drugs and products under the laws of the state in which he or she practices.

46. **Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee or P&T Committee** - A panel of Our participating pharmacists, Network Providers, medical directors and pharmacy directors which reviews medications for safety, efficacy and cost effectiveness. The P&T Committee evaluates medications for addition and deletion from the: 1) Drug Formulary and 2) Quantity Limitation list. The P&T Committee may also set dispensing limits on medications.

47. **Practitioner** – A person licensed by the appropriate State to provide medical services.

48. **Prescription** - a written or verbal order issued by a physician or duly licensed Practitioner practicing within the scope of his or her licensure to a pharmacist [or dispensing physician] for a drug, or drug product to be dispensed.

49. **Prescription Drug** - a medication containing at least one Legend Drug which may not be dispensed under applicable state or federal law without a Prescription, and/or insulin.

50. **Prior Authorization, Authorized** – A review conducted by Us, prior to the delivery of certain services, to determine if such services will be considered Covered Services.

51. **Provider** – A person or entity that is engaged in the delivery of health services who, or that is licensed, certified or practicing in accordance with applicable State or Federal laws.

52. **Quantity Limitation** – Quantity limitations applied to certain Prescription Drug products as determined by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

53. **Specialty Pharmacy Products** – Injectable, infusion and select oral medications that require complex care, including special handling, patient education and continuous monitoring. Specialty Pharmacy Products are listed on Our Specialty Pharmacy Products list. Specialty Pharmacy Products are categorized as provider-administered or self-administered.

54. **Well Woman Exam** – A routine visit every Plan Year to a Provider by a female Member. The visit may include Medically Necessary and Medically Appropriate mammogram and cervical cancer screenings.
IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR MASTECTOMY PATIENTS

Patients who undergo a mastectomy, and who elect breast reconstruction in connection with the mastectomy, are entitled to coverage for

- reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- prostheses and treatment of physical complications at all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas

in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient. The coverage may be subject to copayments consistent with those established for other benefits.
NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

Legal Obligations

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc. is required to maintain the privacy of all medical information as required by applicable laws and regulations (hereafter referred to as our "legal obligations"); provide this notice of privacy practices to all Members; inform You of Our legal obligations; and advise You of additional rights concerning Your medical information. We must follow the privacy practices contained in this notice from its effective date of April 14, 2003, until this notice is changed or replaced.

We reserve the right to change privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time, as permitted by Our legal obligations. Any changes made in these privacy practices will be effective for all medical information that is maintained including medical information created or received before the changes are made. All Members will be notified of any changes by receiving a new notice of Our privacy practices.

You may request a copy of this notice of privacy practices at any time by contacting BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Privacy Office, 1 Cameron Hill Circle, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

Organizations Covered by This Notice

This notice applies to the privacy practices of BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and its subsidiaries or affiliated covered entities. Medical information about Our Members may be shared with each other as needed for treatment, payment or health care operations.

Uses and Disclosures of Medical Information

Your medical information may be used and disclosed for treatment, payment, and health care operations, for example:

TREATMENT: Your medical information may be disclosed to a doctor or hospital that asks for it to provide treatment to You.

PAYMENT: Your medical information may be used or disclosed to pay claims for services, which are Covered under Your health benefit plan.

HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS: Your medical information may be used and disclosed to determine Your Plan costs, if any, conduct quality assessment and improvement activities, to engage in care coordination or case management, accreditation, conducting and arranging legal services, and for other similar administrative purposes.

AUTHORIZATIONS: You may provide written authorization to use Your medical information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. You may revoke Your authorization in writing at any time. That revocation will not affect any use or disclosure permitted by Your authorization while it was in effect. We cannot use or disclose Your medical information for any reason except those described in this notice, without Your written authorization.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Your medical information may be disclosed to a family member, friend or other person as necessary to help with Your health care or with payment for Your health care. You must agree We may do so, as described in the Individual Rights section of this notice below.

MARKETING: Your medical information may be used to provide information about health-related benefits, services or treatment alternatives that may be of interest to You. Your medical information may be disclosed to a business associate assisting us in providing that information to You. You may opt-out of receiving further information (see the instructions for
opting out at the end of this notice), unless the information is provided to You in a newsletter or in person or concerns products or services of nominal value.

**RESEARCH:** The Plan’s legal obligations permit Your medical information to be used or disclosed for research purposes. If You die, Your medical information may be disclosed to a coroner, medical examiner, funeral director or organ procurement organization.

**AS REQUIRED BY LAW:** Your medical information may be used or disclosed as required by state or federal laws.

**COURT OR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER:** Medical information may be disclosed in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process, under certain circumstances.

**VICTIM OF ABUSE:** If You are reasonably believed to be a victim of abuse, neglect, domestic violence or other crimes, medical information may be released to the extent necessary to avert a serious threat to Your health or safety or to the health or safety of others. Medical information may be disclosed, when necessary, to assist law enforcement officials to capture an individual who has admitted to participation in a crime or has escaped from lawful custody.

**MILITARY AUTHORITIES:** Medical information of Armed Forces personnel may be disclosed to Military authorities under certain circumstances. Medical information may be disclosed to authorized federal officials as required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities.

**INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS**

You have the right to look at or get copies of Your medical information, with limited exceptions. **You must make a written request, using a form available from the Privacy Office, to obtain access to Your medical information.** If You request copies of Your medical information, We will charge $.25 per page, $10 per hour for staff time required to copy that information, and postage if You want the copies mailed to You. If You request an alternative format, the charge will be based upon Our cost of providing Your medical information in that format. If You prefer, We will prepare a summary or explanation of Your medical information for a fee. For a more detailed explanation of the fee structure, please contact the Privacy Office. We will require advance payment before copying Your medical information.

You have the right to receive an accounting of any disclosures of Your medical information made by Us or a business associate for any reason, other than treatment, payment, health care operations purposes after April 14, 2003. This accounting will include the date the disclosure was made, the name of the person or entity the disclosure was made to, a description of the medical information disclosed, the reason for the disclosure, and certain other information. If You request an accounting more than once in a 12-month period, there may be a reasonable cost-based charge for responding to those additional requests. Please contact the Privacy Office for a more detailed explanation of the fees charged for such accountings.

You have the right to request restrictions on the Plan’s use or disclosure of Your medical information. The Plan is not required to agree to such requests. **The Plan will only restrict the use or disclosure of Your medical information as set forth in a written agreement that is signed by a representative of the Privacy Office on behalf of BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee.**

If You reasonably believe that sending confidential medical information to You in the normal manner will endanger You, You have the right to make a written request We communicate that information to You by a different method or to a different address. **If there is an immediate threat, You may make that request by calling a Member service representative or The Privacy Officer at 1-888-455-3824 and follow up with a written request when feasible.** We must accommodate Your request if it is reasonable, specifies
how and where to communicate with You, and continues to permit us to collect premium and pay claims under Your health plan.

You have the right to make a written request that We amend Your medical information. **Your request must explain why the information should be amended.** We may deny Your request if the medical information You seek to amend was not created by Us or for other reasons permitted by Our legal obligations. If Your request is denied, We will provide a written explanation of the denial. If You disagree, You may submit a written statement that will be included with Your medical information. If We accept Your request, We will make reasonable efforts to inform the people that You designate about that amendment and will amend any future disclosures of that information.

If You receive this notice on Our web site or by electronic mail (e-mail), You may request a written copy of this notice, by contacting the Privacy Office.

**QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

If You want more information concerning the companies' privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact the Privacy Office.

If:

1. You are concerned that We have violated Your privacy rights; or
2. You disagree with a decision made about access to Your medical information or in response to a request You made to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of Your medical information; or
3. You wish to request We communicate with You by alternative means or at alternative locations;

please contact the Privacy Office.

