BENEFIT PLAN
Prepared Exclusively For
Emory University
Dental Maintenance Organization - Georgia

Aetna Health Inc.
Certificate of Coverage

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Managed Dental Insurance Plan

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Welcome

Thank you for choosing Aetna.

This is your Certificate of Coverage, or certificate for short. It is one of three documents that together describe the benefits covered by your Aetna plan.

This certificate will tell you about your covered benefits – what they are and how you get them. If you become covered, this certificate becomes your certificate of coverage under the group agreement, and it replaces all certificates describing similar coverage that we sent to you before. The second document is the schedule of benefits. It tells you how we share expenses for eligible dental services and tells you about limits – like when your plan covers only a certain number of visits.

The third document is the group agreement between Aetna Health Inc. ("Aetna") and your contract holder. Ask your contract holder if you have any questions about the group agreement.

Sometimes, we may send you documents that are amendments, endorsements, attachments, inserts or riders. They change or add to the documents that they’re part of. When you receive these, they are considered part of your Aetna plan for coverage.

Where to next? Flip through the table of contents or try the Let's get started! section right after it. The Let's get started! section gives you a thumbnail sketch of how your plan works. The more you understand, the more you can get out of your plan.

Welcome to your Aetna plan.
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Schedule of benefits  
Issued with your certificate
Let’s get started!

Here are some basics. First things first – some notes on how we use words. Then we explain how your plan works so you can get the most out of your coverage. But for all the details – and this is very important – you need to read this entire certificate and the schedule of benefits. And if you need help or more information, we tell you how to reach us.

**Some notes on how we use words in the certificate and schedule of benefits**
- When we say “you” and “your”, we mean both you and any covered dependents.
- When we say “us”, “we”, and “our”, we mean **Aetna**.
- Some words appear in **bold** type and we define them in the **Glossary** section.

Sometimes we use technical dental language that is familiar to **dental providers**.

**What your plan does – providing covered benefits**
Your plan provides **covered benefits**. These are **eligible dental services** for which your plan has the obligation to pay.

**How your plan works – starting and stopping coverage**
Your coverage under the plan has a start and an end. You start coverage after the eligibility and enrollment process is completed. To learn more see the **Who the plan covers** section.

Your coverage typically ends when you leave your job. Family members can lose coverage for many reasons, such as growing up and leaving home. To learn more see the **When coverage ends** section.

Ending coverage under the plan doesn’t necessarily mean you lose coverage with us. See the **Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends** section.

**How your plan works while you are covered in-network**
Your in-network coverage helps you:
- Get and pay for a lot of – but not all – dental care services. These are called **eligible dental services**
- Pay less when you use an **in-network provider**

**Important note:**
See the schedule of benefits for any **copayments**, **coinsurance**, and maximum age or visit limits that may apply.

**Eligible dental services**
**Eligible dental services** meet these requirements:
- They are listed in the **Eligible dental services** section in the schedule of benefits.
- They are not carved out in the **What your plan doesn’t cover – some eligible dental service exceptions and exclusions** section. (We refer to this section as the “Exceptions” section.)
- They are not beyond any limits in the schedule of benefits.

**Aetna’s network of dental providers**
Aetna’s network of **dental providers** is there to give you the care you need. You can find **in-network providers** and see important information about them most easily on our online **provider directory**. Just log into your secure member website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).
You choose a **primary care dentist** (we call that **dentist** your **PCD**) from our **directory** to oversee your care. Your **PCD** will provide your routine care, and refer you to a **specialty dentist** or other **in-network providers**.

For more information about the network and the role of your **PCD**, see the *Who provides the care* section.

Each covered family member is required to select their own **PCD**. You may each select your own **PCD**. You must select a **PCD** for your covered dependent if they are a minor or cannot choose a **PCD** on their own.

You may change your **PCD** at any time. You can call us at 1-877-238-6200 or log on to your secure member website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com) to make a change.

The change will be effective as follows:

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Because having a **PCD** is so important, we may choose one for you.

**Network PCD’s not reasonably available** – You can get **eligible dental services** under your plan that are provided by an **out-of-network provider** if an appropriate **in-network provider** is not reasonably available. You must request access to the **out-of-network provider** in advance and we must agree. Contact Member Services at 1-877-238-6200.

**Service area**
Your plan generally pays for **eligible dental services** only within a specific geographic area, called a **service area**. There are some exceptions, such as for **dental emergency services**. See the *Who provides the care* section.

**Paying for eligible dental services— the general requirements**
There are several general requirements for the plan to pay any part of the expense for an **eligible dental service**. They are:

- The **eligible dental service** is medically necessary
- You get your care from:
  - Your **PCD**
  - A **specialty dentist** after you get a **referral** from your **PCD**

You will find details on **medical necessity** and **referral** requirements in the *Medical necessity and referral requirements* section. You will find the requirement to use an **in-network provider** and any exceptions in the *Who provides the care* section.

**Paying for eligible dental services— sharing the expense**
Generally your plan and you will share the expense of your **eligible dental services** when you meet the general requirements for paying.

But sometimes your plan will pay the entire expense; and sometimes you will. For more information see the *What the plan pays and what you pay* section, and see the schedule of benefits.
How to contact us for help
We are here to answer your questions. You can contact us by:

● Logging onto your secure member website at www.aetna.com
● Registering in our secure Internet access to reliable dental information, tools and resources

Online tools will make it easier for you to make informed decisions about your dental care, view claims, research care and treatment options, and access information on health and wellness.

You can also contact us by:

● Calling Aetna Member Services at 1-877-238-6200
● Writing us at Aetna Health Inc., 1425 Union Meeting Road, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422

Your member ID card
You don’t need to show an ID card. When visiting a dentist, just provide your name, date of birth and either your member ID or social security number. The dental office can use that information to verify your eligibility and benefits. Your member ID is located on the front of your digital ID card which you can view or print by going to the secure member website at www.aetna.com. If you don’t have internet access, call us at 1-877-238-6200. You can also access your ID card when you’re on the go. To learn more, visit us at www.aetna.com/mobile.
Who the plan covers

You will find information in this section about:

- Who is eligible
- When you can join the plan
- Who can be on your plan (who can be your dependent)
- Adding new dependents
- Special times you and your dependents can join the plan

Who is eligible

The contract holder decides and tells us who is eligible for dental care coverage.

When you can join the plan

As an employee you can enroll yourself and your dependents if you live, reside or work in the service area:

- At any time
- Once each Calendar Year during the annual enrollment period
- At other special times during the year (see the Special times you and your dependents can join the plan section below)

If you do not enroll yourself and your dependents when you first qualify for dental benefits, you may have to wait until the next annual enrollment period to join.

Who can be on your plan (who can be your dependent)

If your plan includes coverage for dependents, you can enroll the following family members on your plan. (They are referred to in this certificate as your “dependents”.)

- Your legal spouse
- Your dependent children – your own or those of your spouse
  - Dependent children must be:
    - Under age 26
  - Dependent children include:
    - Natural children
    - Stepchildren
    - Adopted children including those placed with you for adoption
    - Foster children
    - Children you are responsible for under a qualified medical support order or court order (whether or not the child resides with you)
    - Grandchildren in your legal custody

You may continue coverage for a disabled child past the age limit shown above. See the Continuation of coverage for other reasons in the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section for more information.
Adding new dependents
You can add the following new dependents any time during the year:
- **A spouse** - if you marry, you can put your spouse on your plan.
  - We must receive your completed enrollment information not more than 31 days after the date of your marriage.
  - Ask the contract holder when benefits for your spouse will begin. It will be:
    - No later than the first day of the first calendar month after the date we receive your completed enrollment information and
    - Within 31 days of the date of your marriage.
- **A newborn child** – your newborn child is covered on your dental plan from the moment of birth and for the first 31 days after birth.
  - To keep your newborn covered, we must receive your completed enrollment information within 31 days of birth.
  - You must still enroll the child within 31 days of birth even when coverage does not require payment of an additional **premium** contribution for the covered dependent.
  - If you miss this deadline, your newborn will not have dental benefits after the first 31 days.
- **An adopted child** – A child that you, or that you and your spouse adopts is covered on your plan for the first 31 days after the adoption is complete.
  - To keep your adopted child covered, we must receive your completed enrollment information within 31 days after the adoption.
  - If you miss this deadline, your adopted child will not have dental benefits after the first 31 days.
- **A stepchild** – You may put a child of your spouse on your plan.
  - You must complete your enrollment information and send it to us within 31 days after the date of your marriage with your stepchild’s parent.
  - Ask the contract holder when benefits for your stepchild will begin. It is either on the date of your marriage or the first day of the month following the date we receive your completed enrollment information.

