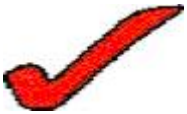




# TUFTS Health Plan

## **EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE Premier HMO Platinum MASSACHUSETTS**



This health plan meets Minimum Creditable Coverage standards and will satisfy the individual mandate that you have health insurance. Please see next page for additional information.

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## **MASSACHUSETTS REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE:**

**As of January 1, 2009, the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law requires that Massachusetts residents, eighteen (18) years of age and older, must have health coverage that meets the Minimum Creditable Coverage standards set by the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector, unless waived from the health insurance requirement based on affordability or individual hardship. For more information call the Connector at 1-877-MA-ENROLL or visit the Connector Web site ([www.mahealthconnector.org](http://www.mahealthconnector.org)).**

This health plan meets Minimum Creditable Coverage standards that were effective January 1, 2009 as part of the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law. If you purchase this plan, you will satisfy the statutory requirement that you have health insurance meeting these standards.

**THIS DISCLOSURE IS FOR MINIMUM CREDITABLE COVERAGE STANDARDS THAT WERE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009. BECAUSE THESE STANDARDS MAY CHANGE, REVIEW YOUR HEALTH PLAN MATERIAL EACH YEAR TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR PLAN MEETS THE LATEST STANDARDS.**

If you have questions about this notice, you may contact the Division of Insurance by calling (617) 521-7794 or visiting its Web site at [www.mass.gov/doi](http://www.mass.gov/doi).

# TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Address and Telephone Directory

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN  
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## **Member Services Hours:**

Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. EST  
Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EST

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:**

### **EMERGENCY Care**

For routine care, you should always call your PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER (PCP) before seeking care. If you have an urgent medical need and cannot reach your PCP or your PCP's COVERING PROVIDER, you should seek care at the nearest EMERGENCY room.

Important Note: If needed, call 911 for EMERGENCY medical assistance. If 911 services are not available in your area, call the local number for EMERGENCY medical services.

### **Liability Recovery**

Call the Liability and Recovery Department at 1-888-880-8699, x. 21098 for questions about coordination of benefits and workers' compensation. For example, call the Liability and Recovery Department if you have any questions about how TUFTS HEALTH PLAN coordinates coverage with other health care coverage that you may have. The Liability and Recovery Department is available from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For questions related to subrogation, call a Member Representative at 1-800-462-0224. If you are uncertain which department can best address your questions, call Member Services.

### **Member Services Department**

Call our Member Services Department at 1-800-462-0224 for general questions, assistance in choosing a PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER (PCP), benefit questions, and information regarding eligibility for enrollment and billing. For help finding a Tufts HP PROVIDER in our network, call Member Services and follow the appropriate prompts. Our Member Services team can help you find a Tufts HP PROVIDER who is appropriate for your age, condition and type of treatment.

### **Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services**

If you need assistance locating a PROVIDER or finding information about your behavioral health/substance use disorder benefits, please contact the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health Department at 1-800-208-9565.

### **Services for Hearing Impaired MEMBERS**

If you are hearing impaired, the following services are provided:

#### **Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)**

If you have access to a TDD phone, call 711. You will reach our Member Services Department.

#### **Massachusetts Relay (MassRelay)**

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### **Fraud, Waste and Abuse**

You may have concerns about being billed for services you never received, or that your insurance information has been stolen or used by someone else. To report potential health care fraud or abuse, or if you have questions, please call Member Services, or email [fraudandabuse@tufts-health.com](mailto:fraudandabuse@tufts-health.com). You can also call our confidential hotline any time at 877-824-7123 or send an anonymous letter to us at:

Tufts Health Plan  
Attn: Fraud and Abuse  
705 Mount Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

# TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Address and Telephone Directory

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## Appeals and Grievances Department

If you need to call us about a concern or appeal, contact Member Services. To submit your appeal or grievance in writing, send your letter to the address below. Or you may fax it to us at 617-972-9509. You may also submit your appeal or grievance in person at this address:

### Tufts Health Plan

**Attn: Appeals and Grievances Department**  
**705 Mt. Auburn Street**  
**P.O. Box 9193**  
**Watertown MA 02472-9193**

## Web site

For more information about TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and to learn more about the self-service options that are available to you, please see the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Web site at [www.tuftshealthplan.com](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com).

## Treatment Cost Estimator

In compliance with Massachusetts law, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN offers a cost transparency estimator tool to help MEMBERS estimate the cost of COVERED SERVICES. In order to access this tool, you must register at [www.tuftshealthplan.com/members](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com/members). Once you have registered, enter the member portal to access the tool. Examples of information you can find by using the treatment cost estimator include:

- the estimated or maximum ALLOWED COST for a proposed admission, procedure or service; and
- the estimated amount you will be responsible for paying for admissions, procedures, or services that are COVERED SERVICES (including FACILITY FEES and COST SHARING AMOUNTS), based on information available to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN at the time the request is made.

The cost estimates generated by the tool are binding to the extent required by Massachusetts law. The actual amount you may be responsible for paying may vary due to unforeseen services that arise out of the proposed admission, procedure or service.

## CHANGES TO THIS EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE ("EOC")

From time to time, certain sections in this EOC may change. This may happen to comply with a state or federal law or regulation. Or, this may happen to reflect an enhancement to your plan with us during the year. To check to see whether this EOC has been amended, please go to <https://tuftshealthplan.com/2020-EOC-Amendments> on the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Web site.

## Translating services for more than 200 languages

Interpreter and translator services related to administrative procedures are available to assist MEMBERS upon request.

For no cost translation in English, call the number on your ID card.

**Arabic** للحصول على خدمة الترجمة المجانية باللغة العربية، يرجى الاتصال على الرقم المدون على بطاقة الهوية الخاصة بك.

**Chinese** 若需免費的中文版本，請撥打 ID 卡上的電話號碼。

**French** Pour demander une traduction gratuite en français, composez le numéro indiqué sur votre carte d'identité.

**German** Um eine kostenlose deutsche Übersetzung zu erhalten, rufen Sie bitte die Telefonnummer auf Ihrer Ausweiskarte an.

**Greek** Για δωρεάν μετάφραση στα Ελληνικά, καλέστε τον αριθμό που αναγράφεται στην αναγνωριστική κάρτα σας.

**Haitian Creole** Pou jwenn tradiksyon gratis nan lang Kreyòl Ayisyen, rele nimewo ki sou kat ID ou.

**Italian** Per la traduzione in italiano senza costi aggiuntivi, è possibile chiamare il numero indicato sulla tessera identificativa.

**Japanese** 日本語の無料翻訳については ID カードに書いてある番号に電話してください。

**Khmer (Cambodian)** សម្រាប់សេវាកម្មប្រយោជន៍ឥតគិតថ្លៃជា ភាសាខ្មែរ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅកាន់លេខដែលមាននៅលើកាតសម្គាល់សមាជិករបស់អ្នក។

**Korean** 한국어로 무료 통역을 원하시면, ID 카드에 있는 번호로 연락하십시오.

**Laotian** ສໍາລັບການແປພາສາເປັນພາສາລາວທີ່ບໍ່ໄດ້ເສຍຄ່າໃຊ້ຈ່າຍ, ໃຫ້ໃບຫາເປີທີ່ຢູ່ເທິງບັດປະຈຳຕົວຂອງທ່ານ.

**Navajo** Doo béááh ilíní da Diné k'ehjí álnéehgo, hodiilnih béesh bee hani'é bee nées ho'dílzingo nantinígíí bikáá'.

**Persian** برای ترجمه رایگان فارسی به شماره تلفن مندرج در کارت شناسایی تان زنگ بزنید.

**Polish** Aby uzyskać bezpłatne tłumaczenie w języku polskim, należy zadzwonić na numer znajdujący się na Pana/i dowodzie tożsamości.

**Portuguese** Para tradução grátis para português, ligue para o número no seu cartão de identificação.

**Russian** Для получения услуг бесплатного перевода на русский язык позвоните по номеру, указанному на идентификационной карточке.

**Spanish** Por servicio de traducción gratuito en español, llame al número de su tarjeta de miembro.

**Tagalog** Para sa walang bayad na pagsasalín sa Tagalog, tawagan ang numero na nasa inyong ID card.

**Vietnamese** Để có bản dịch tiếng Việt không phải trả phí, gọi theo số trên thẻ căn cước của bạn.

### Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)

Call 711.

## Overview

Welcome to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. We are pleased you have chosen us. We look forward to working with you to help you meet your health care needs. We are a health maintenance organization which arranges for your health care through a network of health care professionals and hospitals. When you join TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, you will need to choose a PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER (PCP) to manage your care. Your PCP is a PROVIDER in private practice who personally cares for your health needs, and if the need arises, refers you to a specialist within our network.

This book will help you find answers to your questions about TUFTS HEALTH PLAN benefits. Capitalized words are defined in the Glossary in Appendix A.

Your satisfaction with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN is important to us. If at any time you have questions, please call a Member Representative and we will be happy to help you.

Tufts Associated Health Maintenance Organization, Inc. is licensed as a health maintenance organization in Massachusetts, but does business under the name TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

**Eligibility for Benefits**

When you join TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, you agree to receive your care from TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS. We cover only the services and supplies described as COVERED SERVICES in Chapter 3. There are no pre-existing condition limitations under this plan. You are eligible to use your benefits as of your EFFECTIVE DATE.

In accordance with federal law (45 CFR § 148.180), TUFTS HEALTH PLAN does not:

- adjust PREMIUMS based on genetic information;
- request or require genetic testing; or
- collect genetic information from an individual prior to, or in connection with enrollment in a plan, or at any time for underwriting purposes.

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR MEMBERS IN GROUP CONTRACTS ONLY:**

If you live outside of Massachusetts, your benefits under this plan may also include benefits required by the laws of your state. For more information, please call Member Services.

**Calls to Member Services**

The Member Services Department is committed to excellent service. All calls are recorded for training and quality purposes.

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## Benefit Overview

This table provides basic information about your benefits under this plan. Please see "Benefits Limits" and Chapter 3 for detailed explanations of COVERED SERVICES, including certain benefit restrictions and limitations (for example, visit, day, and dollar maximums).

<b>COPAYMENTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>EMERGENCY Care:</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● EMERGENCY room</li> </ul>	\$150.00 COPAYMENT applies per visit.
<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An EMERGENCY room COST SHARING AMOUNT may apply if you register in an EMERGENCY room but leave that facility without receiving care.</li> <li>● A DAY SURGERY COPAYMENT may apply if DAY SURGERY services are received.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other COVERED SERVICES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Office Visits:</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Office Visit :</li> </ul>	\$20.00 COPAYMENT applies per visit.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Visit to a FREE STANDING URGENT CARE CENTER:</li> </ul>	\$40.00 COPAYMENT.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● INPATIENT Services</li> </ul>	\$500.00 COPAYMENT applies per admission.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DAY SURGERY</li> </ul>	\$250.00 COPAYMENT
<p>*Note: This COPAYMENT also applies for COVERED DAY SURGERY SERVICES at a free standing facility.</p>	
<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>In addition, please note that in accordance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), certain services, including women’s preventive health care services, preventive care visits, certain prescription medications, and certain over-the-counter medications when prescribed by a licensed PROVIDER and dispensed at a pharmacy pursuant to a prescription - are now covered in full. For more information on what services are now covered in full, please see <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services</a> or <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services</a>. If you have any questions about whether specific services are considered preventive under the ACA, please call Member Services.</p> <p>Diagnostic OUTPATIENT services rendered in conjunction with a routine physical examination (i.e., a preventive care visit) may be subject to COST SHARING AMOUNTS. For example, diagnostic testing and diagnostic laboratory tests provided during a preventive care visit are covered as described under “Diagnostic testing” and “Laboratory tests” below.</p> <p>For certain diagnostic OUTPATIENT services provided in conjunction with a preventive care visit, you may be charged an office visit COST SHARING AMOUNTS.</p>	

## Benefit Overview, continued

COST SHARING AMOUNTS for URGENT CARE services vary depending on:

- type of PROVIDER (PCP vs. SPECIALIST);
- location where services are provided (for example, PROVIDER's office, LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC, FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTER, or Emergency room); and
- any additional Diagnostic OUTPATIENT services provided during the visit. Such services including but are not limited to laboratory tests, x-rays, or DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT may be subject to a separate COST SHARING AMOUNTS (see the Benefit Overview). For more information, please call Member Services.

## OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM

**Individual OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM:** \$3,000.00.

An Individual OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM of \$3,000.00 applies to each MEMBER per CONTRACT YEAR.

**Family (two or more MEMBERS) OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM:** \$3,000.00 per MEMBER and \$6,000.00 per family each CONTRACT YEAR.

Any DEDUCTIBLE, COPAYMENT or COINSURANCE amount you pay for COVERED SERVICES under this plan counts towards your OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM. Once you have satisfied your OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM, you are no longer responsible for DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS or COINSURANCE.

Note: Under a family plan, any combination of enrolled MEMBERS in a family can contribute towards meeting the Family OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM. Once the Family OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM is met during a CONTRACT YEAR, we begin to pay for COVERED SERVICES for all enrolled MEMBERS in a family under the terms of this Evidence of Coverage. However: If any enrolled MEMBER in a family meets the Individual OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM before the Family OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM is met; then: (1) that MEMBER has met his/her OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM requirement; and (2) we will begin to pay for his/her COVERED SERVICES, subject to the terms of this Evidence of Coverage.

**The following amounts do not count towards your OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM:**

- Any amount you pay for services, supplies, or medications that are not COVERED SERVICES.
- Costs in excess of the REASONABLE CHARGE.
- The premium you pay for this plan

**Important Note about your coverage under the Affordable Care Act ("ACA"):** Under the ACA, preventive care services, including women's preventive health care services, certain prescription medications, and certain over-the-counter medications when prescribed by a licensed PROVIDER and dispensed at a pharmacy pursuant to a prescription, are now covered in full. These services are listed in the following "Benefit Overview". For more information on what services are now covered in full, please see the Web site at <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services> or <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services>. You can find information about women's preventive health services at <https://hrsa.gov/womensguidelines2016/index.html>.

**Benefit Overview, continued**

Important Note: This table provides basic information about your benefits under this plan. Please see the COVERED SERVICES table below, "Benefit Limits", and Chapter 3 for specific information, including certain benefit restrictions and limitations (for example, visit, day, and dollar maximums).

COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
<b>EMERGENCY Care</b>	
Treatment in an EMERGENCY room	\$150.00 COPAYMENT per visit. (COPAYMENT waived if admitted as an INPATIENT or for DAY SURGERY)
	<b>Note:</b> Observation services will take an EMERGENCY room COST SHARING AMOUNT.
<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A MEMBER should call TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within 48 hours after EMERGENCY care is received. If you are admitted as an INPATIENT, you or someone acting for you must call your PCP or TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within 48 hours.</li> <li>• If you are admitted as an INPATIENT after receiving EMERGENCY care, please call TUFTS HEALTH PLAN in order to have your EMERGENCY room COPAYMENT waived.</li> <li>• A DAY SURGERY COPAYMENT may apply if DAY SURGERY services are rendered.</li> </ul>	
Acupuncture	\$20.00 COPAYMENT.
Allergy Injections	Covered in full per injection.
Allergy testing and treatment	\$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit.
Ambulance services <b>(AR)</b>	Covered in full.

(AR) - These services or certain services within this benefit category may require approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER. Your PROVIDER will obtain this approval for you. Please see "AUTHORIZED REVIEWER Approval" in Chapter 1 for more information. (BL) - Benefit Limit applies. See "COVERED SERVICES" in Chapter 3 for more information.

**Benefit Overview**, continued

Important Note: This table provides basic information about your benefits under this plan. Please see the COVERED SERVICES table below, "Benefit Limits", and Chapter 3 for specific information, including certain benefit restrictions and limitations (for example, visit, day, and dollar maximums).

COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
Autism spectrum disorders - diagnosis and treatment <b>(AR)</b>	<p><b>HABILITATIVE or rehabilitative care (including applied behavioral analysis):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When provided by a PARAPROFESSIONAL: Covered in full.</li> <li>• When provided by a BOARD-CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST (BCBA): \$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When provided by a licensed physical or occupational therapist: \$45.00 COPAYMENT per visit.</li> <li>• When provided by a licensed speech-language therapist or audiologist: \$45.00 COPAYMENT per visit.</li> </ul> <p><b>Prescription medications:</b> Covered as described under "Prescription Drug Benefit" in Chapter 3.</p> <p><b>Psychiatric and psychological care:</b> Covered as described under "Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder Services".</p> <p><b>Therapeutic care:</b> Covered as described under "MEDICALLY NECESSARY diagnosis and treatment of speech, hearing and language disorders" and "Physical and occupational therapy services".</p>
<b>Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services</b>	
<b>To contact the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health Department, call 1-800-208-9565.</b>	
<p>OUTPATIENT services*</p> <p>*Certain OUTPATIENT behavioral health and substance use disorder services may require approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER. Please see "Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services" in Chapter 3 or contact the Behavioral Health Department for more information.</p>	Individual session - \$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit.
Medication assisted treatment, including methadone maintenance	Covered in full per visit when provided by a medication assisted treatment clinic.
<p>Intermediate care, including behavioral health services for children and adolescents <b>(AR)</b></p> <p>Note: Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is only required for certain behavioral health services for children and adolescents. Please see Chapter 3 for more information about these services.</p>	Covered in full.