You may also submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will furnish the address where You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request.

We support Your right to protect the privacy of Your medical information. There will be no retaliation in any way if You choose to file a complaint with Us or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**The Privacy Office**
BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, Inc.
1 Cameron Hill Circle
Chattanooga, TN 37402
(888) 455-3824
(423) 535-1976 FAX
Privacy_office@bcbst.com
UNFAIR TREATMENT

You have a right to fair treatment. If You think you have been treated unfairly, this page tells You whom to contact.

We do not allow unfair treatment in CoverKids.

State and Federal laws protect You from unfair treatment. No one can treat You in a different way because of Your:

- Race
- Birthplace
- Sex
- Beliefs
- Disability
- Color
- Language
- Religious
- Age

In CoverKids, unfair treatment could mean many things. It could mean someone treated You differently because of one of the things listed above. For example:

- Maybe they did not let You take part in the same things as other people.
- Maybe You did not get the help You needed to get health care.
- Maybe You did not get the health care that You needed.

Do You think You have been treated unfairly?

You may contact any of the places listed below for help. You also have the right to file a complaint. By law, no one can get back at You for filing a complaint.

This is who You can contact if you are treated unfairly under CoverKids.

Is Your problem with Your:

- Physical health care? Then call BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee (BCBST) at 1.888.325.8386
- Mental health care? Then call BCBST at 1.888.325.8386
- Dental care? Then call DentaQuest at 1.888.291.3766

Call their Member Services line. The number is listed in Your Member Handbook. Ask to speak with the Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator.

CoverKids

You can call the Office of Non-Discrimination at:
1-855-286-9085.

You can write to:
CoverKids Program
ATTN: Director of Non-Discrimination Compliance
310 Great Circle Road, 4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Fax: (615) 253-2917
TTY: Toll-Free (877) 779-3103
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
Office of Civil Rights  
You can call (800) 368-1019 for free.  
You can write to:  
  Director, Office of Civil Rights  
  U.S. Department of Human Services  
  200 Independence Ave., SW – Room 506 F  
  Washington, DC  20201  
  TTY: Toll-Free (800) 537-7697  

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
Region IV Office of Civil Rights  
You can call:  (404) 562-7859  
You can write to:  
  U.S. DHHS/Region IV Office of Civil Rights  
  61 Forsyth Street, SW – 3rd Floor, Suite 3B70  
  Atlanta, GA  30303  
  Fax:  (404) 562-7861  

THRC – Tennessee Title VI Compliance Program  
You can call:  (615) 532-4882  
You can write to:  
  Director  
  Andrew Jackson Tower – 1st Floor  
  710 James Robertson Parkway  
  Nashville, TN  37243-0635  
  Fax:  (615) 253-1886
Unfair Treatment Complaint

Federal law says that unfair treatment is not allowed. No one can be treated in a different way because of race, color, birthplace, language, sex, age, beliefs or disability. If You feel that You have been treated unfairly for any of these reasons, You have the right to complain. We do not allow unfair treatment in CoverKids. We need the following facts so We can look into Your complaint. If You need help to fill out this page, let Us know.

1. Are You filing this complaint for Yourself? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, go to question number 2.
   If no, tell Us Your name: __________________________________________
   Give Us a phone number where We can reach You: (_________) __________________________

2. What is the name of the person You feel was treated unfairly?

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3. Who do You think treated this person unfairly?

Name______________________________________________________________
Address___________________________________________________________
City, State, ZIP Code______________________________________________
Phone Number (_____ ) - or - (_____ ) _____________________________


Check the box or boxes that You think were the reason for the unfair treatment.
☐ Race ☐ Color ☐ Birthplace ☐ Language Spoken ☐ Sex
☐ Religion ☐ Beliefs ☐ Age ☐ Disability

What date did the unfair treatment take place?________________________
Do You think it happened other times? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how many other times?____________________
Have You complained about this problem before and tried to have it stopped?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, who have You talked to about it? Name:________________________
When did You talk to them about it?______________________________
Have You filed this complaint with another federal, state or local agency?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Have You filed this complaint with any federal or state court?  
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, check all that apply.  
☐ Federal agency  ☐ Federal court  ☐ State agency  
☐ State court  ☐ Local agency

If yes, tell Us the name of the contact person at the agency/court where You filed the complaint.

Name__________________________________________________________

Agency/Court Name__________________________________________________

Address______________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP Code____________________________________________________

Phone Number (_______ )______________________________________________

5.  **In Your own words, tell Us what happened.** You can attach more pages if You need them.

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Please sign below. Attach any other information that You think will be helpful.

Sign here_________________________________________________________  Date________

**If You filled out this page for someone else, sign here** ____________________________

[Note: if You helped someone file this complaint, You don’t have to sign.]

Print Your name_______________________________________________________  Date________

Mail these pages to:  CoverKids Program
                    Attn: Director of Non-discrimination Compliance
                    310 Great Circle Road
                    Nashville, TN 37243

If You have questions, please call 1-855-286-9085 (toll-free) for help. TTY: (toll-free) 1-877-779-3103.

To get help in one of the following languages, call 1-866-268-3786.

- Arabic
- Bosnian
- Kurdish-Badinani
- Kurdish-Sorani
- Somali
- Spanish
- Vietnamese

CoverKids does not allow unfair treatment based on race, color, language spoken, sex, sexual orientation, religion, beliefs, handicap/disability or age.
ATTACHMENT A:
COVERED SERVICES AND LIMITATIONS ON COVERED SERVICES

The Plan will pay the Maximum Allowable Charge for Medically Necessary and Appropriate services and supplies described below and provided in accordance with the reimbursement schedules set forth in Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits of this Member Handbook. Charges in excess of the reimbursement rates set forth in the Schedule of Benefits are not eligible for reimbursement or payment.

To be eligible for reimbursement or payment, all services or supplies must be provided in accordance with Our Medical Policies and medical management procedures. (See Medical Policy and Medical Management Section.)

Covered Services and Limitations set forth in this Attachment are arranged according to:

- Eligible Providers, and
- Eligible services.

An advantage of using PPO Network Providers is these Providers have agreed to accept the Maximum Allowable Charge set by Us for Covered Services. Maximum Allowable Charge is what We have agreed, by a contract, to pay these Providers for Covered Services. (See the Definitions section for an explanation of Maximum Allowable Charge and Covered Services.) Network Providers have also agreed not to bill You for the amount above the Maximum Allowable Charge.

Out-of-Network Providers do not have a contract with Us. This means they will be able to charge You more than the amount set by Us in Our contracts. With Out-of-Network Providers, You will be responsible for the full amount that You are charged.

Obtaining services not listed in this Attachment or not in accordance with Our Medical Management Policies and Procedures may result in the denial of payment. Obtaining Prior Authorization is not a guarantee of Coverage. All provisions of the Member Handbook must be satisfied before Coverage for services will be rendered. Our Medical Policies can help Your Provider determine if a proposed service will be Covered.

Referrals are not required for specialty care including well woman care.

Some Covered Services have annual limits. Please refer to Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits for these limits.

I. ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS OF SERVICE

A. Practitioners

All services must be rendered by a Practitioner listed in the Directory of Network Providers. The services provided by a Practitioner must be within his or her specialty or degree. All services must be rendered by the Practitioner, or the
delegate actually billing for the Practitioner, and be within the scope of his or her licensure.

B. **Other Providers of Service**

An individual or facility, other than a Practitioner, duly licensed to provide Covered Services and listed in the Directory of Network Providers.

