MEDICAL BENEFIT DETERMINATION REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBLE SERVICES, TREATMENTS AND SUPPLIES

Services, treatments or supplies are eligible for coverage if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. They are administered, ordered or provided by a Physician or other eligible Licensed Health Care Provider; and

2. They are Medically Necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of an Illness or Injury or they are specifically included as an Eligible Expense even if not Medically Necessary; and

3. Charges do not exceed the Eligible Expense of the Plan; and

4. They are not excluded under any provision or section of this Plan.

Treatments, services or supplies excluded by this Plan may be reimbursable if such charges are approved by the Plan Administrator prior to beginning such treatment. Prior approval is limited to medically accepted non-experimental or investigational treatments, services, or supplies, which, in the opinion of the Plan Administrator, are more cost effective than a covered treatment, service or supply for the same Illness or Injury, and which benefit the Covered Person.

DEDUCTIBLE

The Deductible applies to Expenses Incurred during each Benefit Period, unless specifically waived, but it applies only once for each Covered Person within a Benefit Period. Also, if members of a Family have satisfied individual Deductible amounts that collectively equal the Deductible per Family, as stated in the Schedule of Medical Benefits, during the same Benefit Period, no further Deductible will apply to any member of that Family during that Benefit Period. An individual Covered Person cannot receive credit toward the Family Deductible for more than the Individual Annual Deductible as stated in the Schedule of Medical Benefits.

BENEFIT PERCENTAGE

The Benefit Percentage is stated in the Schedule of Medical Benefits. The Plan will pay the Benefit Percentage of the Eligible Expense indicated.

OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM

The Out-of-Pocket Maximum, per Covered Person or Family, whichever is applicable, is stated in the Schedule of Medical Benefits and includes amounts applied toward the Deductible and amounts in excess of the Benefit Percentage paid by the Plan. Expenses Incurred in a single Benefit Period after satisfaction of the Out-of-Pocket Maximum per Covered Person or per Family, whichever is applicable, will be paid at 100% of the Eligible Expense for the remainder of the Benefit Period. An individual Covered Person cannot receive credit toward the Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum for more than the Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum as stated in the Schedule of Medical Benefits.

MAXIMUM BENEFIT

The amount payable by the Plan will not exceed any Maximum Benefit or Maximum Lifetime Benefit as stated in the Schedule of Medical Benefits, for any reason.
DEDUCTIBLE CARRYOVER PROVISION

Expenses Incurred for Medical Benefits during the last three months of a Benefit Period which are applied to the Deductible will be “carried over” and applied against the Deductible applicable in the following Benefit Period. This provision does not apply to the High Deductible Health Plan Option.

COMMON ACCIDENT PROVISION

If a Family incurs expenses from the same accident, only one Deductible will be applied to that Family in the Benefit Period in which the accident occurred. This provision does not apply to the High Deductible Health Plan Option.

APPLICATION OF DEDUCTIBLE AND ORDER OF BENEFIT PAYMENT

Deductibles will be applied to Expenses Incurred in the chronological order in which they are adjudicated by the Plan. Expenses Incurred will be paid by the Plan in the chronological order in which they are adjudicated by the Plan. The manner in which the Deductible is applied and expenses are paid by the Plan will be conclusive and binding on all Covered Persons and their assignees.

CHANGES IN COVERAGE CLASSIFICATION

A change in coverage that decreases a benefit of this Plan will become effective on the stated effective date of such change with regard to all Covered Persons to whom it applies.