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## Benefit Overview, continued

Important Note: This table provides basic information about your benefits under this plan. Please see the COVERED SERVICES table below, "Benefit Limits", and Chapter 3 for specific information, including certain benefit restrictions and limitations (for example, visit, day, and dollar maximums).

COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
INPATIENT services, including MEDICALLY NECESSARY treatment in a behavioral health residential treatment facility (includes Intensive Community Based Acute Treatment (ICBAT) for children and adolescents) (AR)	\$750.00 COPAYMENT per admission.
Cardiac rehabilitation services	Covered in full.
Chemotherapy administration <b>Note:</b> For information about your coverage for the medications used in chemotherapy, please see "Injectable, infused or inhaled medications" later in this "Benefit Overview".	Covered in full.
Chiropractic medicine	\$25.00 COPAYMENT
Cleft lip and cleft palate treatment and services for CHILDREN (AR)	<p><b><u>Medical or facial surgery:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INPATIENT SERVICES: Covered as described under "Acute Hospital Services" or "Reconstructive surgery and procedures".</li> <li>DAY SURGERY: Covered as described under "DAY SURGERY".</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Oral surgery:</u></b> Covered as described under "Oral Health Services".</p> <p><b><u>Dental surgery or orthodontic treatment and management:</u></b> Covered in full.</p> <p><b><u>Preventive and restorative dentistry:</u></b> Covered in full. (see "Cleft lip and cleft palate treatment and services for CHILDREN" in Chapter 3 for more information about what is covered under this benefit).</p> <p><b><u>Speech therapy and audiology services:</u></b> Covered as described under "MEDICALLY NECESSARY diagnosis and treatment of speech, hearing and language disorders".</p> <p><b><u>Nutrition services:</u></b> Covered as described under "Nutritional counseling".</p>
Colonoscopies See "Diagnostic or preventive screening procedures"	-
DAY SURGERY (AR)	<p><b><u>DAY SURGERY services and FACILITY FEES:</u></b> \$500 COPAYMENT.</p> <p>Note: This COPAYMENT also applies for covered DAY SURGERY SERVICES at a free standing facility.</p> <p><b><u>Physician/surgeon fees:</u></b> DEDUCTIBLE then covered in full.</p>
Diabetes self-management training and educational service	<p>\$25.00 COPAYMENT per visit for care received from your PCP.</p> <p>\$50.00 per visit for care received from any other TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER.</p>

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Capitalized words are defined in Appendix A.



## Benefit Overview, continued

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COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
Diabetes self-management training and educational service	\$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit. \$40.00 COPAYMENT per visit.
	<p><b>General imaging:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered in full.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Diagnostic Imaging (AR)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General imaging (such as x-rays and ultrasounds); and</li> <li>MRI / MRA, CT/CTA, PET and nuclear cardiology.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MRI/MRA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$150.00 COPAYMENT.</li> </ul> <p><b>CT/CTA:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$150.00 COPAYMENT.</li> </ul> <p><b>PET:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$150.00 COPAYMENT.</li> </ul> <p><b>Nuclear cardiology:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$150.00 COPAYMENT.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> COST SHARING AMOUNTS for diagnostic imaging (except general imaging) will be waived when the imaging is required as part of an active treatment plan for a cancer diagnosis. Please contact Member Services for more information.</p>
<p><b>Diagnostic or preventive screening procedures (AR)</b> (for example, proctosigmoidoscopies, colonoscopies and sigmoidoscopies )</p>	<p><b>Screening for colon or colorectal cancer in the absence of symptoms, with or without surgical intervention:</b> Covered in full.</p> <p><b>Diagnostic procedure only (for example, colonoscopies associated with symptoms):</b> Covered in full</p> <p><b>Diagnostic procedure accompanied by treatment/surgery (for example, polyp removal):</b> \$250.00 COPAYMENT *Note: This COPAYMENT also applies for COVERED DAY SURGERY SERVICES at a free standing facility.</p>
Diagnostic testing (AR)	Covered in full
DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT(AR)	20% COINSURANCE.
Early intervention services for a DEPENDENT CHILD	Covered in full

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## Benefit Overview, continued

Important Note: This table provides basic information about your benefits under this plan. Please see the COVERED SERVICES table below, "Benefit Limits", and Chapter 3 for specific information, including certain benefit restrictions and limitations (for example, visit, day, and dollar maximums).

COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
Extended care <b>(AR)</b> <b>(BL)</b>	Covered in full.
Family planning - procedures, services and contraceptives <b>Note:</b> Under the ACA, women's preventive health services, including contraceptives and female sterilization procedures, are covered in full. To determine whether a specific family planning service is covered in full or subject to a COST SHARING AMOUNT, please see <a href="https://www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines2016/index.html">https://www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines2016/index.html</a> , <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services</a> or <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-service">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-service</a> or call Member Services.	<b>Office Visit:</b> \$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit  <b>DAY SURGERY*:</b> \$500.00 COPAYMENT  *Note: This COPAYMENT also applies for COVERED DAY SURGERY SERVICES at a free standing facility.
Hearing aids <b>(BL)</b>	<b>Hearing aids for CHILDREN age 21 and under:</b> 20% COINSURANCE.
Hemodialysis	Covered in full.
Home health care <b>(AR)</b>	Covered in full
Hospice care <b>(AR)</b>	Covered in full
Hospital INPATIENT services (Acute care) <b>(AR)</b>	<b>INPATIENT care and FACILITY FEES:</b> \$500.00 COPAYMENT per admission.  <b>Physician/surgeon fees:</b> Covered in full.
Human leukocyte antigen (HLA) testing	Covered in full
Immunizations and vaccinations	<b>Routine preventive immunizations:</b> Covered in full. <b>All other vaccinations:</b> Covered in full.

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## Benefit Overview, continued

Important Note: This table provides basic information about your benefits under this plan. Please see the COVERED SERVICES table below, "Benefit Limits", and Chapter 3 for specific information, including certain benefit restrictions and limitations (for example, visit, day, and dollar maximums).

COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
Infertility services <b>(AR)</b>	\$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit Note: Approved Assisted Reproductive Technology services are subject to a DAY SURGERY COPAYMENT.
Injectable, infused, or inhaled medications <b>(AR)</b>	Covered in full
Laboratory tests <b>(AR)</b> <b>Note:</b> In compliance with the ACA, laboratory tests performed as part of preventive care are covered in full.	Covered in full
Lead screenings	Covered in full.
Mammograms	<b>Routine mammograms:</b> Covered in full. <b>Diagnostic mammograms:</b> Covered in full.
Maternity Care	<b>OUTPATIENT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Routine:</b> Covered in full.</li> <li>• <b>Non-Routine:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Office Visit:</b> \$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit</li> <li>• <b>All other services:</b> Covered in full per visit.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>INPATIENT care:</b> \$500.00 COPAYMENT per admission.
<b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine laboratory tests associated with maternity care are covered in full, in accordance with the ACA.</li> <li>• MEMBER COST SHARING will apply to diagnostic tests or diagnostic laboratory tests when they are ordered during a routine maternity care visit. Please see "Diagnostic testing" and "Laboratory tests" for information on your COST SHARING AMOUNTS for these services.</li> </ul>	
Medical supplies	Covered in full
MEDICALLY NECESSARY diagnosis and treatment of speech, hearing, and language disorders <b>(AR)</b> <b>Note:</b> COST SHARING AMOUNTS for the diagnosis of speech, hearing and language disorders vary depending upon the service provided (e.g., x-rays, diagnostic testing, office visits).	\$40.00 COPAYMENT per visit.

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**Benefit Overview**, continued

Important Note: This table provides basic information about your benefits under this plan. Please see the COVERED SERVICES table below, "Benefit Limits", and Chapter 3 for specific information, including certain benefit restrictions and limitations (for example, visit, day, and dollar maximums).

COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
<p>Nutritional counseling</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Nutritional counseling services are covered in full when they are provided as preventive services, as defined by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Please see "Nutritional Counseling" in Chapter 3 for more information.</p>	<p><b>Preventive nutritional counseling:</b> Covered in full.</p> <p><b>All other nutritional counseling services:</b> \$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit \$40.00 COPAYMENT per visit</p>
<p>Office visits to diagnose and treat illness and injury</p> <p><b>Note:</b> A telemedicine services visit with a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER will apply the same COST SHARING AMOUNT that applies to an in-person office visit with that PROVIDER.</p>	<p>\$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit</p> <p><b>Note:</b> This includes consultations, as well as visits to a LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC.</p>
<p>Oral health services (AR)</p>	<p><b>Office Visit:</b> Please see "Surgery – OUTPATIENT surgery in a PROVIDER's office"</p> <p><b>EMERGENCY room:</b> \$150.00 COPAYMENT per visit.</p> <p><b>INPATIENT SERVICES:</b> \$500.00 COPAYMENT.</p> <p><b>DAY SURGERY*:</b> \$250.00 COPAYMENT.</p> <p>*Note: This COPAYMENT also applies for COVERED DAY SURGERY SERVICES at a free standing facility.</p>
<p>Pap Smears</p>	<p><b>Routine pap screenings:</b> Covered in full.</p> <p><b>Diagnostic pap examinations:</b> Covered in full.</p>
<p>Patient care services provided as part of a qualified clinical trial for the treatment of cancer or other life-threatening diseases or conditions</p>	<p><b>OUTPATIENT care:</b> \$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit.</p> <p><b>INPATIENT care:</b> \$500.00 COPAYMENT per admission.</p>

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## Benefit Overview, continued

Important Note: This table provides basic information about your benefits under this plan. Please see the COVERED SERVICES table below, "Benefit Limits", and Chapter 3 for specific information, including certain benefit restrictions and limitations (for example, visit, day, and dollar maximums).

COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
Pediatric dental care for MEMBERS up to age 19	Please see the "Pediatric dental care for MEMBERS up to age 19" benefit in Chapter 3 for your COST SHARING AMOUNTS.
Preventive health care for MEMBERS under age 6	Covered in full
<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any follow-up care determined to be MEDICALLY NECESSARY as a result of a routine physical exam is subject to COST SHARING AMOUNTS.</li> <li>MEMBER cost-sharing will also apply to diagnostic tests or diagnostic laboratory tests when they are ordered as part of a preventive services visit. Please see "Diagnostic testing" and "Laboratory tests" for information on your COST SHARING AMOUNTS for these services, and see our website at <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services</a> or <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services</a> for more information about which laboratory services are considered preventive.</li> </ul>	
Preventive health care for MEMBERS age 6 and older	Covered in full
<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any follow-up care determined to be MEDICALLY NECESSARY as a result of a routine physical exam is subject to COST SHARING AMOUNTS.</li> <li>MEMBER cost-sharing will also apply to diagnostic tests or diagnostic laboratory tests when they are ordered as part of a preventive services visit. Please see "Diagnostic testing" and "Laboratory tests" for information on your COST SHARING AMOUNTS for these services, and see our website at <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services</a> or <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services</a> for more information about which laboratory services are considered preventive.</li> </ul>	
Prosthetic devices (AR)	20% COINSURANCE.
Radiation therapy (AR)	Covered in full
Rehabilitative and HABILITATIVE physical and occupational therapy services (AR) (BL)	\$40.00 COPAYMENT per visit.
<p><b>Note:</b> Visit limits do not apply to the treatment of autism spectrum disorders.</p>	
Respiratory therapy/pulmonary rehabilitation services	Covered in full

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**Benefit Overview**, continued

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COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
<p>Routine annual gynecological exam</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any follow-up care determined to be <b>MEDICALLY NECESSARY</b> as a result of a routine annual gynecological exam is subject to an office visit <b>COPAYMENT</b>.</li> <li><b>MEMBER</b> cost-sharing will also apply to diagnostic tests or laboratory tests when they are ordered as part of a preventive services visit. Please see "Diagnostic testing" and "Laboratory tests" for information on your <b>COST SHARING AMOUNTS</b> for these services, and see our website at <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services</a> or <a href="https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services">https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services</a> for more information about which laboratory services are considered preventive.</li> </ul>	<p>Covered in full.</p>
<p>Smoking cessation counseling services</p>	<p>Covered in full.</p>
<p>Special formulas</p>	<p><u>Low protein foods</u>: Covered in full</p> <p><u>Nonprescription enteral formulas</u>: Covered in full</p> <p><u>Special medical formulas</u>: Covered in full</p>

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## Benefit Overview, continued

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COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
Surgery - Bone marrow transplants for breast cancer, hematopoietic stem cell transplants and human solid organ transplants <b>(AR)</b>	\$500.00 COPAYMENT per admission.
Surgery - OUTPATIENT surgery in a PROVIDER's office	\$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit
Surgery - Reconstructive surgery and procedures <b>(AR)</b>	\$500.00 COPAYMENT per admission.
Telemedicine services <b>Note:</b> This COST SHARING AMOUNT applies to telemedicine services obtained through the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated telemedicine vendor (also called "telehealth"). See "Office visits to diagnose and treat illness or injury" for the COST SHARING AMOUNT that applies to telemedicine visits with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS.	<b>General medicine/behavioral health services:</b> Covered in full when obtained through TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's designated telemedicine vendor. <b>Dermatology services:</b> Covered in full when obtained through TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's designated telemedicine vendor.
<b>URGENT CARE</b>	
URGENT CARE in a PROVIDER's office	\$20.00 COPAYMENT. 40.00 COPAYMENT.
URGENT CARE in a LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC	\$20.00 COPAYMENT.
URGENT CARE in a hospital-based OUTPATIENT walk-in clinic	\$30.00 COPAYMENT. \$40.00 COPAYMENT.
URGENT CARE in a FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTER	\$40.00 COPAYMENT.
Vision care services	
Routine eye examination for MEMBERS age 19 and over <b>(BL)</b>	\$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit.
Other vision care services (for MEMBERS of all ages) <b>(AR)</b> <b>Note:</b> MEMBER cost sharing will also apply to diagnostic tests or laboratory services when they are ordered during a visit for other vision care services. Please see "Diagnostic testing" and "Laboratory tests" for information on your COST SHARING AMOUNTS for these services.	<b>Care provided by an optometrist</b> \$20.00 COPAYMENT per visit.  <b>Note:</b> One pair of eyeglass lenses and standard frames following cataract surgery or other surgery to replace the natural lens of the eye are covered in full. See Chapter 3 for more information.
	<b>Care provided by an ophthalmologist</b> \$40.00 COPAYMENT per visit

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COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
<b>Pediatric vision care for MEMBERS under age 19</b>	
Routine	
<u>Eye exam:</u> One exam covered every CONTRACT YEAR <u>Contact Lens:</u> Fit and follow up	Covered in full.
Diagnostic	
Eye Exams: Diagnostic eye exams when MEDICALLY NECESSARY.	Covered in full.
Eyewear	
<u>Lenses:</u> One pair covered every CONTRACT YEAR	Covered in full.
<u>Frames:</u> One pair from a limited collection of frames covered every CONTRACT YEAR	Covered in full.
<u>Contact Lenses:</u> Covered once every CONTRACT YEAR in lieu of eyeglass lenses. Contact lens coverage includes material only.	Covered in full.
Other Vision Services	
See Chapter 3, "Covered Services"	
Low Vision Services	
Covered low vision services will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One comprehensive low vision evaluation every five years;</li> <li>• Coverage for items such as high-power spectacles, magnifiers, and telescopes; and follow-up care of up to four visits in any five year period.</li> </ul>	Covered in full.

Important: Call EyeMed at 866-939-3633 for the names of **EyeMed** providers.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Contact lenses may be determined to be MEDICALLY NECESSARY in the treatment of the following conditions: keratoconus, pathological myopia, aphakia, anisometropia, aniseikonia, aniridia, corneal disorders, post-traumatic disorders, and irregular astigmatism. MEDICALLY NECESSARY contact lenses are dispensed in lieu of other eyewear.

**Prescription Drug Benefit:** For information about your COPAYMENTS and/or COINSURANCE for covered prescription drugs, see the "Prescription Drug Benefit" section in Chapter 3.

### TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER Discounts

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COVERED SERVICES	YOUR COST
For information on how you can take advantage of discounts on a variety of health products, services, and treatments, such as acupuncture, massage therapy, and wellness programs, see "TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER Discounts" in Chapter 3.	

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## Benefit Limits

### **Extended Care Services**

Covered up to 100 days per CONTRACT YEAR.

### **Hearing Aids**

Hearing aids for CHILDREN age 21 and under are covered up to \$2,000 per ear every 36 months. This includes both the amount TUFTS HEALTH PLAN pays and the MEMBER's COST SHARING AMOUNT.

### **Rehabilitative and HABILITATIVE occupational therapy**

Rehabilitative occupational therapy services covered up to 30 visits per CONTRACT YEAR.

HABILITATIVE occupational therapy services covered up to 30 visits per CONTRACT YEAR.

Rehabilitative occupational therapy services covered up to 2 evaluations per CONTRACT YEAR.

HABILITATIVE occupational therapy services covered up to 2 evaluations per CONTRACT YEAR.