C. **Out-of-Network Providers**

No benefits will be paid for services received from Out-of-Network Providers under this plan. There are two exceptions to this:

1. You do have benefits for Out-of-Network, hospital-based Practitioners in a Network facility.
2. In a true Emergency, You have benefits for Out-of-Network Providers (facility and Practitioners).

II. **ELIGIBLE SERVICES:**

A. **Practitioner Office Services**

Medically Necessary and Appropriate services in a Practitioner’s office.

1. **Covered**

   a. Services and supplies for the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury, including those relating to hearing, speech, voice or language other than for a functional nervous disorder.

   b. Injections and medications administered in a Practitioner’s office, except Specialty Pharmacy Products. (See Provider Administered Specialty Pharmacy Products section for information on Coverage).

   c. Casts and dressings.

   d. Nutritional guidance and education.

   e. Foot care necessary to prevent the complications of an existing disease state.

   f. Second opinions given by a Practitioner who is not in the same medical group as the Practitioner who rendered the initial diagnosis or initially recommended surgery.

   g. Emergency conditions presenting to the Practitioner’s Office.

2. **Exclusions**

   a. Office visits and physical exams for: (1) school; (2) camp; (3) employment; (4) travel; (5) insurance; (6) marriage or legal proceedings; and (7) related immunizations and tests.

   b. Routine foot care for the treatment of: 1) flat feet; 2) corns; 3) bunions; 4) calluses; 5) toenails; 6) fallen arches; and 7) weak feet or chronic foot strain.

   c. Pre and post-natal maternity care, including complications of pregnancy (except for initial diagnosis of a pregnancy). Benefits may be available under the HealthyTNBabies program.
B. Preventive Services

Medically Necessary and Appropriate services for assessing physical status and detecting abnormalities. The frequency of visits and services are based on the Plan’s Medical Policy guidelines, the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines or the United States Preventive Services task Force (USPSTF).

1. Covered
   a. Periodic examinations, including Well-Woman examinations, and x-ray and lab screenings associated with preventive care.
   b. Recommended and appropriate immunizations (including influenza immunizations).
   c. Vision and hearing screenings performed by the physician during the preventive health exam

Some services are not needed every year, or may be appropriate only for people of particular age groups, gender, or those who meet other specific health criteria.

2. Exclusions
   a. Immunizations needed for foreign travel.
   b. Office visits and physical exams for: (1) school; (2) camp; (3) employment; (4) travel; (5) insurance; (6) marriage or legal proceedings; and (7) related immunizations and tests.
   c. Preventive services not listed as Covered.
   d. Services not provided in accordance with the Plan’s Medical Policy guidelines, the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines or the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).

C. Office Surgery/Procedures

Medically Necessary and Appropriate surgeries/procedures performed in a Practitioner’s office. Surgeries involve an excision or incision of the body’s skin or mucosal tissues, treatment of broken or dislocated bones, and/or insertion of instruments for exploratory or diagnostic purposes into a natural body opening.

1. Covered
   a. Excision of skin lesions and incisions.
   b. Repair of lacerations.
   c. Removal of foreign bodies from skin, eyes, or orifices.
   d. Sigmoidoscopy, pharyngoscopy, or other endoscopies.
   e. Biopsies.
   f. Colposcopy.
   g. Incision and drainage of abscess.
   h. Cyst aspiration.
   i. Joint injection and aspiration.
j. Toenail excision.
k. Cryosurgery of skin lesions and cervical lesions.
l. Casting and splinting.

2. Exclusions
   a. Dental procedures not listed as covered.
   b. Colonoscopies done in an office setting.

D. Special Surgical Procedure – Bariatric Surgery

The plan will cover as outlined below, four surgical procedures for treatment of morbid obesity provided the adolescent is deemed physically and psychologically mature by a licensed provider:
   a. Vertical banded gastroplasty accompanied by gastric stapling.
   b. Gastric segmentation along the vertical axis with a Roux-en-Y bypass with distal anastomosis placed in the jejunum.
   c. Gastric banding.
   d. Duodenal switch/biliopancreatic bypass: this procedure is only appropriate for persons with a BMI in excess of 60. See (a.)(4) below.

The following criteria must be met before benefits are available for the procedures listed above:
   a. Presence of morbid obesity that has persisted for at least five years, defined as either:
      (1) Body mass index (BMI) exceeding 40; or
      (2) More than 100 pounds over one’s ideal body weight as provided in the 1983 Metropolitan Life Height and Weight table; or
      (3) BMI greater than 35 in conjunction with the following severe co-morbidities that are likely to reduce life expectancy:
         (a) Coronary artery disease; or
         (b) Type 2 diabetes mellitus; or
         (c) Obstructive sleep apnea; or
         (d) Three or more of the following cardiac risk factors:
            (i) Hypertension (BP>140 mmHg systolic and/or 90mmHg diastolic)
            (ii) Low high density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL less than 40mg/dL)
            (iii) Elevated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL>100 mg/dL)
            (iv) Current cigarette smoking
            (v) Impaired glucose tolerance (2-hour blood glucose>140 mg/dL on an oral glucose tolerance test)
            (vi) Family history of early cardiovascular disease in first-degree relative (myocardial infarction at age under 50 in male relative or at age under 65 for female relative)
      (4) BMI exceeding 60 for consideration of the Duodenal Switch/Biliopancreatic Bypass procedure.
b. History of failure of medical/dietary therapies (including low calorie diet, increased physical activity, and behavioral reinforcement). This attempt at conservative management must be within two years prior to surgery, and must be documented by an attending physician who does not perform bariatric surgery. (Failure of conservative therapy is defined as an inability to lose more than ten percent of body weight over a six-month period and maintain weight loss.)

c. There must be documentation of medical evaluation of the individual for the condition of morbid obesity and/or its co-morbidities by a physician other than the operating surgeon and his/her associates, and documentation that this evaluating physician concurs with the recommendation for bariatric surgery. Prior Authorization is required.

E. Inpatient Hospital Services

Medically Necessary and Appropriate services and supplies in a Hospital which: (1) is a licensed Acute care institution; (2) which provides Inpatient services; (3) has surgical and medical facilities primarily for the diagnosis and treatment of a disease and injury; and (4) has a staff of Physicians licensed to practice medicine and provides 24 hour nursing care by graduate registered nurses. Psychiatric hospitals are not required to have a surgical facility.

1. Covered

   a. Room and board in a semi-private room (or private room if room and board charges are the same as for a semi-private room); general nursing care; medications, injections, diagnostic services and special care units.

   b. Attending Practitioner’s services for professional care.

   c. Observation stays.

   d. Blood/plasma is covered unless free.

2. Exclusions

   a. Inpatient stays primarily for therapy (such as physical or occupational therapy).

   b. Maternity and delivery services, including complications of pregnancy. Benefits may be available under the HealthyTNBabies program.

   c. Services that could be provided in a less intensive setting.

   d. Private room when not authorized by the Plan and room and board charges are in excess of semi-private room.
F. Hospital Emergency Care Services

Medically Necessary and Appropriate health care services and supplies furnished in a Hospital which are required to determine, evaluate and/or treat an Emergency until such condition is stabilized, as directed or ordered by the Practitioner or Hospital protocol.

1. Covered
   a. Medically Necessary and Appropriate Emergency services, supplies and medications necessary for the diagnosis and stabilization of Your Emergency condition.
   b. Practitioner services.

2. Exclusions
   a. Services received for inpatient care or transfer to another facility once Your medical condition has stabilized, unless Prior Authorization is obtained from the Plan within 24 hours or the next working day.

G. Ambulance Services

Medically Necessary and Appropriate land transportation, services, supplies and medications by a licensed ambulance service when time or technical expertise of the transportation is essential to reduce the probability of harm to You.