Inform us of any changes
It is important that you inform us of any changes that might affect your benefit status. This will help us effectively deliver your benefits. Please contact us as soon as possible with changes such as:
- Change of address or phone number
- Change in marital status
- Change of covered dependent status
- A covered dependent who enrolls in any other group dental plan

Late entrant rule
The plan does not cover services or supplies given to a person age 5 or more if that person did not enroll in the plan during one of the following:
- The first 31 days the person is eligible for this coverage or
- Any period of open enrollment agreed to by the contract holder and us

This does not apply to charges incurred for any of the following:
- After the person had been covered by the plan for 12 months
- As a result of **injuries** sustained while covered by the plan
- Diagnostic and preventive services such as exams, cleanings, fluoride, and images (orthodontia related services are not included).
Special times you and your dependents can join the plan
You can enroll in these situations:

- When you did not enroll in this plan before because:
  - You were covered by another group dental plan, and now that other coverage has ended.
  - You had COBRA, and now that coverage has ended.
- You have added a dependent because of marriage, birth, adoption or foster care. See the Adding new dependents section for more information.
- When a court orders that you cover a current spouse or a minor child on your dental plan.

We must receive your completed enrollment information from you within 31 days of that date on which you no longer have the other coverage mentioned above.

Effective date of coverage
Your coverage will be in effect as of the date you become eligible for dental benefits.
Medical necessity and referral requirements

The starting point for covered benefits under your plan is whether the services and supplies are eligible dental services and medically necessary. See the Eligible dental services and Exceptions sections plus the schedule of benefits.

This section addresses the medical necessity requirements.

Medically necessary / medical necessity
As we said in the Let’s get started! section, medical necessity is a requirement for you to receive a covered benefit under this plan.

The medical necessity requirements are in the Glossary section, where we define "medically necessary, medical necessity".

Referrals
You need a referral from your PCD in order to receive coverage for any services a specialty dentist provides. If you do not have a referral when required, we won’t pay the provider. You will have to pay for services if your PCD fails to send the referral to us. Refer to the What the plan pays and what you pay section.
What are your eligible dental services?

The information in this section is the first step to understanding your plan's eligible dental services. If you have questions about this section, see the How to contact us for help section.

Your plan covers many kinds of dental care services and supplies. Your eligible dental services are listed in the schedule of benefits. There you will find the detailed list of eligible dental services. But sometimes those services are not covered at all or are covered only up to a limit.

You can find out about exclusions in the exceptions and the What rules and limits apply to dental care sections, and about the limitations in the schedule of benefits.

Dental emergency

Eligible dental services include dental services provided for a dental emergency. The care provided must be a covered benefit.

If you have a dental emergency, and are over 50 miles from home, you should consider calling your dental in-network provider who may be more familiar with your dental needs. However, you can get treatment from any dentist including one that is an out-of-network provider. If you need help in finding a dentist, call Member Services.

If you get treatment from an out-of-network provider for a dental emergency, the plan pays a benefit at the network cost-sharing level of coverage up to the dental emergency services maximum.

For follow-up care to treat the dental emergency, you should consider using your in-network dental provider so that you can get the maximum level of benefits.

Anesthesia and hospital charges for dental care

Eligible dental services include anesthesia and hospital care if:

- You are 7 years old or younger or are developmentally disabled.
- A successful result cannot be expected from dental care provided under local anesthesia because of a neurological or other medically compromising condition.
- You have sustained extensive facial or dental trauma, unless otherwise covered by worker’s compensation.
What rules and limits apply to dental care?

Several rules apply to the dental benefits. Following these rules will help you use your plan to your advantage by avoiding expenses that are not covered by your plan.

Alternate treatment rule
Sometimes there are several ways to treat a dental problem, all of which provide acceptable results.

If a charge is made for a non-eligible dental service or supply and an eligible dental service that would provide an acceptable result, then your plan will pay a benefit for the eligible dental service or supply.

If a charge is made for an eligible dental service but another eligible dental service that would provide an acceptable result is less expensive, the benefit will be for the least expensive eligible dental service.

The benefit will be based on the in-network provider’s negotiated charge for the eligible dental service.

You should review the differences in the cost of alternate treatment with your dental provider. Of course, you and your dental provider can still choose the more costly treatment method. You are responsible for any charges in excess of what your plan will cover.

Coverage for dental work begun before you are covered by the plan
Your plan does not cover dental work that began before you were covered by the plan. This means that the following dental work is not covered:

- An appliance, or modification of an appliance, if an impression for it was made before you were covered by the plan
- A crown, bridge, or cast or processed restoration, if a tooth was prepared for it before you were covered by the plan
- Root canal therapy, if the pulp chamber for it was opened before you were covered by the plan
Orthodontic treatment rule
Orthodontic treatment is covered on the date active orthodontic treatment begins.

This benefit does not cover charges for the following:
- Interceptive orthodontic treatment
- Limited orthodontic treatment
- Replacement of broken appliances
- Re-treatment of orthodontic cases
- Changes in treatment necessitated by an accident
- Maxillofacial surgery
- Myofunctional therapy
- Treatment of cleft palate
- Treatment of micrognathia
- Treatment of macroglossia
- Treatment of primary dentition
- Treatment of transitional dentition
- Lingually placed direct bonded appliances and arch wires (i.e. “invisible braces”)
- Appliance therapy (to control harmful habits)

The plan will not cover the charges for an orthodontic procedure if an active appliance for that procedure was installed before you were covered by the plan.

Comprehensive orthodontic treatment is limited to a:
- Lifetime maximum of 24 months of active; usual and customary orthodontic treatment on permanent dentition; plus an extra 24 months of post-treatment retention.
- Lifetime maximum of one full course of active, usual and customary orthodontic treatment, plus post-treatment retention.

Orthodontic limitation for late enrollees
The plan will not cover the charges for an orthodontic procedure for which an active appliance for that procedure has been installed within the 2 year period starting with the date you became covered by the plan. This limit applies only if you do not become enrolled in the plan within 31 days after you first become eligible.

Reimbursement policies
We have the right to apply Aetna reimbursement policies. Those policies may reduce the negotiated charge. These policies take into account factors such as:
- The duration and complexity of a service
- When multiple procedures are billed at the same time, whether additional overhead is required
- Whether an assistant surgeon is necessary for the service
- If follow up care is included
- Whether other characteristics modify or make a particular service unique
- When a charge included more than one claim line, whether any services described by a claim line are part of or incidental to the primary service provided and
- The educational level, licensure or length of training of the provider
Aetna reimbursement policies are based on our review of:
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ (CMS) National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) and other external materials that say what billing and coding practices are and are not appropriate
- Generally accepted standards of dental practice and
- The views of providers and dentists practicing in the relevant clinical areas

We use commercial software to administer some of these policies. Some policies are different for professional services than for facility services.

**Replacement rule**
Some eligible dental services are subject to your plan’s replacement rule. The replacement rule applies to replacements of, or additions to existing:
- Crowns
- Inlays
- Onlays
- Veneers
- Complete dentures
- Removable partial dentures
- Fixed partial dentures (bridges)
- Other prosthetic services

These eligible dental services are covered only when you give us proof that:
- While you were covered by the plan:
  - You had a tooth (or teeth) extracted after the existing denture or bridge was installed.
  - As a result, you need to replace or add teeth to your denture or bridge.
- The present item cannot be made serviceable, and is:
  - A crown installed at least 5 years before its replacement.
  - An inlay, onlay, veneer, complete denture, removable partial denture, fixed partial denture (bridge), or other prosthetic item installed at least 5 years before its replacement.
- While you were covered by the plan:
  - You had a tooth (or teeth) extracted.
  - Your present denture is an immediate temporary one that replaces that tooth (or teeth).
  - A permanent denture is needed, and the temporary denture cannot be used as a permanent denture. Replacement must occur within 12 months from the date that the temporary denture was installed.