### **Rehabilitative and HABILITATIVE physical therapy**

Rehabilitative physical therapy services covered up to 30 visits per CONTRACT YEAR.

HABILITATIVE physical therapy services covered up to 30 visits per CONTRACT YEAR.

Rehabilitative physical therapy services covered up to 2 evaluations per CONTRACT YEAR.

HABILITATIVE physical therapy services covered up to 2 evaluations per CONTRACT YEAR.

**Note:** Visit limits do not apply to the treatment of autism spectrum disorders or for physical or occupational therapy provided as part of home health care, as described in the "Home Health Care" benefit later in this document.

# Chapter 1 - How Your HMO Plan Works

## How the Plan Works

### PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

Each MEMBER must choose a PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER (PCP). The PCP is responsible for providing or authorizing all of your health care services. If you do not choose a PCP, we will not pay for any services or supplies except for EMERGENCY care.

**Note:** If you require non-EMERGENCY health care services, always call your PCP. Without authorization from your PCP, services will not be covered. Never wait until your condition becomes an EMERGENCY to call.

### COVERED SERVICES and supplies

We will pay for COVERED SERVICES and supplies when they are MEDICALLY NECESSARY. For more information about your MEMBER costs for medical services, see "Benefit Overview" at the front of this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE.

### SERVICE AREA (see Appendix A)

In most cases, you must receive your care in the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN SERVICE AREA. Please note that the SERVICE AREA, which is defined in Appendix A, includes both the Standard and Extended SERVICE AREA. The exceptions are for an EMERGENCY or URGENT CARE while traveling outside of the SERVICE AREA.

In the rare event that a service cannot be provided by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER in either the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA, please call a Member Representative for assistance or visit our website.

### PROVIDER network

Under TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's HMO limited network plans, we offer MEMBERS access to a select network of physicians, hospitals, and other PROVIDERS in the SERVICE AREA.

Under all other HMO options, we offer MEMBERS access to an extensive network of physicians, hospitals, and other PROVIDERS throughout the SERVICE AREA.

### Changes to our PROVIDER network

Although we work to ensure the continued availability of our PROVIDERS, our network of PROVIDERS may change during the year.

This can happen for many reasons, including a PROVIDER's retirement, moving out of the SERVICE AREA, or failure to continue to meet our credentialing standards. In addition, because PROVIDERS are independent contractors who do not work for TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, this can also happen if TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and the PROVIDER are unable to reach agreement on a contract.

If you have any questions about the availability of a PROVIDER, please call a Member Representative.

## Coverage

If you....	AND you are....	THEN....
receive routine health care services, visit a specialist, or receive covered elective procedures	in the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA	you are covered, if you receive care through your PCP , or with PCP referral
	outside the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA	you are <u>not</u> covered.
are ill or injured	in the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA	you are covered. Please see the "EMERGENCY care and URGENT CARE" section later in this chapter for information on when referrals are required for this service.
	outside the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA	you are covered for URGENT CARE.
have an EMERGENCY	in the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA	you are covered.
	outside the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA	you are covered.

Care that could have been foreseen before leaving the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA is not covered. This includes, but is not limited to:

- deliveries within one month of the due date, including postpartum care and care provided to the newborn CHILD.
- long-term conditions that need ongoing medical care.

## **EMERGENCY Care and URGENT CARE**

### **EMERGENCY Care**

**Definition of EMERGENCY: See Appendix A.**

**Follow these guidelines for receiving EMERGENCY care**

- If needed, call 911 for EMERGENCY medical assistance. If 911 services are not available in your area, call the local number for EMERGENCY medical services.
- Go to the nearest EMERGENCY medical facility.
- You do not need approval from your PCP before receiving EMERGENCY care.
- If you receive OUTPATIENT EMERGENCY care at an EMERGENCY facility, you or someone acting for you should call your PCP or TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within 48 hours after receiving care. You are encouraged to contact your PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER so your PCP can provide or arrange for any follow-up care that you may need.
- If you receive EMERGENCY COVERED SERVICES from a non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER, we will pay the PROVIDER up to the REASONABLE CHARGE. You will be responsible for any charges in excess of the REASONABLE CHARGE (as well as any applicable COST SHARING AMOUNT). You may receive a bill for these services. If you receive a bill, please call Member Services or see “Bills from PROVIDERS” in Chapter 6 for information on what to do if you receive a bill.

## Urgent Care

Definition of Urgent Care: See Appendix A.

Follow these guidelines for receiving Urgent Care

<u>Place of Service</u>	<u>TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER</u>	<u>Non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER/Inside of the Service Area</u>	<u>Non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER/Outside of the SERVICE AREA</u>
LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC or FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE Center	You are covered for URGENT CARE.  No referral is required.	You are covered for URGENT CARE with a referral from your PCP.	You are covered for URGENT CARE.  No referral is required.
EMERGENCY room	You are covered for URGENT CARE.  No referral is required.	You are covered for URGENT CARE.  No referral is required.	You are covered for URGENT CARE Urgent Care.  No referral is required.
Primary Care PROVIDER's (PCP's) office	You are covered for URGENT CARE.  No referral is required.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
PROVIDER's office (non-PCP) or hospital-based walk-in clinic	You are covered for URGENT CARE with a referral from your PCP.	You are covered for URGENT CARE with a referral from your PCP.	You are covered for URGENT CARE.  No referral is required.
Behavioral Health/Substance Use PROVIDER's office	You are covered for URGENT CARE.  No referral is required. However, notification must be provided to the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health Department <b>within</b> 30 days of your visit.	You are covered for URGENT CARE.  No referral is required.	You are covered for URGENT CARE.  No referral is required.

## URGENT CARE

### If you are in the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA

- You may seek URGENT CARE: in your PCP's office; in a PROVIDER's office; in an EMERGENCY room; in a hospital-based walk-in clinic; in a Limited Service Medical Clinic; or at a Free-Standing URGENT CARE Center. If you receive URGENT CARE services in the Standard or Extended Service Area in a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER's office or from a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER in a hospital-based walk-in clinic, a referral is required from your PCP. A referral is not required for URGENT CARE services in the Standard or Extended Service Area when provided by your PCP, in an emergency room, or in a Limited Service Medical Clinic or Free-Standing URGENT CARE Center affiliated with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.
- If you receive URGENT CARE services in the Standard or Extended Service Area in a Non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER's office, from a non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER in a hospital-based walk-in clinic, or in a Free-Standing URGENT CARE Center or Limited Service TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Medical Clinic that is not affiliated with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN , a referral is required from your PCP.
- A referral is not required for URGENT CARE services provided in an EMERGENCY room.

### If you are outside the Standard or Extended SERVICE AREA

- You may seek URGENT CARE in a PROVIDER's office, LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC, a Free-Standing URGENT CARE CENTER, a hospital-based walk in clinic or the EMERGENCY room.
- You do not need a referral from your PCP before receiving EMERGENCY care or URGENT CARE.

### Important notes about EMERGENCY Care and URGENT CARE

- If you are admitted as an INPATIENT after receiving EMERGENCY or URGENT CARE COVERED SERVICES, you or someone acting for you must call your PCP or TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within 48 hours after receiving care. (Notification from the attending PROVIDER satisfies this requirement.)
- If you receive URGENT CARE outside of the SERVICE AREA, you or someone acting for you must contact your PCP to arrange for any necessary follow-up care.
- EMERGENCY or URGENT CARE services are covered, whenever you need it, anywhere in the world. Continued services after the EMERGENCY or URGENT condition has been treated and stabilized may not be covered if we determine, in coordination with the MEMBER's PROVIDER, that the MEMBER is safe for transport back into the SERVICE AREA and it is appropriate and cost-effective to transport the MEMBER back into the SERVICE AREA.
- If you receive care from a non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER, we will pay the PROVIDER up to the REASONABLE CHARGE. You will be responsible for any charges in excess of the REASONABLE CHARGE (as well as any applicable COST SHARING AMOUNT). You may receive a bill for these services. Please call Member Services or see "Bills from PROVIDERS" in Chapter 6 for more information on what to do if you receive a bill.

COST SHARING AMOUNTS for URGENT CARE services vary depending on:

- type of PROVIDER (PCP vs. SPECIALIST);
- location where services are provided (for example, PROVIDER's office, LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC, FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTER, or Emergency room); and
- any additional Diagnostic OUTPATIENT services provided during the visit. Such services including but are not limited to laboratory tests, x-rays, or DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT may be subject to separate COST SHARING AMOUNTS (see the Benefit Overview.) For more information, please call Member Services.

## **INPATIENT Hospital Services**

- If you need INPATIENT services, in most cases, you will be admitted to your PCP's TUFTS HEALTH PLAN HOSPITAL.
- Charges after the discharge hour: If you choose to stay as an INPATIENT after a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER has scheduled your discharge or determined that further INPATIENT services are no longer MEDICALLY NECESSARY, we will not pay for any costs incurred after that time.
- If you are admitted to a facility which is not the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN HOSPITAL in your PCP's PROVIDER ORGANIZATION, and your PCP determines that transfer is appropriate, you will be transferred to the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN HOSPITAL in your PCP's PROVIDER ORGANIZATION or another TUFTS HEALTH PLAN HOSPITAL. Important: We may not pay for INPATIENT care provided in the facility to which you were first admitted after your PCP has decided that a transfer is appropriate and transfer arrangements have been made.

## **Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder Services**

### **OUTPATIENT behavioral health/substance use disorder services**

Within 30 days of your first visit, your behavioral health and substance use disorder PROVIDER must provide notification for OUTPATIENT behavioral health/substance use disorder services by calling TUFTS HEALTH PLAN OUTPATIENT Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder Program at 1-800-208-9565. You or your PCP may also call TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder Program to provide notification.

### **INPATIENT and intermediate behavioral health/substance use disorder services**

For INPATIENT and intermediate behavioral health/substance use disorder services, each MEMBER may be assigned to a DESIGNATED FACILITY. Assignment is based on each MEMBER's age (adult or CHILD), as well as the PROVIDER ORGANIZATION affiliation of that MEMBER's PCP.

- If you live in an area where TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's DESIGNATED FACILITIES are available, you will be assigned to one. In this case, the following will apply:
  - You must call your DESIGNATED FACILITY to receive INPATIENT/intermediate behavioral health/substance use disorder services. Call a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health Service Coordinator at 1-800-208-9565 for the name and telephone number of your DESIGNATED FACILITY.
  - Your DESIGNATED FACILITY will provide or authorize such services for you.
  - If you are admitted to a facility which is not your DESIGNATED FACILITY, and the DESIGNATED FACILITY decided that transfer is appropriate, you will be transferred to your DESIGNATED FACILITY or another PROVIDER as authorized by the DESIGNATED FACILITY.  
Important Notes:
    - We will not pay for INPATIENT care provided in the facility to which you were first admitted after your DESIGNATED FACILITY has decided that a transfer is appropriate and transfer arrangements have been made.
    - If you choose to stay as an INPATIENT after your DESIGNATED FACILITY has scheduled your discharge or determined that further INPATIENT services are no longer MEDICALLY NECESSARY, we will not pay for any costs incurred after that time.
- If you are not assigned to a DESIGNATED FACILITY, you must call the Behavioral Health Department at TUFTS HEALTH PLAN at 1-800-208-9565 for information on where you may receive INPATIENT/intermediate behavioral health/substance use disorder services at a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN facility.



## Continuity of Care

### If you are an existing MEMBER

If your PROVIDER is involuntarily disenrolled from TUFTS HEALTH PLAN for reasons other than quality or fraud, you may continue to see your PROVIDER in the following circumstances:

- Pregnancy. If you are in your second or third trimester of pregnancy, you may continue to see your PROVIDER through your first postpartum visit.
- Terminal Illness. If you are terminally ill (having a life expectancy of 6 months or less), you may continue to see your PROVIDER as long as necessary.

If your PCP disenrolls, we will provide you notice at least 30 days in advance. If the disenrollment is for reasons other than quality or fraud, you may continue to see your PCP for up to 30 days after the disenrollment.

To choose a new PCP, call a Member Representative. The Member Representative will help you to select one. You can also see the searchable Tufts Health Plan Directory of Health Care Providers, which is available on our website to choose a PCP.

### If you are enrolling as a new MEMBER

When you enroll as a MEMBER, if none of the health plans offered by the GROUP at that time include your PROVIDER, you may continue to see your PROVIDER if:

- you are undergoing a course of treatment. In this instance, you may continue to see your PROVIDER for up to 30 days from your EFFECTIVE DATE.
- the PROVIDER is your PCP. In this instance, you may continue to see your PCP for up to 30 days from your EFFECTIVE DATE;
- you are in your second or third trimester of pregnancy. In this instance, you may continue to see your PROVIDER through your first postpartum visit;
- you are terminally ill. In this instance, you may continue to see your PROVIDER as long as necessary.

### Conditions for coverage of continued treatment

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may condition coverage of continued treatment upon the PROVIDER's agreement:

- to accept reimbursement from TUFTS HEALTH PLAN at the rates applicable prior to notice of disenrollment as payment in full and not to impose cost sharing with respect to a MEMBER in an amount that would exceed the cost sharing that could have been imposed if the PROVIDER has not been disenrolled;
- to adhere to the quality assurance standards of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and to provide us with necessary medical information related to the care provided; and
- to adhere to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's policies and procedures, including procedures regarding referrals, obtaining prior authorization, and providing services pursuant to a treatment plan, if any, approved by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN .

## About Your PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER

### Importance of choosing a PCP

Each MEMBER must choose a PCP when he or she enrolls. The PCP you choose will be associated with a specific TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER ORGANIZATION. This means that you will usually receive COVERED SERVICES from health care professionals and facilities associated with that TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER ORGANIZATION.

Once you have chosen a PCP, you are eligible for all COVERED SERVICES.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Until you have chosen a PCP, only EMERGENCY care is covered.

### What a PCP does

A PCP provides routine health care (including routine physical examinations), arranges for your care with other TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS, and provides referrals for other health care services. See "Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder Services" earlier in this chapter for more information about these services. Please note that OUTPATIENT behavioral health/substance use disorder services do not require a referral.

Your PCP, or a COVERING PROVIDER, is available 24 hours a day. Your PCP will coordinate your care by treating you, or referring you to specialty services.

### Choosing a PCP

You must choose a PCP from the list of PCPS in our DIRECTORY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. If you already have a PROVIDER who is listed as a PCP, in most instances you may choose him or her as your PCP. Once you have chosen a PCP who is part of our network, you must inform us of your choice in order to be eligible for all COVERED SERVICES.

If you do not have a PCP or your PCP is not listed in our Directory of Health Care Providers, call a Member Representative for help in choosing a PCP. If you have difficulty choosing a PCP, please contact Member Services.

### Notes:

- Under certain circumstances required by law, if your PCP is not in our network, you will be covered for a short period of time for services provided by that PCP. A Member Representative can give you more information. Please see "Continuity of Care" above.
- For additional information about a PCP or specialist, the **Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine** provides information about physicians licensed to practice in Massachusetts. You may reach the Board of Registration at (800) 377-0550 or [www.mass.gov/massmedboard](http://www.mass.gov/massmedboard).

### Contacting your new PCP

If you have chosen a new PROVIDER as your PCP, you should:

- contact your new PCP as soon as you join and identify yourself as a new TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER,
- ask your previous PROVIDER to transfer your medical records to your new PCP, and
- make an appointment for a check-up or to meet your PCP.

### If you can't reach your PCP by phone right away

If your PCP cannot take your call at once, always leave a message with the office staff or answering service. Wait a reasonable amount of time for someone to return your call.

If you need medical services after hours, please contact your PCP or a COVERING PROVIDER. Your PCP, or a COVERING PROVIDER is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you need INPATIENT behavioral health or substance use disorder services after hours, please call 1-800-208-9565 for assistance.

**Note:** If you are experiencing a medical EMERGENCY, you do not have to contact your PCP or a COVERING PROVIDER; instead, proceed to the nearest EMERGENCY medical facility for treatment (see "EMERGENCY Care and URGENT CARE" below for more information).

## **About Your PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER, continued**

### **Changing your PCP**

You may change your PCP or, in certain instances, we may require you to do so. The new PCP will not be considered your PCP until:

- you choose a new PCP from our DIRECTORY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS;
- you report your choice to a Member Representative; and
- we approve the change in your PCP.

**Note:** You may not change your PCP while you are an INPATIENT or in a partial hospitalization program, except when approved by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN in limited circumstances.

### **Canceling appointments**

If you must cancel an appointment with any PROVIDER, always give as much notice to the PROVIDER as possible (at least 24 hours). If your PROVIDER's office charges for missed appointments that you did not cancel in advance, we will not pay for the charges.

### **Referrals for specialty services**

Every PCP is associated with a specific PROVIDER ORGANIZATION. If you need to see a specialist (including a pediatric specialist), your PCP will select the specialist and make the referral. Usually, your PCP will select and refer you to another PROVIDER in the same PROVIDER ORGANIZATION (as defined in Appendix A). Because the PCP and the specialists already have a working relationship, this helps to provide quality and continuity of care.

