

GENERAL PLAN EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The following general exclusions and limitations apply to all Expenses Incurred under this Plan:

1. Charges for services rendered or started, or supplies furnished prior to the effective date of coverage under the Plan, or after coverage is terminated under the Plan, except as specifically provided for in the Plan provisions.
2. Charges which are caused by or arising out of war or act of war, (whether declared or undeclared), civil unrest, armed invasion or aggression, or caused during service in the armed forces of any country.
3. Charges to the extent that the Covered Person could have obtained payment, in whole or in part, if he or she had applied for coverage or obtained treatment under any federal, state or other governmental program or in a treatment facility operated by a government agency, except where required by law, such as for cases of medical emergencies or for coverage provided by Medicaid.
4. Charges by the Covered Person for all services and supplies resulting from any Illness or Injury which occurs in the course of employment for wage or profit, or in the course of any volunteer work when the organization, for whom the Covered Person is volunteering, has elected or is required by law to obtain coverage for such volunteer work under state or federal workers' compensation laws or other legislation, including employees' compensation or liability laws of the United States (collectively called "Workers' Compensation"). This exclusion applies to all such services and supplies resulting from a work-related Illness or Injury even though:
 - A. Coverage for the Covered Person under Workers' Compensation provides benefits for only a portion of the services Incurred;
 - B. The Covered Person's employer/volunteer organization has failed to obtain such coverage required by law;
 - C. The Covered Person waived his/her rights to such coverage or benefits;
 - D. The Covered Person fails to file a claim within the filing period allowed by law for such benefits;
 - E. The Covered Person fails to comply with any other provision of the law to obtain such coverage or benefits; or
 - F. The Covered Person is permitted to elect not to be covered by Workers' Compensation but failed to properly make such election effective.

This exclusion will not apply if the Covered Person is permitted to elect not to be covered by Worker's Compensation and has affirmatively made that election.

This exclusion will not apply if the Covered Person's employer was not required and did not elect to be covered under any Workers' Compensation, occupational disease laws, or employer's liability acts of any state, country, or the United States, or in cases in which it is legally impossible to obtain Workers' Compensation coverage for a specific Illness or Injury.

This exclusion will not apply for any Injury or Illness related to any police or fire activity without prior written approval of the Plan Administrator.

5. Charges for which the Covered Person is not, in the absence of this coverage, legally obligated to pay, or for which a charge would not ordinarily be made in the absence of this coverage.

6. Charges for non-prescription vitamins or nutritional supplements, except as covered under the Preventive Care Benefit.
7. Charges for services or supplies used primarily for cosmetic, personal comfort, convenience, beautification items, television or telephone use that are not related to treatment of a medical condition.
8. Charges for non-medical expenses such as training, education, instructions or educational materials, even if they are performed, provided or prescribed by a Physician.
9. Expenses Incurred by persons other than the person receiving treatment.
10. Charges in connection with services and supplies which are in excess of the Eligible Expense.
11. Charges for services rendered by a Physician or Licensed Health Care Provider who is a Close Relative of the Covered Person, or resides in the same household of the Covered Person and who does not regularly charge the Covered Person for services.
12. Charges for professional services on an Outpatient basis in connection with disorders of any type or cause, that can be credited towards earning a degree or furtherance of the education or training of a Covered Person regardless of the diagnosis.
13. Charges for services, treatment or supplies not considered legal in the United States.
14. Travel Expenses Incurred by any person for any reason.
15. Charges for services, treatments or supplies that may be useful to persons in the absence of illness or injury such as air conditioners, purifiers, humidifiers, special furniture, bicycles, whirlpools, dehumidifiers, exercise equipment, health club memberships, etc., whether or not they have been prescribed or recommended by a Physician.
16. Charges in connection with any operation or treatment for temporomandibular joint dysfunction or any related diagnosis or treatment of any nature including, but not limited to, correction of the position of the jaws in relation to each other (orthognathic surgery), realignment of the teeth or jaws, surgery for atrophy of the lower jaw, occlusion, maxillofacial surgery, or retrognathia. This includes Expenses Incurred for any appliance or prosthetic device used to replace tooth structure lost as a result of abrasion or attrition.
17. Charges for preparation of reports or itemized bills in connection with claims, unless specifically requested and approved by the Plan.
18. Charges for services or supplies that are not specifically listed as a covered benefit of this Plan.
19. Charges for any services or supplies to the extent that benefits are otherwise provided under this Plan, or under any other plan of group benefits that the Participant's Employer contributes to or sponsors.
20. Charges for incidental supplies or common first-aid supplies such as, but not limited to, adhesive tape, bandages, antiseptics, analgesics, etc., except as specifically listed as a covered benefit.
21. Charges for dental braces or corrective shoes.

22. Charges for the following treatments, services or supplies:
 - A. Charges related to or connected with treatments, services or supplies that are excluded under this Plan.
 - B. Charges that are the result of any medical complication resulting from a treatment, service or supply which is, or was at the time the charge was incurred, excluded from coverage under this Plan.
23. Charges for treatment, services or supplies not actually rendered to or received and used by the Covered Person.
24. Charges for any services, treatments or supplies Incurred in the State of New York, except for those specifically set out in the Medical Benefits section of this Plan. The Plan will not pay any surcharge or tax of any nature imposed by the State of New York upon services, treatments or supplies.