**Tooth missing but not replaced rule**
The first installation of complete dentures, removable partial dentures, fixed partial dentures (bridges), and other prosthetic services will be covered if:
- The dentures, bridges or other prosthetic items are needed to replace one or more natural teeth that were removed while you were covered by the plan. (The extraction of a third molar tooth does not qualify.)
- The tooth that was removed was not an abutment to a removable or fixed partial denture installed during the prior 5 years.

Any such appliance or fixed bridge must include the replacement of an extracted tooth or teeth.
**Treatment of temporomandibular joint dysfunction/disorder**

Treatment is covered as a Type C Service. This includes treatments which alter the jaw, jaw joints, or bite relationships. The following are covered:

- Diagnosis
- Other surgical and non-surgical treatment

Not included are charges incurred for:

- **Orthodontic treatment**
- Crowns, bridges and dentures
- Treatment of periodontal disease
- Implants
- Root canal therapy
What your plan doesn’t cover – eligible dental service exceptions and exclusions

We already told you about the many dental care services and supplies that are eligible for coverage under your plan in the What are your eligible dental services section. In that section we also told you that some dental care services and supplies have exceptions and some are not covered at all (exclusions).

In this section we tell you about the exceptions and exclusions that apply to your plan.

And just a reminder, you'll find benefit and coverage limitations in the schedule of benefits.

Exceptions and exclusions
The following are not eligible dental services under your plan except as described in:

- The Eligible dental services under your plan section of this certificate or
- A rider or amendment issued to you for use with this certificate

Charges for services or supplies
- Provided for your personal comfort or convenience, or the convenience of any other person, including a dental provider.
- Provided in connection with treatment or care that is not covered under the plan.
- Cancelled or missed appointment charges or charges to complete claim forms.
- Charges for which you have no legal obligation to pay.
- Charges that would not be made if you did not have coverage, including:
  - Care in charitable institutions
  - Care for conditions related to current or previous military service
  - Care while in the custody of a governmental authority

Charges in excess of any benefit limits
- Any charges in excess of the benefit, dollar, visit, or frequency limits stated in the schedule of benefits.

Cosmetic services and plastic surgery (except to the extent coverage is specifically provided in the Eligible Dental Services section of the schedule of benefits)
- Cosmetic services and supplies including:
  - Plastic surgery
  - Reconstructive surgery unless medically necessary surgical or non-surgical treatment for the correction of temporomandibular joint dysfunction by a physician or dentist professionally qualified by training and experience, or for the correction of functional deformities of the maxilla and mandible
  - Cosmetic surgery
  - Personalization or characterization of dentures or other services and supplies which improve, alter or enhance appearance
  - Augmentation and vestibuloplasty and other services to protect, clean, whiten, bleach or alter the appearance of teeth, whether or not for psychological or emotional reasons.

Facings on molar crowns and pontics will always be considered cosmetic.
Court-ordered services and supplies
- Includes those court-ordered services and supplies, or those required as a condition of parole, probation, release or as a result of any legal proceeding.

Dental services and supplies
- Acupuncture, acupressure and acupuncture therapy
- Asynchronous dental treatment
- Crown, inlays and onlays, and veneers unless for one of the following:
  - It is treatment for decay or traumatic injury and teeth cannot be restored with a filling material
  - The tooth is an abutment to a covered partial denture or fixed bridge
- Dental implants, false teeth, prosthetic restoration of dental implants, plates, dentures, braces, mouth guards, and other devices to protect, replace or reposition teeth and removal of implants
- Dentures, crowns, inlays, onlays, bridges, or other prosthetic appliances or services used for the purpose of splinting, to alter vertical dimension, to restore occlusion, or correcting attrition, abrasion, or erosion
- First installation of a denture or fixed bridge, and any inlay and crown that serves as an abutment to replace congenitally missing teeth or to replace teeth, all of which were lost while you were not covered
- General anesthesia and intravenous sedation, unless specifically covered and done in connection with another eligible dental service
- Instruction for diet, tobacco counseling and oral hygiene
- Mail order and at-home kits for orthodontic treatment
- Orthodontic treatment, except as covered in the Eligible Dental Services section of the schedule of benefits
- Dental services and supplies made with high noble metals (gold or titanium) except as covered in the Eligible Dental Services section of the schedule of benefits
- Services and supplies provided by an out-of-network provider
- Services and supplies provided in connection with treatment or care that is not covered under the plan
- Replacement of a device or appliance that is lost, missing or stolen, and for the replacement of appliances that have been damaged due to abuse, misuse or neglect and for an extra set of dentures
- Replacement of teeth beyond the normal complement of 32
- Services and supplies provided where there is no evidence of pathology, dysfunction or disease, other than covered preventive services
- Space maintainers except when needed to preserve space resulting from the premature loss of deciduous teeth
- Surgical removal of impacted wisdom teeth when removed only for orthodontic reasons

Dental services and supplies that are covered in whole or in part:
- Under any other part of this plan
- Under any other plan of group benefits provided by the contract holder.

Examinations
Any dental examinations needed:
- Because a third party requires the exam. Examples include examinations to get or keep a job, or examinations required under a labor agreement or other contract.
- Because a court order requires it.
- To buy insurance or to get or keep a license.
- To travel.
- To go to a school, camp, or sporting event, or to join in a sport or other recreational activity.
Experimental or investigational
- Experimental or investigational drugs, devices, treatments or procedures

Non-medically necessary services
- Services, including but not limited to, those treatments, services, prescription drugs and supplies which are not medically necessary (as determined by Aetna) for the diagnosis and treatment of illness, injury, restoration of physiological functions, or covered preventive services. This applies even if they are prescribed, recommended or approved by your physician or dentist.

Other primary payer
- Payment for a portion of the charge that another party is responsible for as the primary payer

Outpatient prescription drugs, and preventive care drugs and supplements
- Prescribed drugs, pre-medications or analgesia

Personal care, comfort or convenience items
- Any service or supply primarily for your convenience and personal comfort or that of a third party

Providers and other health professionals
- Treatment by other than a dentist. However, the plan will cover some services provided by a licensed dental hygienist under the supervision and guidance of a dentist. These are:
  - Scaling of teeth
  - Cleaning of teeth
  - Topical application of fluoride
- Charges submitted for services by an unlicensed provider or not within the scope of the provider’s license

Services paid under your medical plan
- Your plan will not pay for amounts that were paid for the same services under a medical plan covering you. When a dental service is covered under both plans, we will figure the amount that would be payable under this plan if you did not have other coverage, then subtract what was paid by your medical plan. If there is any difference, this plan will pay it. If the amount paid by your medical plan is equal to or more than the benefit under this plan, this plan will not pay anything for the service.

Services provided by a family member
- Services provided by a spouse, civil union partner, domestic partner, parent, child, step-child, brother, sister, in-law or any household member

Work related illness or injuries
- Coverage available to you under workers’ compensation or under a similar program under local, state or federal law for any illness or injury related to employment or self-employment.
- A source of coverage or reimbursement will be considered available to you even if you waived your right to payment from that source. You may also be covered under a workers’ compensation law or similar law.
- If you submit proof that you are not covered for a particular illness or injury under such law, then that illness or injury will be considered “not work related” regardless of cause.
Who provides the care

Just as the starting point for coverage under your plan is whether the services and supplies are **eligible dental services**, the foundation for getting covered care is through our network. This section tells you about **in-network providers** and PCDs.

**In-network providers**
We have contracted with dental providers in the **service area** to provide eligible dental services to you. These in-network providers make up the network for your plan.

For you to receive the in-network level of benefits you must use in-network providers for eligible dental services.