1. Covered
   a. Medically Necessary and Appropriate land or air transportation from the scene of an accident or emergency to the nearest appropriate facility.

2. Exclusions
   a. Transportation for Your convenience.
   b. Transportation that is not essential to reduce the probability of harm to You.
   c. Services when You are not transported to a facility.

H. Outpatient Facility Services

Medically Necessary and Appropriate diagnostics, therapies and surgery occurring in an outpatient facility which includes: (1) outpatient surgery centers; (2) the outpatient center of a hospital; and (3) outpatient diagnostic centers.

1. Covered
   a. Practitioner services.
   b. Outpatient diagnostics (such as x-rays and laboratory services).
   c. Outpatient treatments (such as medications and injections).
   d. Outpatient surgery and supplies.
   e. Observations stays.
   f. Rehabilitative therapies.
2. Exclusions
   a. Vasectomies.
   b. Maternity and Delivery Services (including complications of pregnancy). Benefits may be available under the HealthyTNBabies program.
   c. Services that could be provided in a less intensive setting.

I. Behavioral Health

Medically Necessary and Appropriate treatment of mental health and substance abuse disorders (behavioral health conditions) characterized by abnormal functioning of the mind or emotions and in which psychological, emotional or behavioral disturbances are the dominant features. Prior Authorization is required for Inpatient and Outpatient Services.

1. Covered
   a. Inpatient and outpatient services for care and treatment of mental health disorders and substance abuse disorders.

2. Exclusions
   a. Pastoral counseling.
   b. Marriage and family counseling without a behavioral health diagnosis.
   c. Vocational and educational training and/or services.
   d. Custodial or domiciliary care.
   e. Services related to Mental Retardation, Learning Disorders or Developmental Disabilities, Disorders or Delays as described in the International Classification of Disease Manual (ICD)
   f. Habilitative as opposed to rehabilitative services, i.e., services to achieve a level of functioning the individual has never attained.
   g. Any care in lieu of legal involvement or incarceration.
   h. Hypnosis or regressive hypnotic techniques.
   i. Charges for telephone consultations, missed appointments, completion of forms, or other administrative services.
   j. Methadone maintenance therapy.
   k. Buprenorphine maintenance therapy.
   l. Services that could be provided in a less intensive setting.
   m. Any International Classification of Disease (ICD) codes that are not included in the code range from 290 to, and including, 314.9.
J. **Family Planning and Reproductive Services**

Medically Necessary and Appropriate family planning services and those services to diagnose and treat diseases which may adversely affect fertility.

1. **Covered**
   a. Benefits for: (1) family planning; (2) history; (3) physical examination; (4) diagnostic testing; and (5) genetic testing.
   b. Services or supplies for the evaluation of infertility.
   c. Medically Necessary and Appropriate termination of a pregnancy.
   d. Injectable and implantable hormonal contraceptives and vaginal barrier methods including initial fitting and insertion.

2. **Exclusions**
   a. Services or supplies that are designed to create a pregnancy, enhance fertility or improve conception quality, including but not limited to: (1) artificial insemination; (2) in vitro fertilization; (3) fallopian tube reconstruction; (4) uterine reconstruction; (5) assisted reproductive technology (ART) including but not limited to GIFT and ZIFT; (6) fertility injections; (7) fertility drugs, (8) services for follow-up care related to infertility treatments.
   b. Services or supplies for sterilizations or the reversals of sterilizations.
   c. Induced abortion unless: the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest or in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless the abortion is performed.

K. **Reconstructive Breast Surgery**

Medically Necessary and Appropriate surgical procedures intended to restore normal form or function.

1. **Covered**
   a. Reconstructive breast surgery as a result of a mastectomy (other than lumpectomy) including surgery on the non-diseased breast needed to establish symmetry between the two breasts.

2. **Exclusions**
   a. Services, supplies or prosthetics primarily to improve appearance.
   b. Surgeries to correct or repair the results of a prior surgical procedure, the primary purpose of which was to improve appearance.
   c. Surgeries and related services to change gender.
   d. Any other reconstructive surgery.

L. **Skilled Nursing/Rehabilitative Facility Services**

Medically Necessary and Appropriate Inpatient care provided to Members requiring medical, rehabilitative or nursing care in a restorative setting. Services shall be
considered separate and distinct from the levels of Acute care rendered in a hospital setting, or custodial or functional care rendered in a nursing home.

1. Covered
   a. Room and board in a semi-private room; general nursing care; medications, diagnostics and special care units.
   b. The attending Practitioner’s services for professional care.
   c. Coverage is limited as indicated in the Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits.

2. Exclusions
   a. Custodial, domiciliary or private duty nursing services.
   b. Skilled Nursing services not received in a Medicare certified skilled nursing facility.
   c. Services for cognitive rehabilitation.
   d. Services which were not authorized by the Plan.

**M. Therapeutic/Rehabilitative Services**

Medically Necessary and Appropriate therapeutic and rehabilitative services intended to restore or improve bodily function lost as the result of illness or injury.

1. Covered
   a. Outpatient, home health or office therapeutic and rehabilitative services which are expected to result in significant and measurable improvement in Your condition resulting from an Acute disease or injury. The services must be performed by, or under the direct supervision of a licensed therapist, upon written authorization of the treating Practitioner.
   b. Therapeutic/Rehabilitative Services include: (1) physical therapy; (2) speech therapy; (3) occupational therapy; (4) manipulative therapy; and (5) cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitative services.
      (1) Speech therapy by a licensed speech therapist is Covered for restoration of speech after a loss or impairment; and to initiate speech due to developmental delays (as long as there is continued progress). The loss or impairment must not be caused by mental, psychoneurotic or personality disorder.
   c. The services must be performed in a doctor’s office, outpatient facility or Home Health setting. The limit on the number of visits for therapy applies to all visits for that therapy; regardless of the place of service.
   d. Services received during an inpatient hospital, skilled nursing or rehabilitative facility stay are Covered as shown in the inpatient hospital, skilled nursing and rehabilitative facility section, and are not subject to the therapy visit limits.
   e. Biofeedback Therapy determined to be medically necessary with a maximum benefit of five sessions per plan year for each of the following conditions:
      (1) Chronic pain;
      (2) Incontinence;
      (3) Migraine headaches; and
(4) Incapacitating stress.

2. Exclusions

a. Treatment beyond what can reasonably be expected to significantly improve health, including therapeutic treatments for ongoing maintenance or palliative care.

b. Enhancement therapy which is designed to improve Your physical status beyond Your pre-injury or pre-illness state.

c. Complementary and alternative therapeutic services, including, but not limited to: (1) massage therapy; (2) acupuncture; (3) craniosacral therapy; (4) neuromuscular reeducation; (5) vision exercise therapy; and (6) cognitive rehabilitation.

d. Modalities that do not require the attendance or supervision of a licensed therapist. These include, but are not limited to: (1) activities which are primarily social or recreational in nature; (2) simple exercise programs; (3) hot and cold packs applied in the absence of associated therapy modalities; (4) repetitive exercises or tasks which You can perform without a therapist, in a home setting; (5) routine dressing changes; and (6) custodial services which can ordinarily be taught to You or a caregiver.

e. Behavioral therapy, play therapy, communication therapy, and therapy for self correcting language dysfunctions as part of speech therapy, physical therapy or occupational therapy programs.

f. Duplicate therapy. For example, when You receive both occupational and speech therapy, the therapies should provide different treatments and not duplicate the same treatment.

N. **Organ Transplants**

Medically Necessary and Appropriate services and supplies provided to You, when You are the recipient of the following organ transplant procedures: (1) heart; (2) heart/lung; (3) bone marrow; (4) lung; (5) liver; (6) pancreas; (7) pancreas/kidney; (8) kidney; (9) small bowel; (10) small bowel/liver; and certain bone marrow transplants.