If you need specialty care that is not available within your PCP's PROVIDER ORGANIZATION (this is a rare event), your PCP will choose a specialist in another PROVIDER ORGANIZATION and make the referral. When selecting a specialist for you, your PCP will consider any long-standing relationships that you have with any TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER, as well as your clinical needs. (As used in this section, a long-standing relationship means that you have recently been seen or been treated repeatedly by that TUFTS HEALTH PLAN specialist.)

If you require specialty care which is not available through any TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER (this is a rare event), your PCP may refer you, with the prior approval of an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER, to a PROVIDER not associated with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. You will be responsible for any applicable COINSURANCE or COPAYMENT. You may receive a bill for these services. Please call Member Services, or see "Bills from PROVIDERS" in Chapter 6 for information on what to do if you receive a bill.

#### Notes:

- A referral to a specialist must be obtained from your PCP before you receive any COVERED SERVICES from that specialist. If you do not obtain a referral prior to receiving services, you will be responsible for the cost of those services.
- COVERED SERVICES provided by non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS are not paid for unless authorized in advance by your PCP and approved by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER.
- For behavioral health and substance use disorder services, you do not need a referral from your PCP; however, you or your PROVIDER must notify the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health Department within 30 days of when you start receiving these services. See "Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services" earlier in this chapter for more information."

## About Your PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER, continued

### Referral forms for specialty services

Except as provided below, your PCP must complete a referral every time he or she refers you to a specialist. Sometimes your PCP will ask you to give a referral form to the specialist when you go for your appointment. Your PCP may refer you for one or more visits and for different types of services. Your PCP must approve any referrals that a specialist may make to other PROVIDERS. Make sure that your PCP has made a referral before you go to any other PROVIDER. A PCP may authorize a standing referral for specialty health care provided by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER .

### AUTHORIZED REVIEWER approval

If the specialist refers you to a non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER , the referral must be approved by your PCP and an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER. In addition, certain COVERED SERVICES described in Chapter 3 must be authorized in advance by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER, or, for behavioral health and substance abuse services, from a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health AUTHORIZED REVIEWER. If you do not obtain that authorization, we will not cover those services and supplies.

### When referrals are not required

The following COVERED SERVICES do not require a referral from your PCP. You must obtain these services from a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER except: (1) as listed in this chapter; (2) for URGENT CARE outside of our SERVICE AREA; or (3) for EMERGENCY care.

- URGENT CARE within the SERVICE AREA, when received from your PCP, in an EMERGENCY room, or a LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC or FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE Center that participates with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** A referral is required for coverage of URGENT CARE services received within the SERVICE AREA at a LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC or FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE Center that is not affiliated with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. Additionally, URGENT CARE services received within the SERVICE AREA in a PROVIDER's office or hospital-based walk-in clinic require a referral from your PCP. This includes services provided by both TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS and non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS.
- Telemedicine services, when received from the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated telemedicine vendor.
- Mammography screenings at the following intervals:
  - one baseline at 35-39 years of age;
  - one every year at age 40 and older; or
  - as otherwise MEDICALLY NECESSARY.
- Pregnancy terminations.
- Routine eye exams.
- Other vision care from an optometrist.
- Chiropractic medicine
- Dental surgery, orthodontic treatment and management, or preventive and restorative dentistry, when provided for the treatment of cleft lip or cleft palate for CHILDREN under age 18.
- Acupuncture services
- Medical treatment provided by an optometrist.
- OUTPATIENT behavioral health/substance use disorder services.
- Oral surgery.
- The following specialty care provided by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER who is an obstetrician, gynecologist, certified nurse midwife or family practitioner:
  - Maternity Care.
  - MEDICALLY NECESSARY evaluations and related health care services for acute or EMERGENCY gynecological conditions.
  - Routine annual gynecological exam, including any follow-up obstetric or gynecological care determined to be MEDICALLY NECESSARY as a result of that exam.

# Financial Arrangements between TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS

## Methods of payment to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS

Our goal in compensation of PROVIDERS is to encourage preventive care and active management of illnesses. We strive to be sure that the financial reimbursement system we use encourages appropriate access to care and rewards PROVIDERS for providing high quality care to our MEMBERS. We use a variety of mutually agreed upon methods to compensate TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS.

The TUFTS HEALTH PLAN DIRECTORY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS indicates the method of payment for each PROVIDER. Regardless of the method of payment, we expect all participating PROVIDERS to use sound medical judgment when providing care and when determining whether a referral for specialty care is appropriate. This approach encourages the provision of MEDICALLY NECESSARY care and reduces the number of unnecessary medical tests and procedures which can be both harmful and costly to MEMBERS.

We review the quality of care provided to our MEMBERS through its Quality of Health Care Program. You should feel free to discuss with your PROVIDER specific questions about how he or she is paid.

## Member Identification Card

### Introduction

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN gives each MEMBER a member identification card (Member ID).

### Reporting errors

When you receive your Member ID card, check it carefully. If any information is wrong, call a Member Representative.

### Identifying yourself as a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER

Your Member ID card is important because it identifies you as a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER. Please:

- carry your Member ID card at all times;
- have your Member ID card with you for medical, hospital and other appointments; and
- show your Member ID card to any PROVIDER before you receive health care services.

When you receive services, you must tell the office staff that you are a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you do not identify yourself as a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER, then:

- we may not pay for the services provided; and
- you would be responsible for the costs.

### Membership requirement

You are eligible for benefits if you are a MEMBER when you receive care. A Member ID card alone is not enough to get you benefits. If you receive care when you are not a MEMBER, you are responsible for the cost.

### Membership identification number

If you have any questions about your member identification number, please call a Member Representative.

## Utilization Management

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN has a utilization management program. This is employed to evaluate whether health care services provided to MEMBERS are: (1) MEDICALLY NECESSARY and (2) provided in the most appropriate and efficient manner.

MEDICAL NECESSITY Guidelines are used to determine MEDICAL NECESSITY for services or items which are covered when found to be MEDICALLY NECESSARY. These Guidelines are developed for specific services or items found to be safe and proven effective in a limited, defined population of patients or clinical circumstances.

MEDICAL NECESSITY Guidelines are:

- based on current literature review;
- developed with input from practicing PROVIDERS in the SERVICE AREA;
- developed in accordance with the standards adopted by government agencies and national accreditation organizations;
- updated annually or more often as new treatments, applications, and technologies are adopted as generally accepted professional medical practice; and
- scientific evidence-based, if practicable.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN considers these guidelines as well as the MEMBER'S individual health care needs to evaluate on a case-by-case basis if a service or supply is MEDICALLY NECESSARY.

The utilization management program sometimes includes prospective, concurrent, and retrospective review of health care services for MEDICAL NECESSITY (collectively, this comprises AUTHORIZED REVIEW) and is performed by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER.

**Prospective review** is used to determine whether proposed treatment is MEDICALLY NECESSARY before that treatment begins. Prospective review also referred to as "Pre-Service Review".

**Concurrent review** is used to:

- monitor ongoing admissions (the course of treatment) as they occur; and
- to determine when that treatment is no longer MEDICALLY NECESSARY.

**Retrospective review** is used to evaluate the MEDICAL NECESSITY of care after it has been provided. In some circumstances, we engage in retrospective review to more accurately determine if a MEMBER'S health care services are appropriate. Retrospective review is also referred to as "Post-Service Review".

### TIMEFRAMES TO REVIEW YOUR REQUEST FOR COVERAGE

Type of Review	Timeframe for Determinations*
Prospective (Pre-service) review	<u>Urgent</u> : Within 72 hours of receiving all necessary information and prior to the expected date of service. <u>Non-urgent</u> : Within 15 calendar days of receiving all necessary information and prior to expected date of service.
Concurrent review	Prior to the end of the current certified period. <u>Urgent</u> : Within 24 hours of receipt of the request.
Retrospective (Post-service) review	Within 30 calendar days of receipt of a request for payment with all supporting documentation.

## Utilization Management, continued

**\*Note:**

- See “Processing of Plan Benefits” in Appendix B for determination procedures under the Department of Labor’s (DOL) Regulations.

Utilization review helps MEMBERS in the following ways:

- Prospective and concurrent reviews let MEMBERS know if proposed health care services are **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** and covered under their plan. This allows MEMBERS to make informed decisions about their care.
- Utilization review can enhance the quality of care and convenience for the MEMBER by evaluating if treatment is **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** and the most appropriate for the MEMBER.
- By evaluating treatment cost effectiveness, **MEMBER COST SHARING AMOUNTS** may be reduced.
- Helping to control overall plan costs plays an important part in making sure health care plans continue to be affordable.

When your request for coverage is denied, you have the right to file an appeal. See Chapter 6 for information on how to file an appeal.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN make coverage determinations. You and your PROVIDER make all treatment decisions.

## Care Management

Some MEMBERS with Severe Illnesses or Injuries may warrant care management intervention under our case management program. Under this program we:

- encourage the use of the most appropriate and cost-effective treatment; and
- support the MEMBER's treatment and progress.

If a MEMBER is identified by us as an appropriate candidate for care management or referred to the program, we may contact that MEMBER and his or her TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER to discuss a treatment plan and establish prioritized goals. A TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Complex Care Manager may suggest alternative services and supplies available to the MEMBER.

We may periodically review the MEMBER's treatment plan. We will contact the MEMBER and the MEMBER's TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER if we identify alternatives to the MEMBER's current treatment plan that qualify as **COVERED SERVICES**, are cost effective, and are appropriate for the MEMBER.

A Severe Illness or Injury may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- high-risk pregnancy and newborn CHILDREN;
- serious heart or lung disease;
- cancer;
- certain neurological diseases;
- AIDS or other immune system diseases;
- severe traumatic injury.

## Care Management, continued

### Individual case management (ICM)

In certain circumstances, we may authorize an individual case management ("ICM") plan for a MEMBER with a Severe Illness or Injury who is already participating in the care management program. The ICM plan is designed to arrange for the most appropriate health care services and supplies for the MEMBER.

As a part of the ICM plan, we may authorize coverage for certain alternative services and supplies that do not otherwise constitute COVERED SERVICES for that MEMBER. This will occur only if we determine, in its sole discretion, that all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the MEMBER's condition is expected to require medical treatment for an extended duration;
- the alternative services and supplies are MEDICALLY NECESSARY to treat the MEMBER's condition;
- the alternative services and supplies are provided directly to the MEMBER with the condition;
- the alternative services and supplies are provided in place of or to prevent more expensive services or supplies that the MEMBER otherwise might have incurred during the current episode of illness;
- the MEMBER and an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER agree to the alternative treatment program; and
- the MEMBER continues to show improvement in his or her condition, as determined periodically by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER.

We will periodically monitor the appropriateness of the alternative services and supplies provided to the MEMBER. If, at any time, these services and supplies fail to satisfy any of the conditions described above, we may modify or terminate coverage for the services or supplies provided pursuant to the ICM plan at our sole discretion. Please note that ICM plans are not used to authorize services or supplies that are specifically excluded under the MEMBER's plan or that fall within the parameters of the Utilization Review program described above and do not meet the relevant MEDICALLY NECESSARY criteria for authorization.

### AUTHORIZED REVIEWER Approval

Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required for certain COVERED SERVICES. COVERED SERVICES that may require this approval are identified by (AR) in the "Benefit Overview".

If you receive these services from or authorized by your TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PCP, your PCP (or other TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Provider) is responsible for obtaining approval from an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER .

For more information about AUTHORIZED REVIEWER approval, please call Member Services.

If a request for coverage is denied, you have a right to appeal. Please see Part 7, "Member Satisfaction Process" for information on how to file an appeal.

**Services that you receive in an EMERGENCY do not require the prior approval of an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER.**



## Information Resources for MEMBERS

### Obtaining information about TUFTS HEALTH PLAN

The following information about TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will be available from the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission's Office of Patient Protection:

- A list of sources of independently published information assessing MEMBER satisfaction and evaluating the quality of health care services offered by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN .
- The percentage of physicians who voluntarily and involuntarily terminated participation contracts with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN during the previous calendar year for which such data has been compiled. This information will contain the 3 most common reasons for voluntary and involuntary disenrollment of those physicians.
- The percentage of premium revenue spent by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN for health care services provided to MEMBERS for the most recent year for which information is available.
- A report that details the following information for the previous calendar year:
  - the total numbers of filed appeals, appeals denied internally, and appeals withdrawn before resolution; and
  - the total number of external appeals pursued after exhausting the internal appeals process, as well as the resolution of all those external appeals.

### How to obtain this information about TUFTS HEALTH PLAN

Contact the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission's Office of Patient Protection.

- Phone: 1-800-436-7757.
- Fax #: 1-617-624-5046.
- Web site: [www.mass.gov/hpc/opp](http://www.mass.gov/hpc/opp)
- Email: [HPC-OPP@state.ma.us](mailto:HPC-OPP@state.ma.us)
- Write a letter to the Office:

**Health Policy Commission,  
Department of Public Health,  
Office of Patient Protection  
50 Milk St., 8th Floor  
Boston, MA 02109**

## Chapter 2 - Eligibility, Enrollment and Continuing Eligibility

### Eligibility

#### Eligibility rule under GROUP CONTRACTS

You are eligible as a SUBSCRIBER only if you are an employee of a GROUP; and you

- meet your GROUP's and TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's eligibility rules; and
- live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA.

Your SPOUSE or your CHILD is eligible as a DEPENDENT only if you are a SUBSCRIBER and that SPOUSE or CHILD:

- qualifies as a DEPENDENT, as defined in this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE; and
- meets your GROUP's and TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's eligibility rules; and
- lives, works or resides in the SERVICE AREA\*.

\*Note:

- CHILDREN are not required to maintain primary residence in the SERVICE AREA. However, care outside the SERVICE AREA is limited to EMERGENCY or URGENT CARE only.

#### Eligibility rule under INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS

You are eligible as a SUBSCRIBER only if you:

- meet the eligibility rules of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and your INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT and;
- live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA.

Your SPOUSE or your CHILD is eligible as a DEPENDENT only if you are a SUBSCRIBER and that SPOUSE or CHILD:

- qualifies as a DEPENDENT, as defined in this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE; and
- meet the eligibility rules of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and your INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT; and
- lives, works or resides in the SERVICE AREA\*.

\*Note:

- CHILDREN are not required to maintain primary residence in the SERVICE AREA. However, care outside the SERVICE AREA is limited to EMERGENCY or URGENT CARE only.

#### If you do not live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA

If you do not live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA, you can be covered only if:

- you are a CHILD;
- you are a DEPENDENT subject to a Qualified Medical CHILD Support Order (QMCSO); or
- you are a divorced SPOUSE for whom TUFTS HEALTH PLAN is required to provide coverage.

Note: Care outside of the SERVICE AREA is limited to EMERGENCY or URGENT CARE services only. See "Coverage" in Chapter 1 for more information.

#### Proof of eligibility

We may ask you for proof of your and your DEPENDENTS' eligibility or continuing eligibility. You must give us proof when asked. This may include proof of residence, marital status, birth or adoption of a CHILD, and legal responsibility for health care coverage.

# Enrollment

## When to enroll

You may enroll yourself and your eligible DEPENDENTS, if any, for this coverage only:

- during the annual OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD; or
  - within the 30 days of the date you or your DEPENDENT is first eligible for this coverage.
- Note: If you fail to enroll for this coverage when first eligible, you may be eligible to enroll yourself and your eligible DEPENDENTS, if any, at a later date. This will apply only if you:
- declined this coverage when you were first eligible because you or your eligible DEPENDENT were covered under another group health plan or other health care coverage at that time; or
  - declined this coverage when you were first eligible, and you have acquired a DEPENDENT through marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

In these cases, you or your eligible DEPENDENT may enroll for this coverage within 30 days after any of the following events:

- your coverage under the other health coverage ends involuntarily;
- your marriage; or
- the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption of your DEPENDENT CHILD.

In addition, you or your eligible DEPENDENT may enroll for this coverage within 60 days after either of the following events:

- you or your DEPENDENT are eligible under a state Medicaid plan or state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Medicaid or CHIP coverage is terminated;
- you or your DEPENDENT becomes eligible for a PREMIUM assistance subsidy under a state Medicaid plan or CHIP.

## EFFECTIVE DATE of coverage

If we accept your application and receive the needed PREMIUM, coverage starts on either the date chosen by your GROUP or in accordance with your INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT, whichever applies. Enrolled DEPENDENT'S' coverage starts when the SUBSCRIBER's coverage starts, or at a later date if the DEPENDENT becomes eligible after the SUBSCRIBER became eligible for coverage. A DEPENDENT's coverage cannot start before the SUBSCRIBER's coverage starts.

If you or your enrolled DEPENDENT is an INPATIENT on your EFFECTIVE DATE, your coverage starts on the later of:

- the EFFECTIVE DATE, or
- the date we are notified and given the chance to manage your care.

## Adding DEPENDENTS under FAMILY COVERAGE

### When DEPENDENTS may be added

After you enroll, you may apply to add any DEPENDENTS who are not currently enrolled in TUFTS HEALTH PLAN only:

- during the OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD that applies to you; or
- within 30 days after any of the following events:
  - a change in your marital status,
  - the birth of a CHILD,
  - the adoption of a CHILD as of the earlier of the date the CHILD is placed with you for the purpose of adoption or the date you file a petition to adopt the CHILD,
  - a court orders you to cover a CHILD through a qualified medical child support order,
  - a DEPENDENT loses other health care coverage involuntarily,
  - a DEPENDENT moves into the SERVICE AREA, or
  - if your GROUP has an IRS qualified cafeteria plan, any other qualifying event under that plan.