The exceptions are:
- Dental emergency services – Refer to the What are your eligible dental services section
- An in-network provider is not available to provide the service or supply that you need

You may select an in-network providers from the directory or by logging on to our website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).
You can search our online directory for names and locations of dental providers.

You will not have to submit claims for treatment received from in-network providers. Your in-network provider will take care of that for you. And we will directly pay the in-network provider for what the plan owes.

**Your PCD**
For you to receive the network level of benefits eligible dental services must be accessed through your PCD’s office. They will provide you with primary care and initiate referrals for specialty dental care.

**How do you choose your PCD?**
You can choose a PCD from the list of PCDs in our directory.

Each covered family member is required to select their own PCD. You may each select your own PCD. You must select a PCD for your covered dependent if they are a minor or cannot choose a PCD on their own.

**What will your PCD do for you?**
Your PCD will coordinate your dental care or may provide treatment. They may send you to other in-network providers.

Your PCD will give you a written or electronic referral to see other in-network providers.

**How do I change my PCD?**
You may change your PCD at any time. You can call us at 1-877-238-6200 or log on to your secure member website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com) to make a change.

The change will be effective as follows:
- If Aetna receives a request on or before the 15th day of the month, the change will be effective on the first day of the next month.
- If Aetna receives a request after the 15th day of the month, the change will be effective on the first day of the month following the next month.
What happens if I do not select a PCD?
Because having a PCD is so important, we may choose one for you. We will notify you of the PCD’s name, address and telephone number.

Your eligible dental services will be limited to care provided by direct access in-network providers and dental emergency services.
What the plan pays and what you pay

Who pays for your eligible dental services – this plan, both of us, or just you? That depends. This section gives the general rule and explains these key terms:

- Your copayments
- Your dental emergency services maximum

The general rule
When you get eligible dental services:

- You pay your office visit copayment. The schedule of benefits lists the amounts that you pay.

And then

- You pay your copayment. The schedule of benefits lists the copayment that you pay. The copayment may vary by the type of expense.

And then

- You are responsible for any amounts above the maximum.

Important note – when you pay all
You pay the entire expense for an eligible dental service:

- When you get a dental care service or supply that is not medically necessary. See the Medical necessity, referral requirements section.
- When you get an eligible dental service without a referral when your plan requires a referral. See the Medical necessity, referral requirements section.

In all these cases, the dental provider may require you to pay the entire charge.

Special financial responsibility
You are responsible for the entire expense of:

- Cancelled or missed appointments

Neither you nor we are responsible for:

- Charges for which you have no legal obligation to pay
- Charges that would not be made if you did not have coverage
Where your schedule of benefits fits in
This section explains some of the terms you will find in your schedule of benefits.

How your copayment works
Your copayment is the amount you pay for eligible dental services after you have paid your office visit copayment. Your schedule of benefits shows you which copayments you need to pay for specific eligible dental services.

You will pay your copayment when you receive eligible dental services.

Important note:
See the schedule of benefits for any copayments, maximum, maximum age, visit limits, and other limitations that may apply.
When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures

In the previous section, we explained how you and we share responsibility for paying for your eligible dental services.

When a claim comes in, we review it, make a decision and tell you how you and we will split the expense. We also explain what you can do if you think we got it wrong.

Claim procedures
You or your dental provider are required to send us a claim in writing. You can request a claim form from us. We will review that claim for payment to the dental provider or to you as appropriate.

The table below explains the claim procedures as follows:

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<th>Notice</th>
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<td>Submit a claim</td>
<td>• You should notify us in writing within 20 days and request a claim form from us. You can send your written notice of claim to us at Aetna, P.O. Box 14094, Lexington, KY 40512.</td>
<td>• You must send us notice and proof within 90 days.</td>
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<td>• If we do not provide you with the claim form within 10 days, you will have complied with any requirement to submit proof of loss.</td>
<td>• If you are unable to complete a claim form, you may send us:</td>
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<td>• The claim form will provide instructions on how to complete and where to send the form(s).</td>
<td>- A description of services</td>
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<td>- Bill of charges</td>
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<td>- Any dental documentation you received from your dental provider</td>
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<td>• We won’t void or reduce your claim if you can’t send us notice and proof of loss within the required time. But you must send us notice and proof as soon as reasonably possible.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Proof of claim</td>
<td>• A completed claim form and any additional information required by us.</td>
<td>• You must send us notice and proof within 90 days.</td>
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<td>When you have received a service from an eligible dental provider, you will be charged.</td>
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<td>The information you receive for that service is your proof of loss.</td>
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<td>Benefit payment</td>
<td>• Written proof must be provided for all benefits.</td>
<td>• Benefits will be paid as soon as the necessary proof to support the claim is received.</td>
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<td>• If any portion of a claim is contested by us, the uncontested portion of the claim will be paid</td>
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If your claim is not paid or properly denied within 15 working days for claims received electronically or 30 calendar days for claims received by other means from the date we receive your written notice of claim, then interest will accrue from the 31st day after we receive an acceptable written notice of claim at the rate of 12% per year until your claim has been settled.

If, through no fault of your own, you are not able to meet the deadline for filing a claim, your claim will still be accepted if it is filed as soon as possible. Unless you are legally incapacitated, late claims will not be covered if they are filed more than 24 months after the deadline.

**Communicating our claim decisions**
The amount of time that we have to tell you about our decision on a claim is shown below.

**Post-service claim**
A post service claim is a claim that involves dental care services you have already received.

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<td>Initial decision by us</td>
<td>15 working days for electronic claims</td>
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<td>30 calendar days for paper claims</td>
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<td>Extensions</td>
<td>15 days</td>
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<tr>
<td>If we request more information</td>
<td>15 working days for electronic claims</td>
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<td></td>
<td>30 calendar days for paper claims</td>
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<tr>
<td>Time you have to send us additional information</td>
<td>45 days</td>
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**Adverse benefit determinations**
We pay many claims at the full rate negotiated charge with an in-network provider, except for your share of the costs. But sometimes we pay only some of the claim. And sometimes we don’t pay at all. Any time we don’t pay even part of the claim that is an “adverse benefit determination” or “adverse decision”.

If we make an adverse benefit determination, we will tell you in writing.

**The difference between a complaint and an appeal**

**A complaint**
You may not be happy about a dental provider or an operational issue, and you may want to complain. You can call or write Member Services. Your complaint should include a description of the issue. You should include copies of any records or documents that you think are important. We will review the information and provide you with a written response within 30 calendar days of receiving the complaint. We will let you know if we need more information to make a decision.

**An appeal**
You can ask us to review an adverse benefit determination. This is called an appeal. You can appeal to us verbally or in writing.
Appeals of adverse benefit determinations
You can appeal our adverse benefit determination. We will assign your appeal to someone who was not involved in making the original decision. You must file an appeal within 180 calendar days from the time you receive the notice of an adverse benefit determination.

You can appeal by sending a written appeal to the address on the notice of adverse benefit determination. Or you can call Member Services at 1-877-238-6200. You need to include:
- Your name
- The contract holder’s name
- A copy of the adverse benefit determination
- Your reasons for making the appeal
- Any other information you would like us to consider

Another person may submit an appeal for you, including a dental provider. That person is called an authorized representative. You need to tell us if you choose to have someone else appeal for you (even if it is your dental provider). You should fill out an authorized representative form telling us that you are allowing someone to appeal for you. You can get this form by contacting us. You can use an authorized representative at any level of appeal.

You can appeal two times under this plan. If you appeal a second time you must present your appeal within 60 calendar days from the date you receive the notice of the first appeal decision.

Timeframes for deciding appeals
The amount of time that we have to tell you about our decision on an appeal claim depends on the type of claim. The chart below shows a timetable view of the different types of claims and how much time we have to tell you about our decision.

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<th>Type of notice</th>
<th>Post-service appeal</th>
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Recordkeeping
We will keep the records of all complaints and appeals for at least 10 years.

Fees and expenses
We do not pay any fees or expenses incurred by you when you submit a complaint or appeal.
Coordination of benefits

Some people have dental coverage under more than one plan. If you do, we will work together with your other plan(s) to decide how much each plan pays. This is called coordination of benefits (COB).