Transplant services or supplies that have not received Prior Authorization will not be Covered. “Prior Authorization” is the pre-treatment authorization which must be obtained from Us before any pre-transplant evaluation or any Covered Procedure is performed. (See Prior Authorization Procedures below.)

1. Prior Authorization Procedures

To obtain Prior Authorization, the patient or Practitioner must contact the Plan’s Transplant Case Management department before pre-transplant evaluation or transplant services are received. Authorization should be obtained as soon as possible after the patient has been identified as a possible candidate for transplant services.

Transplant Case Management is a mandatory program for those Members seeking Transplant Services. Call the toll-free number on the front of the membership ID card for Member service and Transplant Case Management. We must be notified of the need for a transplant in order for it to be a Covered Service.

2. Covered Services
The following Medically Necessary and Appropriate transplant services and supplies which have received Prior Authorization and are provided in connection with a Covered Procedure:

a. Medically Necessary and Appropriate services and supplies, otherwise Covered under this program;

b. Medically Necessary and Appropriate services and supplies for each listed organ transplant are Covered only when Transplant Case Management approves a transplant

c. Travel expenses for Your evaluation prior to a Covered Procedure, and to and from the site of a Covered Procedure by: (1) private car; (2) ground or air ambulance; or (3) public transportation. This includes Your travel expenses and an approved companion

i. Travel by private car is limited to reimbursement at the IRS mileage rate in effect at the time of travel for travel more than 30 miles away from Your home to and from a facility in the In-Network Transplant Facility.

ii. Meals and lodging expenses are Covered if You or Your companion travel more than 30 miles each way, and are limited to $150 daily.

iii. The aggregate limit for travel expenses is $15,000 per Covered Procedure.

d. Donor Organ Procurement. If the donor is not a Member, Covered Services for the donor are limited to those services and supplies directly related to the transplant service itself: (1) testing for the donor’s compatibility; (2) removal of the organ from donor’s body; (3) preservation of the organ; and (4) transportation of the organ to the site of transplant. Services are Covered only to the extent not covered by other health coverage. The search process and securing the organ are also Covered under this benefit. Complications of donor organ procurement are not Covered. The cost of Donor Organ Procurement is included in the total cost of Your Organ Transplant.

3. Conditions/Limitations

The following limitations and/or conditions apply to services, supplies or Charges:

a. You or Your Practitioner must notify Transplant Case Management prior to Your receiving any transplant service, including pre-transplant evaluation, and obtain Prior Authorization. If Transplant Case Management is not notified, the transplant and related procedures will not be Covered at all;

b. Transplant Case Management will coordinate all transplant services, including pre-transplant evaluation. You must cooperate with Us in coordination of these services;

c. Failure to notify Us of proposed transplant services, or to coordinate all transplant related services with Us, will result in the reduction or exclusion of payment for those services;

d. You must go through Transplant Case Management and receive Prior Authorization for Your transplant to be Covered;

e. Bone marrow transplantation will fall into one of three categories: syngeneic, allogeneic or autologous. Expenses eligible for coverage include the charge to harvest bone marrow for covered persons diagnosed with any covered malignant condition or any conditions approved for coverage by the claims
administrator. Coverage for harvesting, procurement, and storage of stem cells, whether obtained from peripheral blood, cord blood, or bone marrow will be covered when re-infusion is scheduled within three months or less. Autologous bone marrow transplantation is considered investigational in the treatment of other malignancies, including primary intrinsic tumors of the brain.

4. Exclusions

The following services, supplies and Charges are not Covered under this section:

a. **If You do not receive Prior Authorization, the transplant and related services will not be Covered**;

b. Any service specifically excluded under Attachment B, Exclusions from Coverage, except as otherwise provided in this section;

c. Services or supplies not specified as Covered Services under this section;

d. Any attempted Covered Procedure that was not performed, except where such failure is beyond Your control;

e. Non-Covered Services;

f. Services which would be covered by any private or public research fund, regardless of whether You applied for or received amounts from such fund;

g. Any non-human, artificial or mechanical organ;

h. Payment to an organ donor or the donor’s family as compensation for an organ, or payment required to obtain written consent to donate an organ;

i. Donor services including screening and assessment procedures which have not received Prior Authorization from Us;

j. Removal of an organ from a Member for purposes of transplantation into another person, except as Covered by the Donor Organ Procurement provision as described above;

k. Harvest, procurement, and storage of stem cells, whether obtained from peripheral blood, cord blood, or bone marrow when reinfusion is not scheduled within three (3) months of harvest

l. Other non-organ transplants (e.g., cornea) are not Covered under this Section, but may be Covered as an Inpatient Hospital Service or Outpatient Facility Service, if Medically Necessary.

O. Dental Services

*Note: This Plan does not cover basic dental services. Please contact Your dental service carrier for any questions related to basic dental services.*

Medically Necessary and Appropriate services performed by a doctor of dental surgery (DDS), a doctor of medical dentistry (DMD) or any Practitioner licensed to perform dental related oral surgery except as indicated below.
1. Covered
   a. Dental services and oral surgical care resulting from an accidental injury to
      the jaw, sound natural teeth, mouth, or face, due to external trauma. The
      surgery and services must be started within 3 months and completed within
      12 months of the accident.

   b. Extraction of impacted wisdom teeth.

   c. Orthodontic treatment for the correction of facial hemiatrophy or congenital
      birth defect which impairs a bodily function.

   d. General anesthesia, nursing and related hospital expenses in connection with
      an inpatient or outpatient dental procedure. This section does not provide
      Coverage for the dental procedure other than those set forth in subsection a.
      above, just the related expenses. Prior Authorization is required. Coverage
      of general anesthesia, nursing and related hospital expenses is provided for
      the following:
      (1) Complex oral surgical procedures which have a high probability of
          complications due to the nature of the surgery;
      (2) Concomitant systemic disease for which the patient is under current
          medical management and which significantly increases the probability of
          complications;
      (3) Mental illness or behavioral condition which precludes dental surgery in
          the office;
      (4) Use of general anesthesia and the Member’s medical condition requires
          that such procedure be performed in a Hospital; or
      (5) Dental treatment or surgery performed on a Member eight (8) years of
          age or younger, where such procedure cannot be safely provided in a
          dental office setting.

2. Exclusions
   a. Treatment for routine dental care and related services including, but not
      limited to: (1) crowns; (2) caps; (3) plates; (4) bridges; (5) dental x-rays; (6)
      fillings; (7) tooth extraction; (8) periodontal surgery; (9) prophylactic removal of
      teeth; (10) root canals; (11) preventive care (cleanings, x-rays); (12)
      replacement of teeth (including implants, false teeth, bridges); (13) bone
      grafts (alveolar surgery); (14) treatment of injuries caused by biting and
      chewing; (15) treatment of teeth roots; and (16) treatment of gums
      surrounding the teeth.

   b. Treatment for correction of underbite, overbite, and misalignment of the teeth
      including but not limited to, braces for dental indications, orthognathic surgery,
      and occlusal splints.

P. Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ)

Medically Necessary and Appropriate services to diagnose and treat
temporomandibular joint syndrome or dysfunction (TMJ or TMD).

1. Covered
   a. Diagnosis and management of TMJ or TMD. Non-surgical treatment of TMJ
      or TMD is limited as indicated in Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits.
b. Surgical treatment of TMJ or TMD, if performed by a qualified oral surgeon or maxillofacial surgeon.

c. Non-surgical TMJ includes: (1) history exam; (2) office visit; (3) x-rays; (4) diagnostic study casts; (5) medications; and (6) appliances to stabilize jaw joint and (7) medications.

d. Orthodontic treatment if medically necessary.