## **Adding DEPENDENTS under FAMILY COVERAGE, continued**

### **How to add DEPENDENTS**

The process for adding Dependents to this coverage will differ, depending on whether you enrolled under this plan directly with Tufts Health Plan or through the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (“the Connector”).

#### **IF YOU ENROLLED DIRECTLY WITH TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, FOLLOW THIS PROCESS:**

1. If you have Family Coverage, fill out either a group-approved form or Tufts Health Plan form a membership application form listing the Dependents. Give the form to your Group (if you are enrolled in a Group Contract) or to Tufts Health Plan (if you have an Individual Contract), whichever applies, either during your Open Enrollment Period or within 30 days after the date of an event listed above, under “When Dependents may be added.”
2. If you don’t have Family Coverage, ask your Group or Tufts Health Plan, whichever applies, to change your Individual Coverage to Family Coverage and then follow the procedure above.

#### **IF YOU ENROLLED THROUGH THE CONNECTOR, FOLLOW THIS PROCESS:**

For more information about adding Dependents, contact the Connector either by phone (1-877-MA-ENROLL) or on its Web site ([www.mahealthconnector.org](http://www.mahealthconnector.org)).

### **EFFECTIVE DATE of DEPENDENTS coverage**

If we accept your application to add DEPENDENTS, we will send you a Member ID card for each DEPENDENT.

EFFECTIVE DATES will be no later than:

- the date of the CHILD's birth, adoption or placement for adoption; or
- in the case of marriage or loss of prior coverage, the date of the qualifying event.

### **Availability of benefits after enrollment**

COVERED SERVICES for an enrolled DEPENDENT are available as of the DEPENDENT's EFFECTIVE DATE. There are no waiting periods. Maternity benefits are available even if the pregnancy began before your EFFECTIVE DATE.

Note: We will only pay for COVERED SERVICES which are provided on or after your EFFECTIVE DATE.

## **Newborn CHILDREN and ADOPTIVE CHILDREN**

### **Importance of enrolling and choosing a PCP for newborn CHILDREN and ADOPTIVE CHILDREN**

You must enroll your newborn CHILD within 30 days after the CHILD's birth for the CHILD to be covered from birth. Otherwise, you must wait until the next OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD to enroll the CHILD. Choose a PCP for the newborn CHILD before or within 48 hours after the newborn CHILD's birth. That way, the PCP can manage your CHILD's care from birth.

You must enroll your ADOPTIVE CHILD within 30 days after the CHILD has been adopted or placed for adoption with you for that CHILD to be covered from the date of his or her adoption. Otherwise, you must wait until the next OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD to enroll the CHILD.

### **Steps to follow to choose a PCP for newborn CHILDREN and ADOPTIVE CHILDREN**

1. Choose a PCP from the list of PCPs in the searchable Directory of Health Care Providers (available on our website) or call a Member Representative for help.
2. Call the Provider and ask him or her to be the newborn or Adoptive Child's PCP.
3. If he or she agrees, call a Member Representative to report your choice.

## Continuing Eligibility for DEPENDENTS

### When coverage ends

DEPENDENT coverage for a CHILD ends on the last day of the month in which the CHILD's 26th birthday occurs.

### Coverage after termination

When a CHILD loses coverage under this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE, he or she may be eligible for federal or state continuation or to enroll in INDIVIDUAL COVERAGE. See Chapter 5 for more information.

### What the SUBSCRIBER must do to continue coverage for DISABLED DEPENDENTS

- 1 About 30 days before the CHILD no longer meets the definition of DEPENDENT, call Member Services.
- 2 Give proof, acceptable to us, of the CHILD's disability.

### When coverage ends

DISABLED DEPENDENT coverage ends when:

- the DEPENDENT no longer meets the definition of DISABLED DEPENDENT, or
- the SUBSCRIBER fails to give us proof\* of the DEPENDENT's continued disability.

### Coverage after termination

The former DISABLED DEPENDENT may be eligible to enroll in coverage under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT. See Chapter 5 for more information.

### Rule for former SPOUSES for GROUP CONTRACT (Also see Chapter 5)

If you and your SPOUSE divorce or legally separate, your former SPOUSE may continue coverage as a DEPENDENT under your FAMILY COVERAGE in accordance with Massachusetts law.

Note: If you remarry, your former SPOUSE's coverage as a DEPENDENT under your FAMILY COVERAGE will end. However, your former SPOUSE may continue coverage under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT through your employer GROUP. If your former SPOUSE remarries, coverage will end unless continuation is still available under federal law.

### How to continue coverage for former SPOUSES for GROUP CONTRACT

Follow these steps to continue coverage for a former SPOUSE:

- Call a Member Representative within 30 days after the divorce decree is issued to tell us about your divorce.
- Send us proof\* of your divorce or separation when asked.

**\*Important Note about DISABLED DEPENDENT and former SPOUSES coverage:** If you enrolled for coverage directly with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, this proof must be provided to us. If you enrolled through the Connector, please call **1-877-MA-ENROLL**.

### Keeping our records current

You must notify us of any changes that affect you or your DEPENDENTS' eligibility. Examples of these changes are:

- birth, adoption, changes in marital status, or death;
- your remarriage or the remarriage of your former SPOUSE, when the former SPOUSE is an enrolled DEPENDENT under your FAMILY COVERAGE;
- moving out of the SERVICE AREA or temporarily residing out of the SERVICE AREA for more than 90 consecutive days;
- address changes; and
- changes in an enrolled DEPENDENT's status as a CHILD or DISABLED DEPENDENT.

If you enrolled for coverage directly with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, forms to report these changes are available from your GROUP (only if your coverage is under a GROUP CONTRACT) or from the Member Services Department. If you enrolled through the Connector, please call **1-877-MA-ENROLL**.

## Chapter 3 - COVERED SERVICES

### When health care services are COVERED SERVICES

Health care services and supplies are COVERED SERVICES only if they are:

- listed as COVERED SERVICES in this chapter;
- MEDICALLY NECESSARY;
- consistent with applicable state or federal law;
- consistent with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's Medical Necessity Guidelines in effect at the time the services or supplies are provided. This information is available to you on our website or by calling Member Services;
- provided to treat an injury, illness or pregnancy, except for preventive care;
- provided or authorized in advance by your PCP, except in an EMERGENCY or for URGENT CARE (see "EMERGENCY or URGENT CARE" earlier in this EOC for more information);
- approved by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER, in some cases; and
- in the case of INPATIENT or intermediate behavioral health/substance abuse services, provided or authorized by:
  - a DESIGNATED FACILITY, if you have one; or
  - another TUFTS HEALTH PLAN HOSPITAL, if you are not assigned to a DESIGNATED FACILITY.

**AUTHORIZED REVIEWER approval:** Certain COVERED SERVICES described in this chapter must be authorized in advance by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER. If such authorization is not obtained, you may be responsible for the full cost of those services and supplies.

## COVERED SERVICES

Health care services and supplies only qualify as COVERED SERVICES if they meet the requirements shown above for "When health care services are COVERED SERVICES". The following section describes those services that qualify as COVERED SERVICES.

### Notes:

- For information about your costs for the COVERED SERVICES listed below (for example, COPAYMENTS , DEDUCTIBLES and COINSURANCE), see the "Benefit Overview" section at the beginning of this document.
- Information about the day, dollar, and visit limits under this plan are listed in certain COVERED SERVICES in this chapter.

## EMERGENCY care

(no PCP referral required)

### Notes:

- The EMERGENCY room COPAYMENT is waived if the EMERGENCY room visit results in immediate hospitalization or DAY SURGERY. If you are admitted as an INPATIENT after receiving EMERGENCY care, please call TUFTS HEALTH PLAN in order to have your EMERGENCY room COPAYMENT waived.
- If you receive EMERGENCY COVERED SERVICES from a non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER, we will pay the PROVIDER up to the REASONABLE CHARGE. You will be responsible for any charges in excess of the REASONABLE CHARGE (as well as any applicable COST SHARING AMOUNT). You may receive a bill for these services. Please call Member Services or see "Bills from PROVIDERS" in Chapter 6 for more information on what to do if you receive a bill.
- An EMERGENCY room COST SHARING AMOUNT may apply if you register in an EMERGENCY room but leave that facility without receiving care.
- A DAY SURGERY COPAYMENT may apply if DAY SURGERY services are received.

In compliance with Massachusetts law, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN offers coverage for services and medications for pain management that are alternatives to opioids. Services include, but are not limited to

- Spinal manipulation
- Acupuncture services
- Physical therapy
- Nutrition counseling

To find a PROVIDER for these services, please see our website. Click on "Find a Doctor or Hospital" to start your search. You may also call Member Services for help in finding a PROVIDER.

Please note that prior approval for these services may be required. Please see the "Benefit Overview" to determine if these services require prior approval.

Medications for pain management that are alternatives to opioids include, but are not limited to:

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, such as ibuprofen
- Cyclooxygenase-2 (Cox-2) inhibitors, such as celecoxib

For information about medication alternatives to opioids, please call Member Services.

### Important Information About Your COST SHARING AMOUNTS

For certain OUTPATIENT services, you may be billed both a facility fee and a separate physician fee for a single episode of care if the services are provided in a hospital setting or free-standing facility. If the COST SHARING AMOUNT for the OUTPATIENT service includes a DEDUCTIBLE or COINSURANCE charge, that charge will apply to both fees. If the COST SHARING AMOUNT is a COPAYMENT charge, only a singular COPAYMENT will apply unless otherwise specified in the "Benefit Overview."

## **COVERED SERVICES**, continued

### **Acupuncture services**

(no PCP referral required)

Acupuncture is covered when provided by a licensed acupuncturist (L.Ac.) or physician only.

The following acupuncture services are not covered:

- Adjunctive therapies, such as, but not limited to: moxibustion, herbs, oriental massage, etc.;
- Acupuncture when used as an anesthetic during a surgical procedure;
- Precious metal needles (e.g., gold, silver, etc).
- Acupuncture in lieu of anesthesia; and
- Any other service not specifically listed as a COVERED SERVICE.

Please see the “Benefit Overview” and “Benefit Limits” at the beginning of this document for COST SHARING AMOUNTS and visit limits.

### **Allergy testing (including antigens) and treatment, and allergy injections**

#### **Ambulance services**

- Ground, sea, and air ambulance transportation for EMERGENCY care.
- Non-EMERGENCY air ambulance services (e.g., Medflight) when approved by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER.
- Non-EMERGENCY, MEDICALLY NECESSARY ambulance transportation between covered facilities (approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER may be required).
- Non-EMERGENCY ambulance transportation for MEDICALLY NECESSARY care when the medical condition of the MEMBER prevents safe transportation by any other means. Approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER may be required.

**Important Note:** If you are treated by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or other ambulance staff, but refuse to be transported to the hospital or other medical facility, you will be responsible for the costs of this treatment.

#### **Autism spectrum disorders – diagnosis and treatment**

Coverage is provided, in accordance with Massachusetts law, for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Autism spectrum disorders include any of the pervasive developmental disorders, as defined by the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, and include:

- autistic disorder;
- Asperger's disorder; and
- pervasive developmental disorders not otherwise specified.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN provides coverage for the following COVERED SERVICES:

- HABILITATIVE or rehabilitative care, which are professional, counseling, and guidance services and treatment programs that are necessary to develop, maintain and restore the functioning of the individual. These programs may include, but are not limited to, applied behavioral analysis (ABA)\* supervised by a BOARD-CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST (BCBA). For more information about these programs, call the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health Department at 1-800-208-9565. Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required.
- services provided by licensed or certified speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, or social workers. **Note:** Visit limits for services described under the “Rehabilitative or habilitative physical or occupational therapy” benefit do not apply to coverage for autism spectrum disorders. Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required.
- prescription drugs, covered under your "Prescription Drug Benefit."
- psychiatric and psychological care, covered under your "Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services" benefit below;



- therapeutic care (including services provided by licensed or certified speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, or social workers), covered under your “Physical and occupational therapy services” and “MEDICALLY NECESSARY diagnosis and treatment of speech, hearing and language disorders” benefits below. Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required.

\*For the purpose for this benefit, ABA includes the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.

## **Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services (OUTPATIENT, INPATIENT, and Intermediate)**

### **OUTPATIENT behavioral health and substance use disorder services for BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS**

Services to diagnose and treat BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS (including diagnosis, detoxification, and treatment of substance use disorders) given by the following TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS:

- licensed mental health counselors;
- licensed independent clinical social workers;
- licensed psychiatric nurses who are certified as clinical specialists in psychiatric and behavioral health nursing.
- psychiatrists;
- psychologists;

OUTPATIENT treatment of substance use disorders includes methadone maintenance or methadone treatment related to chemical dependency disorders. Psychopharmacological services and neuropsychological assessment services are covered as "Office visits to diagnose and treat illness or injury" as described earlier in this chapter.

#### **Notes:**

- You or your PROVIDER must notify TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within 30 days of your initial OUTPATIENT behavioral health or substance use disorder services visit. Please see "OUTPATIENT behavioral health/substance use disorder services" in Chapter 1 for more information.
- Prior authorization by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required for psychological testing and neuropsychological assessment services.

### **INPATIENT and intermediate behavioral health and substance use disorder services for BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS**

(These services must be provided or authorized by your DESIGNATED FACILITY, if you have one. See "INPATIENT and intermediate behavioral health/substance use disorder services" in Chapter 1 for more information.)

- INPATIENT behavioral health and substance use disorder services for BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS in a facility that is licensed as a general hospital, a behavioral health hospital, a substance use disorder facility, or behavioral health residential treatment facility.
- Intermediate behavioral health and substance use disorder services: MEDICALLY NECESSARY behavioral health and substance use disorder services that are more intensive than traditional OUTPATIENT behavioral health and substance use disorder services, but less intensive than 24-hour hospitalization. Some examples of covered intermediate behavioral health and substance use disorder services are:
  - level III community-based detoxification;
  - intensive OUTPATIENT programs;
  - crisis stabilization;
  - partial hospital programs.

## **INPATIENT and intermediate services for child-adolescent BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS**

In addition to the OUTPATIENT and INPATIENT and intermediate behavioral health and substance use disorder services listed above, the following services are available to children and adolescents until age 19, and their parents and/or appropriate caregiver, when MEDICALLY NECESSARY:

- **Intensive community based acute treatment (ICBAT)** is covered as INPATIENT behavioral health services\*. ICBAT provides the same services as CBAT (see below) for children and adolescents, but of higher intensity, including:
  - more frequent psychiatric and psychopharmacological evaluation and treatment; and
  - more intensive staffing and service delivery.

ICBAT programs have the capability to admit children and adolescents with more acute symptoms than those admitted to CBAT. ICBAT programs are able to treat children and adolescents with clinical presentations similar to those referred to INPATIENT mental health services, but who are able to be cared for safely in an unlocked setting. Children and adolescents may be admitted to an ICBAT directly from the community as an alternative to INPATIENT hospitalization. ICBAT is not used as a step-down placement following discharge from a locked, 24-hour hospital setting.

These services do not require the prior approval of a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health AUTHORIZED REVIEWER\*.

## **INPATIENT and intermediate services for child-adolescent BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS, continued**

The following services are covered intermediate behavioral health services and require the prior approval of a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health AUTHORIZED REVIEWER, except as designated below. Services may be provided by an appropriate health care professional under the supervision of a licensed behavioral health PROVIDER:

- **Community based acute treatment (CBAT)** – Mental health services provided in a staff-secure setting on a 24-hour basis, with sufficient clinical staffing to ensure safety for the child or adolescent, while providing intensive therapeutic services including, but not limited to:
  - daily medication monitoring;
  - psychiatric assessment;
  - nursing availability;
  - specializing (as needed);
  - individual, group and family therapy;
  - case management;
  - family assessment and consultation;
  - discharge planning; and
  - psychological testing, as needed.

These services may be used as an alternative to or transition from inpatient services.

These services do not require the prior approval of a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health AUTHORIZED REVIEWER)\*, unless services are a step-down from a more intensive level of care.

- **Mobile crisis intervention** – A short-term, mobile, on-site, face-to-face therapeutic response service that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to a child experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Mobile crisis intervention is used to:
  - identify, assess, treat and stabilize a situation;
  - reduce the immediate risk of danger to the child or others; and;
  - make referrals and linkages to all medically necessary behavioral health services and supports and the appropriate level of care.

The intervention shall be consistent with the child's risk management or safety plan, if any. Mobile crisis intervention includes a crisis assessment and crisis planning, which may result in the development or update of a crisis safety plan. Mobile crisis intervention does not require the prior approval of a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health AUTHORIZED REVIEWER.