Key terms
Here are some key terms we use in this section. These terms will help you understand this COB section.

Allowable expense means:
- A dental care expense that any of your dental plans cover to any degree. If the dental care service is not covered by any of the plans, it is not an allowable expense. For example, cosmetic surgery generally is not an allowable expense under this plan.

In this section we talk about other “plans” which are those plans where you may have other coverage for dental care expenses, such as:
- Group or non-group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policies issued by insurers, HMOs, or health care service contractors
- Labor-management trustee plans, labor organization plans, contract holder organization plans, or employee benefit organization plans
- An automobile insurance policy
- Governmental benefits
- Any contract that you can obtain or maintain only because of membership in or connection with a particular organization or group

Here’s how COB works
- The primary plan pays first. When this is the primary plan, we will pay your claims first as if the other plan does not exist.
- The secondary plan pays after the primary plan. When this is the secondary plan, we will pay benefits after the primary plan and will reduce the payment based on any amount the primary plan paid.
- We will never pay an amount that, when combined with payments from your other coverage, add up to more than 100% of the allowable expenses.

Determining who pays
Reading from top to bottom the first rule that applies will determine which plan is primary and which is secondary.

A plan that does not contain a COB provision is always the primary plan.

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<th>If you are:</th>
<th>Primary plan</th>
<th>Secondary plan</th>
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<tr>
<td>Covered under the plan as an employee, retired employee or dependent</td>
<td>The plan covering you as an employee or retired employee</td>
<td>The plan covering you as a dependent</td>
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<td>You cannot be covered as an employee and dependent</td>
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<td>COB rules for dependent children</td>
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<td><strong>Child of:</strong></td>
<td>The &quot;birthday rule&quot; applies. The plan of the parent whose birthday* (month and day only) falls earlier in the Calendar Year</td>
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<td>• Parents who are married or living together</td>
<td>*Same birthdays--the plan that has covered a parent longer is primary</td>
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<td>The plan of the parent born later in the year (month and day only)*</td>
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<td>*Same birthdays--the plan that has covered a parent longer is primary</td>
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<td><strong>Child of:</strong></td>
<td>The plan of the parent whom the court said is responsible for dental coverage</td>
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<td>• Parents separated or divorced or not living together</td>
<td>The plan of the other parent</td>
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<td>• With court-order</td>
<td>But if that parent has no coverage, then his/her spouse’s plan is primary</td>
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<td><strong>Child of:</strong></td>
<td>Primary and secondary coverage is based on the birthday rule</td>
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<td>• Parents separated or divorced or not living together – court-order states both parents are responsible for coverage or have joint custody</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Child of:</strong></td>
<td>The order of benefit payments is:</td>
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<td>• Parents separated or divorced or not living together and there is no court-order</td>
<td>• The plan of the custodial parent pays first</td>
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<td>• The plan of the spouse of the custodial parent (if any) pays second</td>
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<td>• The plan of the noncustodial parents pays next</td>
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<td>• The plan of the spouse of the noncustodial parent (if any) pays last</td>
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<td><strong>Child covered by:</strong></td>
<td>Treat the person the same as a parent when making the order of benefits determination:</td>
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<td>Individual who is not a parent (i.e. stepparent or grandparent)</td>
<td>See Child of content above.</td>
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<td><strong>Active or inactive employee</strong></td>
<td>The plan covering you as an active employee (or as a dependent of an active employee) is primary to a plan covering you as a laid off or retired employee (or as a dependent of a former employee).</td>
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<td>A plan that covers the person as a laid off or retired employee (or as a dependent of a former employee) is secondary to a plan that covers the person as an active employee (or as a dependent of an active employee).</td>
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<tr>
<td>COBRA or state continuation</td>
<td>The plan covering you as an employee or retiree or the dependent of an employee or retiree is primary to COBRA or state continuation coverage.</td>
<td>COBRA or state continuation coverage is secondary to the plan that covers the person as an employee or retiree or the dependent of an employee or retiree.</td>
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<td>Longer or shorter length of coverage</td>
<td>If none of the above rules determine the order of payment, the plan that has covered the person longer is primary.</td>
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<td>Other rules do not apply</td>
<td>If none of the above rules apply, the plans share expenses equally.</td>
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**How are benefits paid?**

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<th>Primary plan</th>
<th>The primary plan pays your claims as if there is no other dental plan involved.</th>
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| Secondary plan | The secondary plan calculates payment as if the primary plan did not exist, and then applies that amount to any allowable expenses under the secondary plan that were not covered by the primary plan.  
The secondary plan will reduce payments so the total payments do not exceed 100% of the total allowable expense |
| Benefit reserve | The benefit reserve:  
- Is made up of the amount that the secondary plan saved due to COB  
- Is used to cover any unpaid allowable expenses  
- Balance is erased at the end of each year |

**Other dental coverage updates – contact information**

You should contact us if you have any changes to your other coverage. We want to be sure our records are accurate so your claims are processed correctly. See the How to contact us for help section for details.

**Right to receive and release needed information**

We have the right to release or obtain any information we need for COB purposes. That includes information we need to recover any payments from your other dental plans.

**Right to pay another carrier**

Sometimes another plan pays something we would have paid under your plan. When that happens, we will pay your plan benefit to the other plan.

**Right of recovery**

If we pay more than we should have under the COB rules, we may recover the excess from:  
- Any person we paid or for whom we paid  
- Any other plan that is responsible under these COB rules.
When coverage ends

Coverage can end for a number of reasons. This section tells you how and why coverage ends.

When will your coverage end?
Coverage under this plan will end if:
- This plan is discontinued
- You voluntarily stop your coverage
- The group agreement ends
- You are no longer eligible for coverage, including when you no longer live, reside or work in the service area
- Your employment ends
- You do not pay any required premium payment
- We end your coverage
- You become covered under another dental plan offered by your contract holder

Your coverage will end on either the date your employment ends, or the day before the first premium contribution due date that occurs after you stop active work.

When coverage may continue under the plan
Your coverage under this plan will continue if:

| Your employment ends because of illness, injury, sabbatical or other authorized leave as agreed to by the contract holder and us. | If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the contract holder and we agree to do so and as described below:
  - Your coverage may continue, until stopped by the contract holder, but not beyond 30 months from the start of your absence. |
| Your employment ends because of a temporary lay-off, temporary leave of absence, sabbatical, or other authorized leave as agreed to by the contract holder and us. | If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the contract holder and we agree to do so and as described below:
  - Your coverage will stop on the date that your employment ends. |
| Your employment ends because:
  - Your job has been eliminated
  - You have been placed on severance, or
  - This plan allows former employees to continue their coverage. | You may be able to continue coverage. See the Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends section. |
| Your employment ends because of a paid or unpaid medical leave of absence | If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the contract holder and we agree to do so and as described below:
  - Your coverage may continue until stopped by the contract holder but not beyond 30 months from the start of the absence. |
| Your employment ends because of a leave of absence that is not a medical leave of absence | If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the contract holder and we agree to do so and as described below:  
* Your coverage may continue until stopped by the contract holder but not beyond 1 month from the start of the absence. |
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| Your employment ends because of a military leave of absence. | If premium payments are made for you, you may be able to continue to coverage under the plan as long as the contract holder and we agree to do so and as described below:  
* Your coverage may continue until stopped by the contract holder but not beyond 24 months from the start of the absence. |

It is your contract holder’s responsibility to let us know when your employment ends. The limits above may be extended only if we and the contract holder agree in writing to extend them.

**When will coverage end for any dependents?**
Coverage for your dependent will end if:
* Your dependent is no longer eligible for coverage  
* The **group agreement** ends  
* You do not make the required premium contribution toward the cost of dependents’ coverage  
* Your coverage ends for any of the reasons listed above

Your dependents coverage will end on the earlier of the date the **group agreement** terminates or as defined by the contract holder.

**Why would we end you and your dependent’s coverage?**
We will give you 31 days advance written notice before we end your coverage because you commit fraud or intentionally misrepresent yourself when you applied for or obtained coverage. You can refer to the **General provisions – other things you should know** section for more information on loss of coverage.