2. Exclusions

a. Treatment for routine dental care and related services including, but not limited to: (1) crowns; (2) caps; (3) plates; (4) bridges; (5) dental x-rays; (6) fillings; (7) periodontal surgery; (8) prophylactic removal of teeth; (9) root canals; (10) preventive care (cleanings, x-rays); (11) replacement of teeth (including implants, false teeth, bridges); (12) bone grafts (alveolar surgery); (13) treatment of injuries caused by biting and chewing; (14) treatment of teeth roots; and (15) treatment of gums surrounding the teeth.

b. Treatment for correction of underbite, overbite, and misalignment of the teeth including braces for dental indications.

Q. Diagnostic Services

Medically Necessary and Appropriate diagnostic radiology services and laboratory tests.

1. Covered

a. Non-routine Diagnostic Services ordered by a Practitioner.

b. All other Diagnostic Services ordered by a Practitioner.

2. Exclusions

a. Diagnostic Services which are not Medically Necessary and Appropriate.

b. Diagnostic Services not ordered by a Practitioner.

R. Provider-Administered Specialty Pharmacy Products

Medically Necessary and Appropriate specialty pharmaceuticals for the treatment of disease, administered by a Practitioner or home health care agency. Please refer to the Specialty Pharmacy Drug listing to determine which drugs may require Prior Authorization or have other limitations.

1. Covered

a. Provider-administered Specialty Pharmacy Products as identified on the BCBST’s Specialty Pharmacy Products list (includes administration by a qualified provider).

2. Exclusions

a. Self-administered Specialty Pharmacy Products as identified on the BCBST’s Specialty Pharmacy Product List. Self-administered Specialty Pharmacy Products are Covered in the Prescription Drug Program section of this Member Handbook.
S. **Vision**

Medically Necessary and Appropriate diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries which impair vision.

1. Covered
   a. Services and supplies for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries to the eye.
   b. First set of eyeglasses or contact lens required to adjust for vision changes due to cataract surgery and obtained within 6 months following the surgery.
   c. Rigid contact lenses and intrastromal corneal ring segments (ICRS) with diagnosis of keratoconus.
   d. One vision exam (including refractive exam and glaucoma testing) per Plan Year.
   e. One set of lenses (including bi-focal, tri-focal, etc.) per Plan Year.
   f. Prescription contact lenses in lieu of eyeglasses.
   g. One set of eyeglass frames every 2 Plan Years.

Approved optical services, supplies and solutions must be obtained from licensed or certified ophthalmologists, optometrists, or optical dispensing laboratories participating in CoverKids. Prior approval is required for any other services or visual aids deemed to be necessary by recommendation of the provider.

2. Exclusions
   a. Surgeries to correct refractive errors of the eyes.
   b. Eye exercises and/or therapy.
   c. Visual training
   d. Charges for vision testing exams, lenses, frames or contacts ordered while Covered but not delivered within 60 days after coverage is terminated.
   e. Charges for sunglasses, photosensitive, anti-reflective or other optional charges when the charge exceeds the amount allowed for regular lenses.
   f. Charges filed for procedures the administrator determines to be special or unusual, such as orthoptics, vision training, subnormal vision aids, aniseikonic lenses, tonography, etc.
   g. Charges for lenses that do not meet the Z80.1 or Z80.2 standards of the American National Standards Institute.
   h. Charges in excess of the Maximum Allowable Charge.

T. **Durable Medical Equipment**

Medically Necessary and Appropriate medical equipment or items which: (1) in the absence of illness or injury, are of no medical or other value to You; (2) can withstand repeated use in an ambulatory or home setting; (3) require the prescription of a Practitioner for purchase; (4) are approved by the FDA for the illness or injury for
which it is prescribed; and (5) are not for Your convenience. Amounts over $500 require Prior Authorization.

1. Covered
   a. Rental of Durable Medical Equipment - Maximum allowable rental charge not to exceed the total Maximum Allowable Charge for purchase. If You rent the same type of equipment from multiple DME Providers, and the total rental charges from the multiple Providers exceed the purchase price of a single piece of equipment, You will be responsible for amounts in excess of the Maximum Allowable Charge for purchase.
   b. The repair, adjustment or replacement of components and accessories necessary for the effective functioning of Covered equipment.
   c. Supplies and accessories necessary for the effective functioning of Covered Durable Medical Equipment.
   d. The replacement of items needed as the result of normal wear and tear, defects or obsolescence and aging.

2. Exclusions
   a. Charges exceeding the total cost of the Maximum Allowable Charge to purchase the equipment.
   b. Unnecessary repair, adjustment or replacement or duplicates of any such equipment.
   c. Supplies and accessories that are not necessary for the effective functioning of the covered equipment.
   d. Items to replace those which were lost, damaged, stolen or prescribed as a result of new technology.
   e. Items which require or are dependent on alteration of home, workplace or transportation vehicle.
   f. Motorized scooters, exercise equipment, hot tubs, pool, saunas.
   g. “Deluxe” or “enhanced” equipment. The most basic equipment that will provide the needed medical care will determine the benefit.

U. Diabetes Treatment
Medically Necessary and Appropriate diagnosis and treatment of diabetes. In order to be Covered, such services must be prescribed and certified by a Practitioner as Medically Necessary. The treatment of diabetes consists of medical equipment and supplies.

1. Covered
   a. Blood glucose monitors, as listed on the formulary. Test strips for blood glucose monitors, as listed on the formulary.
   b. Insulin.
   c. Syringes.
   d. Lancets.
e. Podiatric appliances for prevention of complications associated with diabetes.

f. Medically Necessary routine foot care for individuals with a diagnosis of diabetes to include: diabetic shoes and inserts, nail clipping, and treatment for corns and calluses.

g. Outpatient self-management training and education, including medical nutrition counseling. Available initially and when condition changes.

h. Visual reading and urine test strips.

i. Injection aids.

j. Insulin pumps, infusion devices and appurtenances.

k. Oral hypoglycemic agents.

l. Glucagon emergency kits.

2. Exclusions

   a. Treatments or supplies that are not prescribed and certified by a Practitioner as being Medically Necessary.

V. Prosthetics/Orthotics

   Medically Necessary and Appropriate devices used to correct or replace all or part of a body organ or limb, which may be malfunctioning or missing due to: (1) birth defect; (2) accident; (3) illness; or (4) surgery. Amounts over $500 require Prior Authorization.

   1. Covered

      a. The initial purchase of surgically implanted prosthetic or orthotic devices.

      b. The repair, adjustment or replacement of components and accessories necessary for the effective functioning of Covered equipment.

      c. Splints and braces that are custom made or molded, and are incidental to a Practitioner’s services or on a Practitioner’s order.

      d. The replacement of Covered items required as a result of normal wear and tear, defects or obsolescence and aging.

      e. The initial purchase of artificial limbs or eyes,

      f. The first pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses prescribed as a result of a cataract operation and obtained with 6 months following the surgery.

      g. Cochlear Implantation – using FDA approved implants and provided all the following criteria are met:

         For Children age 18

         (1) Diagnosis of post-lingual profound deafness;

         (2) Patient has achieved little or no benefit from a hearing aid;

         (3) Patient is free from middle ear infection, has an accessible cochlear lumen that is structurally suited to implantation and is free from lesions in the auditory nerve and acoustic areas of the central nervous system;
(4) Patient has cognitive ability to use auditory clues and is psychologically and motivationally suitable to undergo an extended program of rehabilitation; and

(5) Patient has no contraindications to surgery.