- **In-home behavioral services** – A combination of MEDICALLY NECESSARY behavior management therapy and behavior management monitoring. These services shall be available, when indicated, where the child resides, including in the child's home, a foster home, a therapeutic foster home, or another community setting. In-home behavioral services include:
  - Behavior management monitoring - Monitoring of a child's behavior, the implementation of a behavior plan and reinforcing implementation of a behavior plan by the child's parent or other caregiver.
  - Behavior management therapy - Therapy that addresses challenging behaviors that interfere with a child's successful functioning. "Behavior management therapy" shall include:
    - a functional behavioral assessment and observation of the youth in the home and/or community setting;
    - development of a behavior plan; and
    - supervision and coordination of interventions to address specific behavioral objectives or performance, including the development of a crisis-response strategy.

"Behavior management therapy" may include short-term counseling and assistance.

## Intermediate services for child-adolescent Behavioral Health Disorders, continued

- **In-home therapy services** – MEDICALLY NECESSARY therapeutic clinical intervention or ongoing training, as well as therapeutic support. The intervention or support shall be provided where the child resides, including in the child's home, a foster home, a therapeutic foster home, or another community setting. COVERED SERVICES include:
  - **Therapeutic clinical intervention:** these services include a structured and consistent therapeutic relationship between a licensed clinician and a child and the child's family to treat the child's behavioral health needs. This may include improvement of the family's ability to provide effective support for the child and promote healthy functioning of the child within the family; the development of a treatment plan; and the use of established psychotherapeutic techniques, working with family members to enhance problem solving, limit setting, communication, emotional support or other family or individual functions.
  - **Ongoing therapeutic training and support:** these services include those that support implementation of a treatment plan that involve therapeutic interventions that teach the child to understand, direct, interpret, and manage and control feelings and emotional responses to situations and assisting the family in supporting the child and addressing the child's emotional and behavioral health needs.
- **Intensive care coordination** – A collaborative service that provides targeted case management services to children and adolescents with a serious emotional disturbance, including individuals with co-occurring conditions, in order to meet the comprehensive medical, behavioral health, and psychosocial needs of an individual and the individual's family, while promoting quality, cost effective outcomes. This service includes:
  - an assessment;
  - the development of an individualized care plan;
  - referrals to appropriate levels of care;
  - monitoring of goals, and
  - coordinating with other services and social supports and with state agencies, as indicated.

The service shall be based on a system of care philosophy. The individualized care plan shall be tailored to meet the needs of the individual. The service shall include both face-to-face and telephonic meetings, as indicated and as clinically appropriate. ICC is delivered in office, home or other settings, as clinically appropriate. Intensive care coordination does not require the prior approval of a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health AUTHORIZED REVIEWER. You or your PROVIDER must notify TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within 3 days of your initial visit by calling TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's Behavioral Health Department at 1-800-208- 9565.

\*These services must be provided or authorized by your Designated Facility, if you have one. See "INPATIENT and intermediate behavioral health/substance use disorder services" in Chapter 1 for more information.

For more information about the services available under this benefit, please call the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Behavioral Health Department at 1-800-208-9565. You may also see the MEDICALLY NECESSITY Guidelines on our website at [www.tuftshealthplan.com](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com).

### Cardiac rehabilitation services

Services for OUTPATIENT treatment of documented cardiovascular disease that:

- meet the standards promulgated by the Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health; and
- are initiated within 26 weeks after diagnosis of cardiovascular disease.

We cover only the following services:

- the OUTPATIENT convalescent phase of the rehabilitation program following hospital discharge; and
- the OUTPATIENT phase of the program that addresses multiple risk reduction, adjustment to illness and therapeutic exercise.

**Note:** We do not cover the program phase that maintains rehabilitated cardiovascular health.

### Chemotherapy administration

For information about coverage for the medications used in chemotherapy, please see "Injectable, infused or inhaled medications" later in this document.

## Chiropractic medicine

Coverage is provided for MEDICALLY NECESSARY visits for the purpose of chiropractic treatment or diagnosis, regardless of the place of service (no PCP referral required).

During each visit, MEMBERS are covered for spinal manipulation, therapeutic exercise, and attended electrical stimulation (EMS).

## Cleft lip or cleft palate treatment and services for CHILDREN

In accordance with Massachusetts law, the following services are covered for CHILDREN under the age of 18:

- **Medical and facial surgery:** Covered as described under "DAY SURGERY", "Acute hospital services", and "Reconstructive surgery and procedures" earlier in this chapter. This includes surgical management and follow-up care by plastic surgeons (Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required);
- **Oral surgery:** Covered as described under "Oral health services" earlier in this chapter. This includes surgical management and follow-up care by oral surgeons (Prior approval by an Authorized Reviewer is required);
- **Dental surgery or orthodontic treatment and management:** No referral from the CHILD's PCP is required for these services;
- **Preventive and restorative dentistry to ensure good health and adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic management therapy:** No referral from the CHILD's PCP is required for these services;
- **Speech therapy and audiology services:** Covered as described under "MEDICALLY NECESSARY diagnosis and treatment of speech, hearing and language disorders" earlier in this chapter (Prior approval by an Authorized Reviewer is required);
- **Nutrition services:** Covered as described under "Nutritional counseling" earlier in this chapter.

Services must be prescribed by the treating physician or surgeon, and that PROVIDER must certify that the services are MEDICALLY NECESSARY and are required because of the cleft lip or cleft palate.

## Colonoscopies

See "Diagnostic or preventive screening procedures" later in this chapter.

## DAY SURGERY

- OUTPATIENT surgery done under anesthesia in an operating room of a facility licensed to perform surgery.
- You must be expected to be discharged the same day and be shown on the facility's census as an OUTPATIENT.

## Diabetes self-management training and educational services

OUTPATIENT self-management training and educational services, including medical nutrition therapy, used to diagnose or treat insulin-dependent diabetes, non-insulin dependent diabetes, or gestational diabetes.

**Important Note:** We will only cover these services when provided by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER who is a certified diabetes health care provider.

## Diagnostic imaging

Including:

- general imaging (such as x-rays and ultrasounds); and
- MRI / MRA, CT/CTA, PET tests and nuclear cardiology.

**Important Note:** Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required for MRI / MRA, CT/CTA, and PET tests and nuclear cardiology.

## Diagnostic or preventive screening procedures

Examples include, but are not limited to, colonoscopies, sigmoidoscopies, and proctosigmoidoscopies

## Diagnostic testing

Examples include, but are not limited to, ambulatory EKG testing, sleep studies (performed in the home or a sleep study facility), and diagnostic audiological testing. Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER may be required. Please call Member Services with questions about specific tests.

## DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Equipment must meet the following definition of "DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT":

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT is a device or instrument of a durable nature that:

- is reasonable and necessary to sustain a minimum threshold of independent daily living;
- is made primarily to serve a medical purpose;
- is not useful in the absence of illness or injury;
- can withstand repeated use; and
- can be used in the home.

In order to be eligible for coverage, the equipment must also be the most appropriate available amount, supply or level of service for the MEMBER in question considering potential benefits and harms to that individual, as determined by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN .

Equipment that TUFTS HEALTH PLAN determines to be non-medical in nature and used primarily for non-medical purposes (even though that equipment may have some limited medical use) will not be considered DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT and will not be covered under this benefit.

(Note: Certain DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT may require AUTHORIZED REVIEWER approval.)

**Important Note:** You may be responsible for paying towards the cost of DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT covered under this plan. To determine whether your DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT benefit is subject to a DEDUCTIBLE or COINSURANCE, please see the "Benefit Overview" section at the front of this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE.

The following examples of covered and non-covered items are for illustration only. Please call a Member Representative with questions about whether a particular piece of equipment is covered.

### Examples of covered items (this list is not all-inclusive):

- the purchase of a manual or electric (non-hospital grade) breast pump or the rental of a hospital grade electric breast pump for pregnant or post-partum MEMBERS, when prescribed by a physician (Note: These breast pumps are covered in full);
- cranial helmets;
- gradient stockings (up to three pairs every 365 days);
- the following equipment when used to diagnose or treat diabetes mellitus Type 1 (insulin-dependent diabetes), diabetes mellitus Type 2 (insulin or non-insulin dependent diabetes), or gestational diabetes:
  - blood glucose monitors, including voice synthesizers for blood glucose monitors for use by the legally blind, t
  - test strips for glucose monitors and/or visual reading (covered under your "Prescription Drug Benefit");
  - insulin, syringes, injection aids, cartridges for the legally blind, and oral agents for controlling blood sugar (covered under your "Prescription Drug Benefit" later in this chapter);
  - therapeutic/molded shoes and shoe inserts for MEMBERS with severe diabetic foot disease,
  - insulin pumps; and
  - visual magnifying aids;
- oral appliances for the treatment of sleep apnea;
- oxygen concentrators (stationary and portable);
- prosthetic devices, except for arms, legs or breasts\*;
  - \*Important Note: Breast prostheses and prosthetic arms and legs (in whole or in part) are covered under the "Prosthetic Devices" benefit later in this chapter.
- scalp hair prostheses made specifically for an individual or a wig, and provided for hair loss due to a treatment for any form of cancer or leukemia, alopecia areata, alopecia totalis, or permanent loss of scalp hair due to injury ; and
- power/motorized wheelchairs.

We will decide whether to purchase or rent the equipment for you. This equipment must be purchased or rented from a DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDER that has an agreement with us to provide such equipment.

## **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, continued**

### **Examples of non-covered items (this list is not all-inclusive).**

- air conditioners, dehumidifiers, HEPA filters and other filters, and portable nebulizers;
- articles of special clothing, mattress and pillow covers, including hypo-allergenic versions;
- bath and toilet aids, including, but not limited to: tub seats/benches/stools, raised toilet seats, commodes, and rails;
- bed-related items, including bed trays, bed pans, bed rails, bed cradles, over-the-bed tables, and bed wedges;
- car seats;
- car/van modifications;
- certain wearable devices (e.g. smartwatches, bracelets, patches) used for physiological monitoring and fitness tracking (e.g. Fitbit, Biostamp, Embrace smartwatch, Smartmonitor smartwatch, Garmin Vivofit 4, Garmin Vivosmart 3, Samsung Galaxy Fit);
- comfort or convenience devices;
- dentures;
- ear plugs;
- emergency response systems (e.g., LifeAlert);
- exercise equipment and saunas;
- externally powered exoskeleton assistive devices and orthoses;
- fixtures to real property, such as ceiling lifts, elevators, ramps, stair lifts or stair climbers,
- foot orthotics and arch supports, except for therapeutic/molded shoes and shoe inserts for MEMBER with severe diabetic foot disease;
- heat and cold therapy devices, including, but not limited to: hot packs, cold packs and water pumps with or without compression wrap;
- heating pads, hot water bottles, paraffin bath units and cooling devices;
- hot tubs, jacuzzis, swimming pools, or whirlpools;
- manual home blood pressure monitor with cuff and stethoscope;
- mattresses except for mattresses used in conjunction with a hospital bed and ordered by a PROVIDER. Commercially available standard mattresses not used primarily to treat an illness or injury (e.g., Tempur-Pedic® or Posturepedic® mattresses), even if used in conjunction with a hospital bed, are not covered;
- breast prostheses and prosthetic arms and legs. For more information about these covered devices, see "Prosthetic Devices" later in this chapter.
- wheelchair trays.

## Early intervention services for a DEPENDENT CHILD

Services provided by early intervention programs that meet the standards established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Early intervention services include, but are not limited to:

- occupational therapy;
- physical therapy;
- speech therapy;
- nursing care; and
- psychological counseling.

These services are available to MEMBERS from birth until their third birthday.

## Extended care

(Services require the approval of an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER

In an extended care facility (SKILLED nursing facility, rehabilitation hospital, or chronic hospital for:

- SKILLED nursing services;
- chronic disease services; or
- rehabilitative services.

## Family planning

Coverage is provided for OUTPATIENT contraceptive services, including consultations, examinations, procedures and medical services, which are related to the use of all contraceptive methods that have been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

- Procedures:
  - sterilization; and
  - pregnancy terminations only as permitted under Massachusetts law (no PCP referral required).
- Services:
  - medical examinations;
  - consultations;
  - birth control counseling; and
  - genetic counseling.
- Contraceptives:
  - cervical caps;
  - implantable contraceptives (e.g., Implanon® (etonorgestrel), levonorgestrel implants).
  - intrauterine devices (IUDs);
  - Depo-Provera or its generic equivalent; and
  - any other MEDICALLY NECESSARY contraceptive device that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration\*.

\*Note: Please note that we cover certain contraceptives, such as oral contraceptives, diaphragms and over-the-counter female contraceptives, under a Prescription Drug Benefit. If those contraceptives are covered under that Benefit, they are not covered here. In accordance with the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), this plan also covers in full the following contraceptives that by law require a prescription: oral contraceptives; diaphragms; and other hormonal contraceptives (e.g., patches, rings), as well as FDA-approved over-the-counter female contraceptives (e.g., female condoms, contraceptive spermicides) when prescribed by a licensed PROVIDER and dispensed at a pharmacy pursuant to a prescription. In addition, please note that contraceptives and female sterilization procedures are covered in full. To determine whether a specific family planning service is covered in full or subject to a COST SHARING AMOUNT, please see <https://www.hrsa.gov/womensguidelines2016/index.html>, <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services> or <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-service> or call Member Services.

## Hearing aids

Coverage is provided for hearing aids (one per ear per prescription change) for CHILDREN age 21 or younger, including hearing aid evaluations, the fitting and adjustment of hearing aids, and supplies, including ear molds, as required under Massachusetts law.



## Hemodialysis

- OUTPATIENT hemodialysis, including home hemodialysis; and
- OUTPATIENT peritoneal dialysis, including home peritoneal dialysis.

## Home health care

(must be approved by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER)

We will cover the following services for MEMBERS who are homebound\*:

- home visits by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER;
- SKILLED nursing care and physical therapy; and
- the following services, if determined to be a MEDICALLY NECESSARY component of SKILLED nursing or physical therapy:
  - speech therapy;
  - occupational therapy;
  - medical/psychiatric social work;
  - nutritional consultation;
  - the use of DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT; and
  - the services of a part-time home health aide.

\*To be considered homebound, you do not have to be bedridden. However, your condition should be such that there exists a normal inability to leave the home and, consequently, leaving the home would require a considerable and taxing effort. If you leave the home, you may be considered homebound if the absences from the home are infrequent or for periods of relatively short duration, or to receive medical treatment. Please note that this homebound requirement does not apply to COVERED SERVICES for palliative care under this benefit.

### Note:

- Home health care services for physical and occupational therapies following an injury or illness are only covered to the extent that those services are provided to restore function lost or impaired, as described under "Physical and occupational therapy services" earlier in this chapter. However, those home health care services are not subject to the 60-day period for significant improvement requirement for rehabilitative therapy services or the visit limits listed for "Rehabilitative and Habilitative Physical and occupational therapy services."
- Sleep studies performed in the home are not covered under this "Home health care" benefit. Insteads, these sleep studies are covered as described under "Diagnostic testing" earlier in this chapter.

## Hospice care services

(must be approved in advance by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER)

We will cover the following services for MEMBERS who are terminally ill (having a life expectancy of 6 months or less):

- PROVIDER services;
- nursing care provided by or supervised by a registered professional nurse;
- social work services;
- volunteer services; and
- counseling services (including bereavement counseling services for the MEMBER's family for up to one year following the MEMBER's death).

"Hospice care services" are defined as a coordinated licensed program of services provided, during the life of the MEMBER, to a terminally ill MEMBER. Such services can be provided:

- in a home setting;
- on an OUTPATIENT basis; and
- on a short-term INPATIENT basis, for the control of pain and management of acute and severe clinical problems which cannot, for medical reasons, be managed in a home setting

## Hospital INPATIENT care (Acute care)

- anesthesia;
- diagnostic tests and lab services;
- drugs;
- dialysis;
- intensive care/coronary care;
- nursing care.
- physical, occupational, speech, and respiratory therapies;
- radiation therapy;
- semi-private room (private room when MEDICALLY NECESSARY);
- surgery\*;
- PROVIDER's services while hospitalized.

\*requires prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER

## Human leukocyte antigen testing or histocompatibility locus antigen testing

For use in bone marrow transplantation when necessary to establish a MEMBER's bone marrow transplant donor suitability. Includes:

- costs of testing for A, B or DR antigens, or
- any combination consistent with the rules and criteria established by the Department of Public Health;

## Immunizations and vaccinations

### Infertility services

Diagnosis and treatment of Infertility in accordance with Massachusetts law.

(I.) Diagnosis of Infertility: Diagnostic procedures and tests are covered when provided in connection with an infertility evaluation when approved in advance by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER.

(II.) Treatment of Infertility: Infertility is defined as the condition of a MEMBER who has been unable to conceive or produce conception during a period of one year if the female is age 35 or younger or during a period of six months if the female is over the age of 35. Attempts at conception to satisfy the diagnosis of Infertility may be done naturally or through artificial insemination.

For purposes of meeting the criteria for infertility, if a person conceives but is unable to carry that pregnancy to live birth, the period of time she attempted to conceive prior to achieving that pregnancy shall be included in the calculation of the one year or six month period, as applicable.

The following procedures are COVERED SERVICES when approved in advance by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER for MEMBERS with a diagnosis of infertility who also:

- meet our eligibility requirements, which are based on the MEMBER's medical history; and
- meet the eligibility requirements of our contracting Infertility Services PROVIDERS.