On the date your coverage ends, we will refund to the contract holder any prepayments for periods after the date your coverage ended.
Special coverage options after your plan coverage ends

This section explains options you may have after your coverage ends under this plan. Your individual situation will determine what options you will have.

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) Rights

What are your COBRA rights?
COBRA gives some people the right to keep their dental coverage for 18, 29 or 36 months after a “qualifying event”. COBRA usually applies to contract holders of group sizes of 20 or more.

Here are the qualifying events that trigger COBRA continuation, who is eligible for continuation and how long coverage can be continued.

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<th>Qualifying event causing loss of coverage</th>
<th>Covered persons eligible for continued coverage</th>
<th>Length of continued coverage (starts from the day you lose current coverage)</th>
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<td>Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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<td>Your working hours are reduced</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependent under the plan</td>
<td>Your dependent children</td>
<td>36 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You die</td>
<td>Your dependents</td>
<td>36 months</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>You are a retiree eligible for retiree dental coverage and your former contract holder files for bankruptcy</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>18 months</td>
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When do I receive COBRA information?
The chart below lists who is responsible for giving the notice, the type of notice they are required to give and the timing.

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<td>General notice – contract holder or Aetna</td>
<td>Notify you and your dependents of COBRA rights</td>
<td>Within 90 days after active employee coverage begins</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notice of qualifying event – contract holder</td>
<td>• Your active employment ends for reasons other than gross misconduct</td>
<td>Within 30 days of the qualifying event or the loss of coverage, whichever occurs later</td>
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<td>• Your working hours are reduced</td>
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<td>• You die</td>
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<td>• You are a retiree eligible for retiree dental coverage and your former contract holder files for bankruptcy</td>
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<tr>
<td>Election notice – contract holder or Aetna</td>
<td>Notify you and your dependents of COBRA rights when there is a qualifying event</td>
<td>Within 14 days after notice of the qualifying event</td>
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<tr>
<td>Notice of unavailability of COBRA – contract holder or Aetna</td>
<td>Notify you and your dependents if you are not entitled to COBRA coverage.</td>
<td>Within 14 days after notice of the qualifying event</td>
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<tr>
<td>Termination notice – contract holder or Aetna</td>
<td>Notify you and your dependents when COBRA coverage ends before the end of the maximum coverage period</td>
<td>As soon as practical following the decision that continuation coverage will end</td>
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### You/your dependents notification requirements

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<tr>
<th>Qualifying event</th>
<th>Person affected (qualifying beneficiary)</th>
<th>Total length of continued coverage</th>
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| Notice of qualifying event – qualified beneficiary | Notify the contract holder if:  
- You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage  
- Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependent under the plan | Within 60 days of the qualifying event or the loss of coverage, whichever occurs later |
| Disability notice | Notify the contract holder if:  
- The Social Security Administration determines that you or a covered dependent qualify for disability status | Within 60 days of the decision of disability by the Social Security Administration, and before the 18 month coverage period ends |
| Notice of qualified beneficiary’s status change to non-disabled | Notify the contract holder if:  
- The Social Security Administration decides that the beneficiary is no longer disabled | Within 30 days of the Social Security Administration’s decision |
| Enrollment in COBRA | Notify the contract holder if:  
- You are electing COBRA | 60 days from the qualifying event. You will lose your right to elect, if you do not:  
- Respond within the 60 days  
- And send back your application |

### How can you extend the length of your COBRA coverage?

The chart below shows qualifying events after the start of COBRA (second qualifying events):

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<th>Qualifying event</th>
<th>Person affected (qualifying beneficiary)</th>
<th>Total length of continued coverage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Disabled within the first 60 days of COBRA coverage (as determined by the Social Security Administration)</td>
<td>You and your dependents</td>
<td>29 months (18 months plus an additional 11 months)</td>
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</table>
| - You die  
- You divorce or legally separate and are no longer responsible for dependent coverage  
- Your covered dependent children no longer qualify as dependent under the plan | You and your dependents | Up to 36 months |
How do you enroll in COBRA?
You enroll by sending in an application and paying the premium. The contract holder has 30 days to send you a COBRA election notice. It will tell you how to enroll and how much it will cost. You can take 60 days from the qualifying event to decide if you want to enroll. You need to send your application and pay the premium. If this is completed on time, you have enrolled in COBRA.

When is your first premium payment due?
Your first premium payment must be made within 45 days after the date of the COBRA election.

How much will COBRA coverage cost?
For most COBRA qualifying events you and your dependents will pay 102% of the total plan costs. This additional 2% covers administrative fees. If you apply for COBRA because of a disability, the total due will be 150% of the plan costs.

Can you add a dependent to your COBRA coverage?
You may add a new dependent during a period of COBRA coverage. They can be added for the rest of the COBRA coverage period if:

- They meet the definition of an eligible dependent.
- You notified the contract holder within 31 days of their eligibility.
- You pay the additional required premiums.
When does COBRA coverage end?

COBRA coverage ends if:
- Coverage has continued for the maximum period.
- The plan ends. If the plan is replaced, you may be continued under the new plan.
- You and your dependents fail to make the necessary payments on time.
- You or a covered dependent become covered under another group dental plan.
- You or your dependents are continuing coverage during the 19th to 29th months of a disability, and the disability ends.

Continuation of coverage for other reasons

What exceptions are there for dental work when coverage ends?

Your dental coverage may end while you or your covered dependent are in the middle of treatment. The plan does not cover dental services that are given after your coverage terminates. There is an exception. The plan will cover the following services if they are ordered while you were covered by the plan, and installed within 30 days after your coverage ends:
- Inlays
- Onlays
- Crowns
- Removable bridges
- Cast or processed restorations
- Dentures
- Fixed partial dentures (bridges)
- Root canals

Ordered means:
- For a denture: The impressions from which the denture will be made were taken
- For a root canal: The pulp chamber was opened
- For any other item: The teeth which will serve as retainers or supports, or the teeth which are being restored:
  - Must have been fully prepared to receive the item
  - Impressions have been taken from which the item will be prepared

How can you extend dental coverage for your disabled child beyond the plan age limits?

You have the right to extend dental coverage for your dependent child beyond the plan age limits. If your disabled child:
- Is not able to be self-supporting because of intellectual or physical disability, and
- Depends mainly (more than 50% of income) on you for support

The right to coverage will continue only as long as a physician certifies that your child still is disabled.

We may ask you to send us proof of the disability within 31 days of the date coverage would have ended. Before we extend coverage, we may ask that your child get a physical exam. We will pay for that exam.

At reasonable intervals during the 2 years following the child’s attainment of the limiting age, we may ask you to send proof that your child is disabled after coverage is extended. After the 2 year period, we won’t ask for this proof more than once a year. You must send it to us within 31 days of our request. If you don’t, we can terminate coverage for your dependent child.

Your disabled child's coverage will end:
- On the date the child is no longer disabled and dependent upon you for support or
- As explained in the When will coverage end for any dependents section
General provisions – other things you should know

Administrative provisions
How you and we will interpret this certificate
We prepared this certificate according to ERISA, and according to other federal and state laws that apply. You and we will interpret it according to these laws. Also, you are bound by our interpretation of this certificate when we administer your coverage, so long as we use reasonable discretion.

How we administer this plan
We apply policies and procedures we’ve developed to administer this plan.

Who’s responsible to you
We are responsible to you for what our employees and other agents do.

We are not responsible for what is done by your providers. They are not our employees or agents.

Coverage and services
Your coverage can change
Your coverage is defined by the group agreement. This document may have amendments too. Under certain circumstances, we or the contract holder or the law may change your plan. Only Aetna may waive a requirement of your plan. No other person – including the contract holder or provider – can do this.

If a service cannot be provided to you
Sometimes things happen that are outside of our control. These are things such as natural disasters, epidemics, fire and riots.

We will try hard to get you access to the services you need even if these things happen. But if we can’t, we may refund you or your contract holder any unearned premium.