For children (Ages 2-17)

(1) Diagnosis of bilateral profound sensorineural deafness; and

(2) Patient has achieved little or no benefit from a hearing or vibrotactile aid, as demonstrated by the inability to improve on an age-appropriate closed-set word identification task.

An electrophysiological assessment should be performed to corroborate behavioral evaluation in very young children who cannot be adequately evaluated by standard audiometry tests. This assessment may consist of an auditory brain stem evoked response or similar test which would be covered when medically necessary as determined by the claims administrator. A minimum six-month trial with appropriate amplification (hearing aid or vibrotactile aid) and rehabilitation should be performed for children to ascertain the potential for aided benefit.

h. Foot orthotics are a covered expense for the following:

(1) Therapeutic shoes if they are an integral part of a leg brace and are medically necessary, as determined by the claims administrator, for the proper functioning of the brace.

(2) Therapeutic shoes, limited to one pair per plan year (depth or custom-molded) including inserts and medically necessary modifications for plan members with diabetes mellitus and with any of the following complications:
   (a) Peripheral neuropathy with evidence of callus formation; or
   (b) History of pre-ulcerative calluses; or
   (c) History of previous ulceration, or
   (d) Foot deformity, or
   (e) Previous amputation of the foot or part of the foot; or
   (f) Poor circulation.

(3) Rehabilitative foot orthotics that are prescribed as part of post-surgical or post-traumatic casting care

(4) Prosthetic shoes, limited to one per lifetime, that are an integral part of prosthesis and medically necessary, as determined by the claims administrator, for members with a partial foot

(5) Ankle orthotics, ankle-foot orthoses, and knee-ankle-foot orthoses when medically necessary, as determined by the claims administrator.

i. Hearing aids. Limited to 1 per ear per Calendar Year up to age 5; then 1 per ear every 2 years thereafter.
2. Exclusions
   a. Prosthetics primarily for cosmetic purposes, including but not limited to wigs, or other hair prosthesis or transplants.
   b. Items to replace those that were lost, damaged, stolen or prescribed as a result of new technology.
   c. The replacements of contact lenses after the initial pair have been provided following cataract surgery.

W. Home Health Care Services
Medically Necessary and Appropriate services and supplies provided in Your home by a Practitioner who is primarily engaged in providing home health care services.
1. Covered
   a. Part-time, intermittent health services, supplies, and medications, by or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
   b. Home infusion therapy.
   c. Coverage is limited as indicated in Attachment C: Schedule of Benefits.
2. Exclusions
   a. Items such as non-treatment services or: (1) routine transportation; (2) homemaker or housekeeping services; (3) behavioral counseling; (4) supportive environmental equipment; (5) Maintenance Care or Custodial Care; (6) social casework; (7) meal delivery; (8) personal hygiene; and (10) convenience items.
   b. Custodial, domiciliary or private duty nursing services.
   c. Medical social services.
   d. Dietary guidance.
   e. Services that were not Authorized by the Plan.

X. Hospice
Medically Necessary and Appropriate services and supplies for supportive care where life expectancy is 6 months or less.
1. Covered
   a. Benefits will be provided for: (1) part-time intermittent nursing care; (2) medical social services; (3) bereavement counseling; (4) medications for the control or palliation of the illness; (5) home health aide services; and (6) physical or respiratory therapy for symptom control.
2. Exclusions
   a. Services such as: (1) homemaker or housekeeping services; (2) meals; (3) convenience or comfort items not related to the illness; (4) supportive environmental equipment; (5) private duty nursing; (6) routine transportation; and (7) funeral or financial counseling.
Y. **Supplies**

Those Medically Necessary and Appropriate expendable and disposable supplies for the treatment of disease or injury.

1. **Covered**
   a. Supplies for the treatment of disease or injury used in a Practitioner’s office, outpatient facility or inpatient facility.
   b. Supplies for treatment of disease or injury that are prescribed by a Practitioner and cannot be obtained without a Practitioner’s prescription.

2. **Exclusions**
   a. Supplies that can be obtained without a prescription (except for diabetic supplies). Examples include but are not limited to: (1) band-aids; (2) dressing material for home use; (3) antiseptics, (4) medicated creams and ointments; (5) Q-tips; (6) eyewash; and (7) diapers.
   b. Supplies used in the home setting or otherwise for self-use, unless prescribed by a practitioner and are both Medically Necessary and Appropriate.

Z. **Prescription Drug Program**

Benefits are provided for formulary prescription drugs and insulin prescribed when You are not confined in a hospital or other facility. Check Your CoverKids Preferred Drug List and Pharmacy Program booklet for the list of Prescription Drugs Covered by Your Pharmacy program.

At the Network Pharmacy, You will pay the lesser of Your Copayment or the Pharmacy’s charge.

Benefits are limited to a 30-day supply when purchased at a retail pharmacy. Some medications can be purchased up to a 90-day supply through home delivery or certain retail pharmacies. Some products may be subject to additional Quantity Limitations as adopted by Us.

The prescribing Provider shall allow for substitution with a Generic Drug for a Preferred or Non-preferred Brand Name Drug (when available) under all circumstances, unless the prescribing Provider determines medical necessity of a Brand Name Drug (Preferred or Non-preferred) due to:
   a. You previously experienced an adverse reaction to the Generic Drug;
   b. the Generic Drug has been demonstrated to be ineffective for You; or
   c. any other clinically based need determined by the prescribing Provider.

If You choose a Brand Name Drug (Preferred or Non-preferred) when a Generic Drug equivalent is available, You will be financially responsible for the amount by which the cost of the Brand Name Drug exceeds the Generic Drug cost plus the required Generic Drug copayment.

If You have a Prescription filled at an Out-of-Network Pharmacy, that Prescription will not be covered.
BENEFITS FOR SELF-ADMINISTERED SPECIALTY PHARMACY PRODUCTS

There is a distinct network for Specialty Pharmacy Products: the specialty pharmacy network. You receive the highest level of benefits when you use a specialty pharmacy Network Provider for self-administered Specialty Pharmacy Products. Please refer to the Specialty Pharmacy Drug listing to determine which drugs may require Prior Authorization or have other limitations. (Please refer to the section on Provider Administered Specialty Pharmacy Products for Specialty Pharmacy products administered by a Provider.)

Specialty Pharmacy Products are limited to a 30-day supply per Prescription.

1. COVERED SERVICES
   a. Prescription Drugs prescribed when you are not confined in a hospital or other facility. Prescription Drugs must be:
      (1) prescribed on or after your Coverage begins;
      (2) approved for use by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA);
      (3) dispensed by a licensed pharmacist or Participating physician;
      (4) listed on the closed Drug Formulary; and
      (5) not available for purchase without a Prescription.

2. LIMITATIONS
   a. Refills must be dispensed pursuant to a Prescription. If the number of refills is not specified in the Prescription, benefits for refills will not be provided beyond one year from the date of the original Prescription.
   b. The Plan has time limits on how soon a Prescription can be refilled. If you request a refill too soon, the Network Pharmacy will advise you when your Prescription benefit will Cover the refill.
   c. Prescription and non-Prescription medical supplies, devices and appliances are not Covered, except for syringes or other supplies used in the treatment of diabetes;
   d. Prescription Drugs which are commercially packaged or commonly dispensed in quantities less than a 30-calendar day supply (e.g. prescription items which are dispensed based on a certain quantity for a therapeutic regimen) will be subject to one Drug Copayment, provided the quantity does not exceed the FDA approved dosage for four calendar weeks.
   e. The Plan does not Cover Prescription Drugs prescribed for purposes other than for:
      (1) indications approved by the FDA; or
      (2) off-label indications recognized through peer-reviewed medical literature.
   f. Compound Drugs are only Covered when filled at a Network Pharmacy. The Network Pharmacy must submit the claim through the pharmacy benefit.
manager. The claim must contain a valid national drug code (NDC) number for at least one ingredient in the Compound Drug.

g. Smoking deterrents, such as patches, provided for assistance in smoking cessation. The following limitations apply to this benefit:
   (a) Prescription must be written by a licensed physician;
   (b) Prescriptions are for a 90-day period only; and
   (c) Benefit is allowable once per plan year, with a maximum lifetime benefit of two 90-day periods.