**Note:** With respect to non-MEMBER donors of sperm or eggs, procurement and processing of donor sperm or eggs will be considered COVERED SERVICES to the extent such costs are not covered by the donor's health care coverage, if any.

A. Assistive Reproductive Technology ("ART") procedures, including:

- In-vitro fertilization (IVF) and/or embryo transfer;
- Frozen embryo transfer (FET);
- Gamete intra-fallopian transfer (GIFT);
- Donor oocyte (DO/IVF);
- Donor embryo/frozen embryo transfer (DE/FET);
- Intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI);
- Assisted hatching (AH);
- Cryopreservation of embryos/blastocysts;
- Cryopreservation of sperm;
- Cryopreservation of oocytes.

MEMBERS who meet the criteria for infertility services who also have a documented medical contraindication to pregnancy, are using their own eggs, and are self-paying for a gestational carrier or surrogate, may be authorized for

ovarian stimulation, egg retrieval and fertilization. Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required. For further details on what services are available to a MEMBER who meets the definition of infertility, please see the MEDICAL NECESSITY Guidelines for infertility services available at [tuftshealthplan.com](http://tuftshealthplan.com), or call Member Services.

**B. Other related treatments, including:**

- artificial insemination (intrauterine or intracervical);
- gonadotropin medication (FSH);
- artificial insemination (intrauterine or intracervical) used in conjunction with gonadotropin medication;
- procurement and processing of eggs or inseminated eggs or storage of inseminated eggs when associated with active infertility treatment.

**Note:** Donor sperm is only covered when the partner has a diagnosis of male factor infertility.

For more information, please call Member Services and see the MEDICAL NECESSITY GUIDELINES on our website.

**(III.) Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) testing with I.V.F.:**

PGD testing is covered when either of the partners is a known carrier for certain genetic disorders. In addition to the Infertility Services provided in connection with Massachusetts law (as described above), PGD testing with IVF may be covered **for MEMBERS who do not have a diagnosis of infertility** in certain circumstances when the fetus would be at risk for an inherited genetic disorder associated with severe disability and/or premature death. Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required at both the In-Network and Out-of-Network Levels of Benefits for PGD testing. For more information, please call Member Services.

**NOTE:** Oral and injectable drug therapies used in the treatment of infertility, associated with the COVERED SERVICES above, are considered COVERED SERVICES only when the MEMBER is covered by a Prescription Drug Benefit and the MEMBER has been approved for associated infertility treatment. If applicable, see your Prescription Drug Benefit section for your COST SHARING AMOUNT.

## **Injectable, infused, or inhaled medications**

Coverage is provided for injectable, infused, or inhaled medications that are: (1) required for and are an essential part of an office visit to diagnose and treat illness or injury; or (2) received at home with drug administration services by a home infusion PROVIDER. Medications may include, but are not limited to, total parenteral nutritional therapy, chemotherapy, and antibiotics.

**Notes:**

- Prior authorization and quantity limitations may apply.
- There are designated home infusion PROVIDERS for a select number of specialized pharmacy products and drug administration services. These PROVIDERS offer clinical managements of drug therapies, nursing support, and care coordination to MEMBERS with acute and chronic conditions. Medications offered by these PROVIDERS include, but are not limited to medications used in the treatment of hemophilia, pulmonary arterial hypertension, immune deficiency, and enzyme replacement therapy. Please contact Member Services or see our website for more information on these medications and PROVIDERS.
- Coverage includes the components required to administer these medications, including, but not limited to, hypodermic needles and syringes, DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, supplies, pharmacy compounding, delivery of drugs, and supplies.
- Medications that are listed on our website as covered under a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN pharmacy benefit are not covered under this "Injectable, infused, or inhaled medications" benefit. For more information, call Member Services or check our website.

## **Laboratory tests**

including, but not limited to, blood tests, urinalysis, throat cultures, glycosylated hemoglobin (A1c) tests, genetic testing, and urinary protein/microalbumin and lipid profiles. Important: Laboratory tests must be ordered by a licensed PROVIDER and performed at a licensed laboratory. Some laboratory tests (e.g., genetic testing) may require the approval of an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER. Also, please note that in accordance with the ACA, laboratory tests associated with routine preventive care are covered in full.

**Notes:**

- Prior authorization is required for some laboratory tests. An example of this is genetic testing. For a complete list of laboratory tests subject to prior authorization, see the MEDICAL NECESSITY Guidelines on our website.
- Please note that certain laboratory tests associated with routine preventive care are covered in full when billed in accordance with our Preventive Services Payment Policy. An example of this is the colorectal cancer screening test Cologuard. If a laboratory test is not billed according to this policy, it will be subject to the MEMBER COST SHARING AMOUNT for "Laboratory tests" specified in the "Benefit Overview." For additional information on this policy, please see our website at <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services>.

**Lead screenings****Mammograms**

(no PCP referral required)

Covered at the following intervals:

- one baseline at 35-39 years of age,
- one every year at age 40 and older, or
- as otherwise MEDICALLY NECESSARY

**Maternity care**

- **OUTPATIENT Maternity Care-- Routine and Non-Routine Care** (no PCP referral required)
  - prenatal care, exams, and tests; and
  - postpartum care provided in a PROVIDER's office

**Note:** In accordance with the ACA, routine prenatal tests are covered in full. MEMBER cost-sharing will apply to diagnostic tests or diagnostic laboratory tests when they are ordered as part of routine maternity care. Please see "Diagnostic testing" and "Laboratory tests" for information on your COST SHARING AMOUNTS for these services.

- **INPATIENT Maternity Care (no PCP referral required)**
  - hospital and delivery services, and
  - well newborn CHILD care in hospital.

Includes INPATIENT care in hospital for mother and newborn CHILD for at least:

- 48 hours following a vaginal delivery; and
- 96 hours following a caesarean delivery.

**Notes:**

- COVERED SERVICES will include one home visit by a registered nurse, physician, or certified nurse midwife; and additional home visits, when MEDICALLY NECESSARY and provided by a licensed health care PROVIDER. COVERED SERVICES will also include, but not be limited to, parent education, assistance, and training in breast or bottle feeding and the performance of any necessary and appropriate clinical tests.
- These COVERED SERVICES will be available to a mother and her newborn CHILD regardless of whether or not there is an early discharge (hospital discharge less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery or 96 hours following a caesarean delivery).

**MEDICALLY NECESSARY diagnosis and treatment of speech, hearing and language disorders**

(services may require the approval of an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER).

**Note:** Short-term cognitive retraining or cognitive rehabilitation services are covered under this benefit only when provided to restore function lost or impaired as the result of an accidental injury or sickness. In order for these services to be covered, measurable improvement must be anticipated in a reasonable and predictable period of time for the particular diagnosis and phase of recovery. Also, please note that COST SHARING AMOUNTS for

the diagnosis of speech, hearing and language disorders vary depending upon the service provided (e.g., x-rays, diagnostic testing, office visits).

## **Medical supplies**

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN covers the cost of certain types of medical supplies from an authorized vendor, including ostomy, tracheostomy, and catheter supplies.

### **Notes:**

- These medical supplies must be obtained from a vendor that has an agreement with us to provide such supplies.
- Contact a Member Representative with coverage questions.

## **Nutritional counseling**

Coverage is provided for nutritional counseling when prescribed by a physician and performed by a registered dietician/nutritionist. Nutritional counseling visits are covered:

- When **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**, for the purpose of treating an illness. Please see the “Nutritional Counseling: in the “Benefit Overview” for the applicable **COST SHARING AMOUNT**; or
- As preventive services, including preventive obesity screening and counseling services, healthy diet counseling, and behavior change and counseling. In accordance with the Affordable Care Act, preventive services that are currently recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) are covered in full. **Note:** Weight loss programs and clinics are not covered.

## **Office visits to diagnose and treat illness or injury**

This includes **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** evaluations and related health care services for acute or **EMERGENCY** gynecological conditions (no PCP referral required), consultations, and visits to a **LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC**.

## Oral health services

The services described in this section are in addition to services described under "Pediatric dental care for MEMBERS up to age 19" earlier in this chapter.

- **EMERGENCY care**

X-rays and EMERGENCY oral surgery in a PROVIDER's office or an EMERGENCY room in to temporarily stabilize damaged tissues or reposition sound, natural and permanent teeth that have moved or have broken due to injury. You must receive this care within 48 hours after the injury. The injury must have been caused by a source outside the mouth.

- **Non-EMERGENCY care**

The following services are covered, with the prior approval of an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER, in an INPATIENT or DAY SURGERY setting, and include hospital/facility, PROVIDER, and surgical charges.

- Extraction of seven or more permanent teeth during one visit
- Surgical treatment of skeletal jaw deformities
- Surgical repair related to Temporomandibular Joint Disorder

In addition, surgical removal of impacted or unerupted teeth when embedded in bone is covered in an INPATIENT, DAY SURGERY, or office setting. COVERED SERVICES include hospital/facility, PROVIDER, and surgical charges. Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is only required if the services are received in an INPATIENT or DAY SURGEY setting.

### Important Notes:

- Please go to our website at [www.tuftshealthplan.com/medicalnecessityguidelines](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com/medicalnecessityguidelines) to view MEDICAL NECESSITY guidelines for these services in an Inpatient setting, entitled "Dental Procedures Requiring Hospitalization". You may also call Member Services for additional information.
- Coverage does not apply to Non-EMERGENCY oral health services provided by a dentist. MEMBERS must receive these services from an oral surgeon.
- X-rays performed in association with Non-EMERGENCY oral health services are covered as described under "Diagnostic imaging."

## Pap Smear

Covered for one annual screening for women age 18 and older or as otherwise MEDICALLY NECESSARY.

## Patient care services provided as part of a qualified clinical trial for the treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition

### INPATIENT and OUTPATIENT

To the extent required by Massachusetts and federal law, patient care services provided as part of a qualified clinical trial conducted to prevent, detect, or treat cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition are covered to the same extent as those INPATIENT and OUTPATIENT services would be covered if the MEMBER did not receive care in a qualified clinical trial.

## Pediatric dental care for MEMBERS up to age 19

### Introduction

This pediatric dental benefit is administered by Delta Dental of Massachusetts and is available for MEMBERS through the end of the month in which the MEMBERS's 19th birthday occurs. Participating network dentists will file claims for you and Delta Dental of Massachusetts will pay the dentist directly. To check if your child's dentist is in the network, or to find a new dentist, visit [www.deltadentalma.com/ppo-plus-premier-find-a-dentist](http://www.deltadentalma.com/ppo-plus-premier-find-a-dentist).

If you have any questions about what your pediatric dental benefit covers or how a claim was paid, call Delta Dental's Customer Service Department toll free at 844-260-6095. Customer service representatives are available Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-8:00 pm and on Fridays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. You may also visit [www.deltadentalma.com](http://www.deltadentalma.com) for information on what your plan covers, check the status of a claim, print an ID card and see your child's dental claim history.

Dental claims and any written correspondence should be sent to:

Delta Dental of Massachusetts

PO Box 2907, Milwaukee, WI 53201-2907

### Coverage

The following table explains your COST SHARING AMOUNTS and benefit limits for pediatric dental care coverage.

COVERED SERVICES	MEMBER COST SHARING AMOUNTS
<p><b>Type I Services: Preventive &amp; Diagnostic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Oral Exams – 2 per CONTRACT YEAR. Exams by specialists are not covered except for periodic oral exams.</li> <li>● Comprehensive Exams – Once per lifetime per dentist location</li> <li>● Bitewing x-rays – two sets per CONTRACT YEAR.</li> <li>● Complete series of x-rays (full mouth) and panoramic x-rays once every 36 months*.</li> <li>● Single tooth x-Rays – as required.</li> <li>● Cleanings – two per CONTRACT YEAR.</li> <li>● Fluoride Treatments – Once every 3 months.</li> <li>● Space Maintainers</li> <li>● Sealants – once every 36 months on unrestored molars*.</li> </ul>	<p>Covered in full.</p>

\*Time limits on services (e.g. 6, 12, 24, 36 or 60 months) are computed to the exact day. Services are then covered the following day. For example, when a service is covered once every 12 months, if the service was done on July 1, it will not be covered again until the following year on July 2 or after.

**Pediatric dental care for MEMBERS up to age 19 , continued**

COVERED SERVICES	MEMBER COST SHARING AMOUNTS
<p><b>Type II Services: Basic Covered Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amalgam (silver) fillings – once per 12 months per tooth surface*.</li> <li>● Composite (white) fillings - once per 12 months per tooth surface*.</li> <li>● Recement crowns and onlays.</li> <li>● Rebasing or relining of partial or complete dentures – once every 24 months*.</li> <li>● Root canal therapy on permanent teeth – One procedure per tooth per lifetime..</li> <li>● Vital pulpotomy – One procedure per tooth per lifetime.</li> <li>● Apicoectomy – One procedure per tooth per lifetime.</li> <li>● Prefabricated stainless steel crowns –once every 36 months*.</li> <li>● Root planing and scaling – once per quadrant every 24 months*.</li> <li>● Simple extractions.</li> <li>● Surgical extractions when not covered by a patient's medical plan..</li> <li>● Palliative (emergency) treatment of dental pain</li> <li>● General anesthesia or intravenous (I.V.) sedation for certain complex surgical procedures.</li> </ul>	<p>Subject to 25% COINSURANCE.</p>
<p><b>Type III Services: Major Restorative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crowns – (over natural teeth when teeth cannot be restored with regular fillings). Stainless steel crowns are covered at a different coinsurance amount – replacement limited to once every 60 months per tooth*.</li> <li>● Partial and complete dentures – replacement limited to once every 60 months per tooth*.*</li> </ul>	<p>Subject to 50% COINSURANCE.</p>
<p><b>Type IV Services: Orthodontia</b> (must be approved by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER)</p> <p>Covered only when medically necessary; patient must have severe and handicapping malocclusion as defined by HLD index score of 22 and/or one or more auto qualifiers.</p>	<p>Subject to 50% COINSURANCE.</p>

\*Time limits on services (e.g. 6, 12, 24, 36 or 60 months) are computed to the exact day. Services are then covered the following day. For example, when a service is covered once every 12 months, if the service was done on July 1, it will not be covered again until the following year on July 2 or after.



## Preventive health care for MEMBERS under age 6

- Preventive care services from the date of birth until age 6, including:
  - physical examination, including limited developmental testing with interpretation and report;
  - history;
  - measurements;
  - sensory screening;
  - neuropsychiatric evaluation; and
  - developmental screening and assessment at the following intervals:
    - 6 times during the first year after birth,
    - 3 times during the second year after birth, and
    - annually from age 2 until age 6.
- Coverage is also provided for:
  - hereditary and metabolic screening at birth;
  - appropriate immunizations and tuberculin tests;
  - hematocrit, hemoglobin, or other appropriate blood tests;
  - urinalysis as recommended by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER; and
  - newborn auditory screening tests, as required by state law.

**Note:** Any follow-up care determined to be **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** as a result of a routine physical exam is subject to a **COST SHARING AMOUNT**. **MEMBER** cost-sharing will also apply to diagnostic tests or diagnostic laboratory tests when they are ordered as part of a routine physical exam. Please see "Diagnostic testing" and "Laboratory tests" for information on your **COST SHARING AMOUNTS** for these services, and see the Web site at <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services> or <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services> for more information about which laboratory services are considered preventive.

## Preventive health care for MEMBERS age 6 and older

- routine physical examinations, including appropriate immunizations and lab tests as recommended by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER; and
- hearing exams and screenings for MEMBERS under age 18

**Note:** Any follow-up care determined to be **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** as a result of a routine physical exam is subject to an Office Visit **COPAYMENT**. **MEMBER** cost-sharing will also apply to diagnostic tests or diagnostic laboratory tests when they are ordered as part of a routine physical exam. Please see "Diagnostic testing" and "Laboratory tests" for information on your **COST SHARING AMOUNTS** for these services, and see the Web site at <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services> or <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services> for more information about which laboratory services are considered preventive.

## Prosthetic devices

We cover the cost (including repairs) of breast prostheses and prosthetic arms and legs. Coverage is provided for the most appropriate **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** model that adequately meets the **MEMBER's** needs. Prior approval by an **AUTHORIZED REVIEWER** is required\*.

**\*Note:** Breast prostheses require prior authorization, except when provided in connection with a mastectomy.

## Radiation therapy

(prior approval by an **AUTHORIZED REVIEWER** is required)

## Rehabilitative and HABILITATIVE physical and occupational therapy services

(Services may require the approval of an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER)

Rehabilitative physical and occupational therapy services, including cognitive rehabilitation and cognitive retraining, are covered. These services are covered only when provided to restore function lost or impaired as the result of an accidental injury or illness and the MEMBER's condition is subject to significant improvement within a period of 60 days from the initial treatment as a direct result of these therapies.

HABILITATIVE physical and occupational therapy services are covered only when provided to keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living never learned or acquired due to a disabling condition.

Massage therapy may be covered as a treatment modality when administered as part of a physical therapy visit that is:

- provided by a licensed physical therapist; and
- in compliance with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's MEDICALLY NECESSITY guidelines, and, if applicable, prior authorization guidelines.