Financial sanctions exclusions:
If coverage provided under this booklet-certificate violates or will violate any economic or trade sanctions, the coverage will be invalid immediately. For example, we cannot pay for eligible dental services if it violates a financial sanction regulation. This includes sanctions related to a person or a country under sanction by the United States, unless it is allowed under a written license from the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). You can find out more by visiting http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Pages/default.aspx.

Legal action
We encourage you to complete the appeal process before you take any legal action against us for any expense or bill. You cannot take any action until 60 days after we receive written submission of claim. See the When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures section.

No legal action can be brought to recover payment under any benefit after 3 years from the deadline for filing claims.

Physical examinations and evaluations
At our expense, we have the right to have a provider of our choice examine you. This will be done at all reasonable times while a claim for benefits is pending or under review.

Records of expenses
You should keep complete records of your expenses. They may be needed for a claim.
Things that would be important to keep are:

- Names of dental providers, dentists and others providers who provide services
- Dates expenses are incurred
- Copies of all bills and receipts

Honest mistakes and intentional deception

Honest mistakes
You or the contract holder may make an honest mistake when you share facts with us. When we learn of the mistake, we may make a fair change in premium contribution or in your coverage. If we do, we will tell you what the mistake was. We won’t make a change if the mistake happened more than 2 years before we learned of it.

Intentional deception
If we learn that you defrauded us or you intentionally misrepresented material facts, we can take actions that can have serious consequences for your coverage. These serious consequences include, but are not limited to:

- Loss of coverage, starting at some time in the past. If we paid claims for your past coverage, we will want the money back.
- Loss of coverage going forward.
- Denial of benefits.
- Recovery of amounts we already paid.

We also may report fraud to criminal authorities.

Some other money issues

Assignment of benefits
When you see in-network providers they will usually bill us directly. When you see out-of-network providers, we may choose to pay you or to pay the provider directly. Unless we have agreed to do so in writing and to the extent allowed by law, we will not accept an assignment to an out-of-network provider under this group agreement. This may include:

- The benefits due
- The right to receive payments or
- Any claim you make for damages resulting from a breach, or alleged breach, of the terms of this group agreement

To request assignment you must complete an assignment form. The assignment form is available from the contract holder. The completed form must be sent to us for consent.

Recovery of overpayments
We sometimes pay too much for eligible dental services or pay for something that this plan doesn’t cover. If we do, we can require the person we paid – you or your provider – to return what we paid. If we don’t do that we have the right to reduce any future benefit payments by the amount we paid by mistake.

Premium contribution
This plan requires the contract holder to make premium contribution payments. If payments are made through a payroll deduction with the contract holder, the contract holder will forward your payment to us. We will not pay benefits under this certificate if premium contributions are not made. Any benefit payment denial is subject to our appeals procedure. See the When you disagree - claim decisions and appeals procedures section.
Payment of premiums
The first premium payment for this group agreement is due on or before your effective date of coverage. Your next premium payment will be due the 1st of each month (“premium due date”). Each premium payment is to be paid to us on or before the premium due date.

Your dental information
We will protect your dental information. We will use it and share it with others to help us process your providers’ claims and manage your plan.

You can get a free copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices. Just call Member Services at 1-877-238-6200. When you accept coverage under this plan, you agree to let your providers share your information with us. We will need information about your physical and mental condition and care.
Glossary

Aetna
Aetna Health Inc., an affiliate, or a third party vendor under contract with Aetna.

Calendar year
A period of 12 month beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

Coinsurance
Once any applicable deductibles have been met, This is the percentage you will pay for eligible dental services.

Your coinsurance for:
- PCD services is based on the PCD’s usual fee
- In-network specialty care services is based on the negotiated charge
- Out-of-network dentists is based on the recognized charge

Contract year
A period of 12 month beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

Copay, copayments
This is the specific dollar amount that you must pay at the time you receive eligible dental services

Cosmetic
Services, drugs or supplies that are primarily intended to alter, improve or enhance your appearance.

Covered benefits
Eligible dental services that meet the requirements for coverage under the terms of this plan.

Dental emergency
Any dental condition that:
- Occurs unexpectedly
- Requires immediate diagnosis and treatment in order to stabilize the condition, and
- Is characterized by symptoms such as severe pain and bleeding

Dental emergency services
Services and supplies given by a dental provider to treat a dental emergency.

Dental provider
Any individual legally qualified to provide dental services or supplies.

Dentist
A legally qualified dentist licensed to do the dental work he or she performs.
Directory
The list of in-network providers for your plan. The most up-to-date directory for your plan appears at www.aetna.com. When searching for an in-network provider, you need to make sure that you are searching for providers that participate in your specific plan. In-network providers may only be considered in-network providers for certain Aetna plans.

Effective date of coverage
The date you and your dependent’s coverage begins under this certificate as noted in our records.

 Eligible dental services
The dental care services and supplies listed in the schedule of benefits and not listed or limited in the What rules and limits apply to dental care and Exceptions sections of this plan.

Experimental or investigational
A drug, device, procedure, or treatment that we find is experimental or investigational because:

- There is not enough outcome data available from controlled clinical trials published in the peer-reviewed literature to validate its safety and effectiveness for the illness or injury involved
- The needed approval by the FDA has not been given for marketing
- A national medical or dental society or regulatory agency has stated in writing that it is experimental or investigational or suitable mainly for research purposes
- It is the subject of a Phase I, Phase II or the experimental or research arm of a Phase III clinical trial. These terms have the meanings given by regulations and other official actions and publications of the FDA and Department of Health and Human Services
- Written protocols or a written consent form used by a facility provider state that it is experimental or investigational.
- It is provided or performed in a special setting for research purposes.

Group agreement
The group agreement consists of several documents taken together. These documents are:

- The group application
- The group agreement
- The certificate(s)
- The schedule of benefits
- Any amendments to the group agreement, the certificate, and the schedule of benefits

Health professional
A person who is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by law to provide dental care services to the public. For example, providers and dental assistants.

Illness
Poor health resulting from disease of the teeth or gums.

Injury or injuries
Physical damage done to the teeth or gums.

In-network provider
A provider listed in the directory for your plan.
**Lifetime maximum**
This is the most this plan will pay for **eligible dental services** incurred by a covered person during their lifetime.

**Medicare**
As used in this plan, **Medicare** means the health insurance provided by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended. It includes Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) or similar coverage that is an authorized alternative to Parts A and B of **Medicare**.

**Medically necessary/medical necessity**
Dental care services that we determine a **provider** using sensible clinical judgment would provide to a patient for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an **illness**, **injury**, disease or its symptoms, and that we determine are:

- In accordance with generally accepted standards of dental practice
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for the patient’s **illness**, **injury** or disease
- Not primarily for the convenience of the patient, **dentist**, or other health care **provider**
- Not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services at least as likely to produce the same benefit or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of that patient’s **illness**, **injury** or disease

Generally accepted standards of dental practice means:

- Standards based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed dental literature generally recognized by the relevant dental community.
- Consistent with the standards set forth in policy issues involving clinical judgment.

**Negotiated charge**
This is either:

- The amount an **in-network provider** has agreed to accept
- The amount we agree to pay directly to an **in-network provider** or third party vendor (including any administrative fee in the amount paid)

for providing **eligible dental services** to **covered persons** in the plan.

**Orthodontic treatment**
This is any:

- Medical service or supply
- Dental service or supply

furnished to prevent or to diagnose or to correct a misalignment:
- Of the teeth
- Of the bite
- Of the jaws or jaw joint relationship

whether or not for the purpose of relieving pain.

The following are not considered **orthodontic treatment**:

- The installation of a space maintainer
- A surgical procedure to correct malocclusion
Out-of-network provider
A provider who is not an in-network provider and does not appear in the directory for your plan, or a specialty dentist that is seen without a referral.

Physician
A skilled health care professional trained and licensed to practice medicine under the laws of the state where they practice; specifically, doctors of medicine or osteopathy.

Premium
The amount you or the contract holder are required to pay to Aetna to continue coverage.

Primary care dentist (PCD)
A provider who:
- Is selected by a person from the list of PCDs in the directory
- Supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic dental services to a person
- Initiates referrals for specialty dental care
- Is shown on Aetna’s records as your PCD

Provider
A dentist or other entity or person licensed or certified under applicable state and federal law to provide dental care services to you.