3. EXCLUSIONS

The following services, supplies and Charges are not Covered under this section:

a. drugs which are prescribed, dispensed or intended for use while You are confined in a hospital, skilled nursing facility or similar facility, except as otherwise Covered in the Member Handbook;

b. any drugs, medications, Prescription devices or vitamins, available over-the-counter that do not require a Prescription by Federal or State law; and/or Prescription Drugs dispensed in a doctor’s office are excluded except as otherwise Covered in this Member Handbook;

c. any quantity of Prescription Drugs which exceed that specified by the Plan’s P&T Committee;

d. any Prescription Drug purchased outside the United States, except those authorized by Us;

e. any Prescription dispensed by or through a non-retail internet Pharmacy;

f. non-medical supplies or substances, including support garments, regardless of their intended use;

g. any drugs or medicines dispensed more than one year following the date of the Prescription;

h. Prescription Drugs You are entitled to receive without charge in accordance with any worker’s compensation laws or any municipal, state, or federal program;

i. replacement Prescriptions resulting from lost, spilled, stolen, or misplaced medications (except as required by applicable law);

j. drugs dispensed by a Provider other than a Pharmacy;

k. administration or injection of any drugs;

l. Prescription Drugs not on the Drug Formulary;

m. Prescription Drugs used for cosmetic purposes including, but not limited to: 1) drugs used to reduce wrinkles (e.g. Renova); 2) drugs to promote hair-growth; 3) drugs used to control perspiration; 4) drugs to remove hair (e.g. Vaniqa); and 5) fade cream products;

n. DESI (Drug Efficiency Safety Implementation) and LTE (Less Than Effective) Drugs;

o. Experimental and/or Investigational Drugs;

p. Prescription Drugs obtained from an Out-of-Network Pharmacy;
q. Provider-administered Specialty Pharmacy Products, as indicated on Our Specialty Pharmacy Products list, except as otherwise Covered in this Member Handbook.

r. Prescription Drugs or refills dispensed:
   (1) in quantities in excess of amounts specified in the BENEFIT PAYMENT section; or
   (2) which exceed any applicable maximum benefit amounts stated in this Member Handbook.

The Plan will retain any refunds, reimbursements or other payments representing a return of monies paid for Covered Services under this section.
ATTACHMENT B: EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

CoverKids does not provide benefits for the following services, supplies or charges:

1. Services or supplies not listed as Covered Services under Attachment A, Covered Service.

2. Services or supplies that are determined to be not Medically Necessary and Appropriate or have not been authorized by the Plan.

3. Services or supplies that are Investigational in nature including, but not limited to: (1) drugs; (2) biologicals; (3) medications; (4) devices; and (5) treatments.

4. When more than one treatment alternative exists, each is Medically Appropriate and Medically Necessary, and each would meet Your needs, We reserve the right to provide payment for the least expensive Covered Service alternative.

5. Self treatment or training.

6. Staff consultations required by hospital or other facility rules.

7. Services which are free.

8. Services or supplies for the treatment of illness or injury related to Your participation in a felony, attempted felony, riot or insurrection.

9. Services or supplies for the treatment of work related illness or injury, regardless of the presence or absence of workers' compensation coverage.

10. Personal, physical fitness, recreational or convenience items and services such as: (1) barber and beauty services; (2) television; (3) air conditioners; (4) humidifiers; (5) air filters; (6) heaters; (7) physical fitness equipment; (8) saunas; (9) whirlpools; (10) water purifiers; (11) swimming pools; (12) tanning beds; (13) weight loss programs; (14) physical fitness programs; (15) diapers; or (16) self-help devices which are not primarily medical in nature, even if ordered by a Practitioner.

11. Services or supplies received before Your effective date for Coverage with this Plan.

12. Services or supplies related to a Hospital Confinement, received before Your effective date for Coverage with this Plan.

13. Services or supplies received after Your Coverage under this Plan ceases for any reason. This is true even though the expenses relate to a condition that began while You were Covered.

14. Services or supplies received in a dental or medical department maintained by or on behalf of an employer, mutual benefit association, labor union or similar group.

15. Telephone or email consultations, or charges to complete a claim form or to provide medical records Network Providers should not bill you for missed appointments nor are the charges for missed appointments Covered.

16. Services for providing requested medical information or completing forms. We will not charge You or Your legal representative for statutorily required copying charges.

17. Court ordered examinations and treatment, unless Medically Necessary.

18. Room, board and general nursing care rendered on the date of discharge, unless admission and discharge occur on the same day.
19. Charges in excess of the Maximum Allowable Charge for Covered Services or any charges which exceed the individual benefit limits.

20. Any service stated in the Attachment A as a non-Covered Service or limitation.

21. Charges for services performed by You or Your spouse, or Your or Your spouse’s parent, sister, brother or child.

22. Any charges for handling fees.

23. Safety items, or items to affect performance primarily in sports-related activities.

24. Services or supplies related to treatment of complications that are a direct or closely related result of a Member’s refusal to accept treatment, medicines, or a course of treatment that a Provider has recommended or has been determined to be Medically Necessary, including leaving an inpatient medical facility against the advice of the treating physician.

25. Services or supplies related to cosmetic services, including surgical or other services, drugs or devices. Cosmetic services include, but are not limited to: (1) removal of tattoos; (2) facelifts; (3) keloid removal; (4) dermabrasion; (5) chemical peels; (6) rhinoplasty; (7) breast augmentation; and (8) breast reduction. This exclusion will not apply to the following conditions:
   (a) The covered person experienced a traumatic injury or illness, which requires cosmetic surgery;
   (b) It is for treatment of a congenital anomaly which severely impairs the function of a bodily organ in a covered person;
   (c) If elected by the covered person following a mastectomy, as specified in Attachment A, Covered Services:
   (d) Breast implant removal and breast capsulectomy with reconstruction when physician documented symptoms of pain, discomfort or deformity related to breast implants or capsular contracture is present.

26. Blepharoplasty and browplasty, except for: (1) correction of injury to the orbital area resulting from physical trauma or non-cosmetic surgical procedures (e.g., removal of malignancies); (2) treatment of edema and irritation resulting from Grave’s disease; or (3) correction of trichiasis, ectropion, or entropion of the eyelids.

27. Sperm preservation.

28. Services or supplies for orthognathic surgery.

29. Services or supplies for Maintenance Care.

30. Private duty nursing that would normally be provided by nursing staff.

31. Pharmacogenetic testing.

32. Services or supplies to treat sexual dysfunction, regardless of cause, including but not limited to erectile dysfunction, delayed ejaculation, anorgasmia and decreased libido.

33. Services or supplies for methadone maintenance therapy and buprenorphine maintenance therapy.

34. Cranial orthosis, including helmet or headband, for the treatment of plagiocephaly.

35. Pre and post-natal maternity care, including complications of pregnancy.

36. Services or supplies for Inmates confined in a local, state or federal prison or jail, or other penal correctional facility, including a furlough from such facility.
We do not allow unfair treatment in CoverKids.

No one is treated in a different way because of race, beliefs, language, birthplace, disability, religion, sex, color, or age. Read more about Your right to fair treatment in "UNFAIR TREATMENT" section of this Member Handbook.