Referral
This only applies to in-network coverage and is a written or electronic authorization made by your PCD to direct you to a in-network provider for medically necessary services and supplies.

Service area
The geographic area where in-network providers for this plan are located.

Specialty dentist
This is a dental provider who practices in any generally accepted dental or surgical sub-specialty.

Temporomandibular joint dysfunction/disorder
This is:
- A temporomandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction/disorder or any similar disorder of the jaw joint
- A myofascial pain dysfunction (MPD) of the jaw
- Any similar disorder in the relationship between the jaw joint and the related muscles and nerves

Usual fee
This is the fee that a PCD charges its patients in general. Your PCD will give you a copy of the usual fee schedule if you ask for one. It is not part of this certificate of coverage and may change. It is used only to calculate your coinsurance amount and is not the basis upon which Aetna pays the PCD. Aetna pays PCDs based upon separate agreements that may be less than, or unrelated to, the PCD’s usual fee.
Discount programs

Discount arrangements
We can offer you discounts on health care related goods or services. Sometimes, other companies provide these discounted goods and services. These companies are called “third party service providers”. These third party service providers may pay us so that they can offer you their services.

Third party service providers are independent contractors. The third party service provider is responsible for the goods or services they deliver. We have the right to change or end the arrangements at any time.

These discount arrangements are not insurance. We don’t pay the third party service providers for the services they offer. You are responsible for paying for the discounted goods or services.

Wellness and other incentives
We may encourage and incent you to access certain dental services, to use online tools that enhance your coverage and services, and to continue participation as an Aetna member. You and your provider can talk about these dental services and decide if they are right for you. We may also encourage and incent you to participate in a wellness or health improvement program. Incentives may include but are not limited to:

- Modification to copayment or coinsurance amounts
- Premium discounts or rebates
- Contributions to a health savings account
- Fitness center membership reimbursement
- Merchandise
- Coupons
- Gift cards
- Debit cards
- Any combination of the above

The award of any such incentive shall not depend upon the result of a wellness or health improvement activity or upon a member's health status.
Additional Information Provided by

Emory University

The following information is provided to you in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). It is not a part of your booklet-certificate. Your Plan Administrator has determined that this information together with the information contained in your booklet-certificate is the Summary Plan Description required by ERISA.

In furnishing this information, Aetna is acting on behalf of your Plan Administrator who remains responsible for complying with the ERISA reporting rules and regulations on a timely and accurate basis.

Name of Plan:
Refer to your Plan Administrator for this information

Employer Identification Number:
58-2137993

Plan Number:
501

Type of Plan:
Health and Welfare

Type of Administration:
Group Insurance Policy with:

Aetna Life Insurance Company
151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06156

Plan Administrator:
Emory University
1599 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30322
Telephone Number: (404) 712-4227

Agent For Service of Legal Process:
Emory University
1599 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30322

Service of legal process may also be made upon the Plan Administrator

End of Plan Year:
December 31

Source of Contributions:
Employer and Employee
**Procedure for Amending the Plan:**
The Employer may amend the Plan from time to time by a written instrument signed by the person designated by the Plan Administrator.

**ERISA Rights**
As a participant in the group insurance plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

**Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits**
Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator’s office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) that is filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and an updated Summary Plan Description. The Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan’s annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

Receive a copy of the procedures used by the Plan for determining a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) or a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO).

**Continue Group Health Plan Coverage**
Continue health care coverage for yourself, your spouse, or your dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this summary plan description and the documents governing the Plan for the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

**Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**
In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called “fiduciaries” of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in your interest and that of other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.
**Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay up to $110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan’s decision or lack thereof concerning the status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in a federal court.

If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan’s money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

**Assistance with Your Questions**

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.

If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact:

- the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory; or

You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
Confidentiality Notice
Aetna considers personal information to be confidential and has policies and procedures in place to protect it against unlawful use and disclosure. By "personal information," we mean information that relates to a member’s physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to the member, or payment for the provision of health care or disability or life benefits to the member. Personal information does not include publicly available information or information that is available or reported in a summarized or aggregate fashion but does not identify the member.

When necessary or appropriate for your care or treatment, the operation of our health, disability or life insurance plans, or other related activities, we use personal information internally, share it with our affiliates, and disclose it to health care providers (doctors, dentists, pharmacies, hospitals and other caregivers), payors (health care provider organizations, employers who sponsor self-funded health plans or who share responsibility for the payment of benefits, and others who may be financially responsible for payment for the services or benefits you receive under your plan), other insurers, third party administrators, vendors, consultants, government authorities, and their respective agents. These parties are required to keep personal information confidential as provided by applicable law. In our health plans, participating network providers are also required to give you access to your medical records within a reasonable amount of time after you make a request.

Some of the ways in which personal information is used include claim payment; utilization review and management; medical necessity reviews; coordination of care and benefits; preventive health, early detection, vocational rehabilitation and disease and case management; quality assessment and improvement activities; auditing and anti-fraud activities; performance measurement and outcomes assessment; health, disability and life claims analysis and reporting; health services, disability and life research; data and information systems management; compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; formulary management; litigation proceedings; transfer of policies or contracts to and from other insurers, HMOs and third party administrators; underwriting activities; and due diligence activities in connection with the purchase or sale of some or all of our business. We consider these activities key for the operation of our health, disability and life plans. To the extent permitted by law, we use and disclose personal information as provided above without member consent. However, we recognize that many members do not want to receive unsolicited marketing materials unrelated to their health, disability and life benefits. We do not disclose personal information for these marketing purposes unless the member consents. We also have policies addressing circumstances in which members are unable to give consent.

To obtain a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, which describes in greater detail our practices concerning use and disclosure of personal information, please call the toll-free Member Services number on your ID card or visit our Internet site at www.aetna.com.
Continuation of Coverage During an Approved Leave of Absence Granted to Comply With Federal Law

This continuation of coverage section applies only for the period of any approved family or medical leave (approved FMLA leave) required by Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA). If your Employer grants you an approved FMLA leave for a period in excess of the period required by FMLA, any continuation of coverage during that excess period will be subject to prior written agreement between Aetna and your Employer.

If your Employer grants you an approved FMLA leave in accordance with FMLA, you may, during the continuance of such approved FMLA leave, continue Health Expense Benefits for you and your eligible dependents.

At the time you request the leave, you must agree to make any contributions required by your Employer to continue coverage. Your Employer must continue to make premium payments.

If Health Expense Benefits has reduction rules applicable by reason of age or retirement, Health Expense Benefits will be subject to such rules while you are on FMLA leave.

Coverage will not be continued beyond the first to occur of:

- The date you are required to make any contribution and you fail to do so.
- The date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated.
- The date the coverage involved discontinues as to your eligible class. However, coverage for health expenses may be available to you under another plan sponsored by your Employer.

Any coverage being continued for a dependent will not be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate.

If Health Expense Benefits terminate because your approved FMLA leave is deemed terminated by your Employer, you may, on the date of such termination, be eligible for Continuation Under Federal Law on the same terms as though your employment terminated, other than for gross misconduct, on such date. If the group contract provides any other continuation of coverage (for example, upon termination of employment, death, divorce or ceasing to be a defined dependent), you (or your eligible dependents) may be eligible for such continuation on the date your Employer determines your approved FMLA leave is terminated or the date of the event for which the continuation is available.

If you acquire a new dependent while your coverage is continued during an approved FMLA leave, the dependent will be eligible for the continued coverage on the same terms as would be applicable if you were actively at work, not on an approved FMLA leave.

If you return to work for your Employer following the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, your coverage under the group contract will be in force as though you had continued in active employment rather than going on an approved FMLA leave provided you make request for such coverage within 31 days of the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave to be terminated. If you do not make such request within 31 days, coverage will again be effective under the group contract only if and when Aetna gives its written consent.

If any coverage being continued terminates because your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated, any Conversion Privilege will be available on the same terms as though your employment had terminated on the date your Employer determines the approved FMLA leave is terminated.