## Respiratory therapy/pulmonary rehabilitation services

### Routine annual gynecological exam

Includes any follow-up obstetric or gynecological care determined to be MEDICALLY NECESSARY as a result of that exam (no PCP referral required).

**Note:** Any follow-up care determined to be MEDICALLY NECESSARY as a result of a routine annual gynecological exam is subject to an Office Visit COPAYMENT. MEMBER cost-sharing will also apply to diagnostic tests or diagnostic laboratory tests when they are ordered as part of a routine gynecological exam. Please see "Diagnostic testing" and "Laboratory tests" for information on your COST SHARING AMOUNTS for these services, and see the Web site at <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/employers/health-wellness/list-of-preventive-services> or <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/documents/providers/payment-policies/preventive-services> for more information about which laboratory services are considered preventive.

### Smoking cessation counseling sessions

Including individual, group, and telephonic smoking cessation counseling services that:

- are provided in accordance with current guidelines established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and
- meet the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

**Note:** Coverage is also provided for prescription smoking cessation agents and generic over-the-counter smoking cessation agents when prescribed by a physician. For more information, see the "What is Covered" provision within the "Prescription Drug Benefit" section later in this chapter.

### Special formulas

Includes the following formulas:

- **Low protein foods**

When provided to treat inherited diseases of amino acids and organic acids

- **Nonprescription enteral formulas** (prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER may be required)

Coverage is provided:

- for home use for treatment of malabsorption caused by Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, gastroesophageal reflux, gastrointestinal motility, chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction, and inherited diseases of amino acids and organic acids.
- when MEDICALLY NECESSARY: infant formula for milk or soy protein intolerance; formula for premature infants; and supplemental formulas for growth failure

- **Special medical formulas** (prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER may be required)

For the treatment of:

- phenylketonuria (PKU)
- tyrosinemia,
- homocystinuria,
- maple syrup urine disease
- propionic acidemia, and
- methylmalonic acidemia;

or, when MEDICALLY NECESSARY, to protect the unborn fetuses of women with PKU.

## **Surgery - Bone marrow transplants for breast cancer, hematopoietic stem cell transplants, and human solid organ transplants**

(Services require the approval of an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER)

- Bone marrow transplants for MEMBERS diagnosed with breast cancer that has progressed to metastatic disease who meet the criteria established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplants and human solid organ transplants provided to MEMBERS. These services must be provided at a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated transplant facility. We pay for charges incurred by the donor in donating the stem cells or solid organ to the MEMBER, but only to the extent that charges are not covered by any other health care coverage. This includes:
  - evaluation and preparation of the donor, and
  - surgery and recovery services when those services relate directly to donating the stem cells or solid organ to the MEMBER.

### **Notes:**

- We do not cover donor charges of MEMBERS who donate stem cells or solid organs to non-MEMBERS.
- We cover a MEMBERS's donor search expenses for donors related by blood.
- We cover the MEMBERS's donor search expenses for donors not related by blood when MEDICALLY NECESSARY. These services are only covered to the extent that such services are not covered by any other plan of health benefits or health care coverage.
- We cover a MEMBERS's human leukocyte antigen (HLA) testing. See "OUTPATIENT medical care" earlier in this chapter for more information.

## **Surgery - OUTPATIENT surgery in a PROVIDER's office**

## **Surgery - Reconstructive procedures, mastectomy surgeries, and surgeries to treat functional deformity or impairment**

Coverage is provided for the cost of:

- services required to relieve pain or to restore a bodily function that is impaired as a result of a congenital defect, (including treatment of cleft lip or cleft palate for CHILDREN under the age of 18, as required under Massachusetts law\*), birth abnormality, traumatic injury or covered surgical procedure (must be approved by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER);
- the following services in connection with mastectomy:
  - reconstruction of the breast affected by the mastectomy;
  - surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, and
  - prostheses\*\* and treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy (including lymphedema).

\*Prior authorization by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is not required for the treatment of cleft lip or cleft palate for CHILDREN under the age of 18.

\*\*Breast prostheses are covered as described under "Prosthetic devices" later in this chapter.

Removal of a breast implant is covered when any one of the following conditions exists:

- the implant was placed post-mastectomy;
- there is documented rupture of a silicone implant;
- there is documented evidence of auto-immune disease or infection.

Important: No coverage is provided for the removal of ruptured or intact saline breast implants or intact silicone breast implants except as specified above.

**Note:** Cosmetic surgery is not covered.

## Telemedicine services

We cover MEDICALLY NECESSARY telemedicine services for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation, or treatment in the same manner as an in-person consultation between you and your PROVIDER. Telemedicine services are provided through real-time interactive audio, video, or other electronic media communications and substitute for in-person consultation with PROVIDERS when determined to be medically appropriate. Telemedicine services are available for both medical and behavioral health/substance use disorder services.

Telemedicine services may be obtained from a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER with real-time interactive capabilities or through TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's designated telemedicine vendor. When received from the designated telemedicine vendor, these services are also referred to as "telehealth services". For additional information on the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN telemedicine vendor and how to access those services, including when certain services may be available when you are traveling outside of the 50 United States, please visit <https://tuftshealthplan.com/member/health-information-tools/digital-tools/telehealth> or contact Member Services.

When you obtain telemedicine services from a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER, you will pay the same COST SHARING AMOUNT that applies to an office visit with that PROVIDER. In addition, you will need to follow the same rules about referrals when you receive telemedicine services through TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS. Please see Chapter 1 for more information about referral requirements. When you access telemedicine services through the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN telemedicine vendor, you will pay the COST SHARING AMOUNT for telemedicine services listed in the "Benefit Overview". No referrals are required when you receive telemedicine services through the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN telemedicine vendor.

Additionally, at your choice, audio-only consultation services may be available to you when obtained through the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN telemedicine vendor. If you access such audio-only consultation services, the same COST SHARING AMOUNT as indicated for telemedicine services applies.

## URGENT CARE

Services may be provided to you in a PROVIDER's office, a LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC, a hospital-based walk-in clinic, or a FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTER. Please see "EMERGENCY and URGENT CARE" earlier in this document for more information about referrals for these services).

## Vision care services

- Routine eye examination for MEMBERS age 19 and older: Coverage is provided for one routine eye examination every 24 months (no PCP referral required)  
**Note:** You must receive routine eye examinations from a PROVIDER in the EyeMed Vision Care network in order to obtain coverage for these services. Please go to [www.tuftshealthplan.com](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com) or contact Member Services for more information. Except as described below, in order to be covered for services to treat a medical condition of the eye, you must obtain a referral from your PCP for services from a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER.
- Other vision care services (for MEMBERS of all ages): Coverage is provided for eye examinations and necessary treatment of a medical condition (no PCP referral required for medical treatment performed by an optometrist). Note: One pair of eyeglass lenses and standard frames will be covered following a MEMBER's cataract surgery or other surgery to replace the natural lens of the eye, when the MEMBER does not receive an intraocular implant. See "Benefit Overview" earlier in this document to determine the COST SHARING AMOUNT applicable to these lenses and frames. (prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER may be required)

## Pediatric vision care for MEMBERS under age 19

Limitations and COST SHARING AMOUNTS for pediatric vision care are described in the "Benefit Overview" section earlier in this document.

**Note:** For these pediatric services, "under age 19" means the last day of the month in which a MEMBER turns 19 years old.

## Vision care services, continued

### Diagnostic Benefits

#### Eye Exam:

- New patient exam;
- Established patient exam;
- Routine ophthalmologic exam with refraction for new or established patient.

#### Contact Lens Fit and Follow-Up:

- Standard contact lens fit and follow-up;
- Premium contact lens fit and follow-up.

### Eyewear Benefits

#### Lenses:

- Single vision lenses;
- Conventional (lined) bifocal lenses;
- Conventional (lined) trifocal lenses; and
- Lenticular lenses.

#### Notes:

- Lenses include choice of glass or plastic lenses, all lens powers (single vision, bifocal, trifocal, lenticular), solid and gradient tinting.
- Polycarbonate lenses are covered in full for CHILDREN.
- All lenses include scratch resistant coating with no additional charge.

#### Frames (from a limited collection of frames)

#### Contact Lenses (coverage includes material only)

- Extended wear disposables
- Daily wear disposables
- MEDICALLY NECESSARY/Conventional

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Contact lenses may be determined to be MEDICALLY NECESSARY in the treatment of the following conditions: keratoconus, pathological myopia, aphakia, anisometropia, aniseikonia, aniridia, corneal disorders, post-traumatic disorders, and irregular astigmatism. MEDICALLY NECESSARY contact lenses are dispensed in lieu of other eyewear.

**Important Information about PROVIDERS:** Call **EyeMed** at 1-866-939-3633 for the names of EyeMed providers.

### Other Vision Services

- Tint (fashion & gradient & glass-grey)
- Standard plastic scratch and coating
- Standard polycarbonate - CHILDREN under 19
- Standard anti-reflective coating
- UV treatment
- Polarized
- Photochromatic/Transitions plastic
- Oversized

### Low Vision Services

Low vision is a significant loss of vision but not total blindness. Ophthalmologists and optometrists specializing in low vision care can evaluate and prescribe optical devices and provide training and instruction to maximize the remaining usable vision for MEMBERS with low vision. See "Benefit Overview" for more information.

**Important PROVIDER information:** Call **EyeMed** at 1-866-939-3633 for the names of EyeMed providers.

## TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER Discounts

In addition to your covered benefits, as a MEMBER you may take advantage of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER Discounts. These include discounts on:

- fitness center memberships;
- nutritional supplements;
- mind and body treatments; and
- a variety of services related to good health.

This list of MEMBER discounts is effective January 1, 2021 and may change during the year. Please see our Web site at [www.tuftshealthplan.com](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com) for the most current list or call a Member Representative.

Current examples of these discounts include:

- Save 10% on personal training packages at participating Fitness Together locations and receive a free initial fitness evaluation.

- **Fitness Center Reimbursement\***

You may be eligible for a rebate for the cost of 3 months of fitness club fees for using a standard fitness center. If you are eligible for this reimbursement, just complete at least four consecutive months of membership in TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. Then, submit the Fitness Center Reimbursement, along with proof of fitness center membership and proof of payment, and we will reimburse up to 3 months of your fitness center fees for the year.

\*Notes:

- Certain GROUPS may not offer this fitness reimbursement. If you are enrolled in a GROUP plan, check with your employer or contact TUFTS HEALTH PLAN to confirm whether you are eligible for this reimbursement.
- The reimbursement applies up to 3 months of fitness club dues per family, per year, after you have incurred up to up to 3 months of fitness center membership fees and have met the eligibility requirements.
- The fitness reimbursement is paid to the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN SUBSCRIBER.
- We will reimburse once per for individual fitness center membership fees.
- Only the SUBSCRIBER may request this reimbursement on behalf of the family or individuals on the family plan. We will reimburse once per for individual or family level fitness center membership fees.
- This reimbursement excludes initiation fees. It covers membership fees of a standard fitness center. A standard fitness center offers cardio and strength-training machines and other programs for improved physical fitness. This reimbursement does not include luxury fitness centers, country clubs, social clubs, tennis clubs, gymnastics centers, martial arts centers, aerobic only or pool-only centers, personal trainers, sports coaches, or the purchase of personal or at-home exercise machines.

## Other Health Services, continued

### TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member Discounts, continued

- **Weight Loss Program Rebate -**

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will reimburse up to 3 months (12 weeks) of membership fees for the following participating in the Jenny Craig and Weight Watchers programs.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will reimburse up to 50% of the initial evaluation fee for the following medical facility-based weight loss programs:

- Health Management Resources (HMR) Weight-Loss Programs, limited to: HMR Program at MetroWest Medical Center (Natick, MA), HMR Program for Weight Management (Auburndale, MA), Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates (Boston, MA), Winchester Hospital (Medford, MA), Derry Medical Center (Derry, NH);
- Brigham & Women's Hospital - Program for Weight Management;
- Anna Jacques Hospital - Medical Weight Loss Center.

#### **Important Notes:**

- The reimbursement applies once per year, per family. MEMBERS have 24 months from the date the weight management program fees were paid to submit for reimbursement. Reimbursements are processed within 4-6 weeks of receipt.
- The reimbursement applies to Jenny Craig and Weight Watchers programs, OR 50% of the initial evaluation fee for specified medical facility-based weight loss programs.
- The reimbursement does not apply to the cost of food.
- MEMBERS would have the option to submit for one of the above options, no combination of reimbursements would be permitted.
- Fees for individual nutrition counseling sessions, food, books, videos, scales, or other items not included as part of the fee for the course or class do not qualify for the reimbursement.

- **Nutritional Services**

- Nutritional Counseling - In addition to your health plan coverage for **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** counseling, you can receive 25% off the cost of unlimited visits with a registered dietitian or licensed nutritionist in our network for services that are not **COVERED SERVICES**. Learn more about diets that promote good health.
- Dietary and Nutrition Supplements -- Save 15% or more off of the manufacturers' suggested retail price on a wide variety of vitamins, supplements, and popular energy and protein bars through **ChooseHealthy.com**. Standard shipping is also free for MEMBERS.

- **Mind and Body**

- Save 25 % off of the usual and customary rates on acupuncture treatments. On massage therapy, you will either save 25% off of the usual and customary rates, or pay \$15 per 15 minutes of massage therapy, whichever is less. To find a participating provider, click on Member Discounts at **tuftshealthplan.com**.
- Natural Therapies - Learn more about aromatherapy, homeopathic remedies, meditation, yoga, and other natural remedies at **ChooseHealthy.com**.
- Mindfulness Stress Reduction Program - MEMBERS can save 15% on the cost of tuition for the 8-week program for stress reduction program at UMass Medical School's Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Health Care and Society. The program takes place at the Shrewsbury campus. The Center for Mindfulness is a leader in mind-body medicine and mindfulness-based treatment and research, being among the first to integrate meditation and mindfulness into mainstream medicine and health care. MEMBERS can access the discount through the following link: **<https://umassmed.edu/mindfulness-based-programs/tufts-health-plan>**.
- Memory Fitness Activities Discount Program: MEMBERS can save 17% on a subscription to the BrainHQ application offered by Posit Science. BrainHQ is an application that is designed to increase the speed at which we can reliably process information, improve the brain's ability to make clear and strong representations of information and stimulate the machinery that produces brain chemicals that strengthen memory and enable learning. MEMBERS can access the discount through the following link: **[www.brainhq.com/thp](http://www.brainhq.com/thp)**.

- Concord Hospital's Center for Health Promotion - MEMBERS receive a 10% discount on nutrition classes costing \$25 or more, weight loss programs, childbirth classes, and Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction. To get your discount, call the Center at 603-230-7300 or register in person, and mention that you are a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER. To preview current class offerings, see <https://www.concordhospital.org/wellness-resources/>.
- Cambridge Health Alliance Center for Mindfulness and Compassion (CMC): Members receive 15% off of mindfulness and self-compassion courses. Members also receive 15% off the eight-week Mindfulness- Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) and Mindful Self-Compassion (MCS) courses. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.chacmc.org/courses>. Use code THP15 to get your discount. For more information, email [cmc@challiance.org](mailto:cmc@challiance.org) or call 617-591-6132.
- **Eyewear**
  - With the EyeMed Vision Care program, MEMBERS can receive 35% off the retail price of frames, along with discounts on lenses and lens options, with the purchase of a complete pair of eyeglasses from a participating EyeMed provider.
  - EyeMed Vision Care also offers a contact lens replacement program, 20% off the retail price of nonprescription sunglasses, and 15% off the retail price (or 5% off the promotional price) of LASIK and PRK laser vision correction.
- **Home Instead Senior Care**
  - Provides home support services you or an elderly family MEMBER, such as light housekeeping or meal preparation. As a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER, you or a family member can receive a one-time \$100 credit towards charges for services at participating offices.
  - TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBERS can also receive a free home-safety inspection once you have contracted for services with Home Instead Senior Care.
  - For more information, please contact Home Instead toll free at 888-484-5759, or see the Web site at [www.homeinstead.com](http://www.homeinstead.com). To get these free and discounted services, just show your TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member ID card.
- **Ompractice:**

Ompractice is an online platform for live, interactive yoga and meditation classes you can take from anywhere, using two-way video. Be supported by a teacher in real time, from the comfort and privacy of your own home, while still part of a group class.

Month-to-month cost – \$14.99 per month

Annual subscription – \$129.00 per year

For more information, please go to our web site at <https://www.ompractice.com/tuftshealthplan/>

- **Other discounts**

CVS Caremark ExtraCare health card - Receive 20% off of the price of certain CVS/pharmacy-brand non-prescription health related items by using your ExtraCare health card offered by CVS Caremark (in conjunction with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN ). Show your card at the time of purchase to get your discount. New Members: If you don't have an ExtraCare health card, you can pick one up at any CVS Pharmacy or by calling 1-800-SHOP-CVS. Once you have a card, link your CVS ExtraCare health card to your Tufts Health Plan Member ID number to start receiving your discount by visiting [bit.ly/extracarehealth](http://bit.ly/extracarehealth) to start the activation process. If you already have a Tufts Health Plan CVS ExtraCare health card, continue to use your card to get your 20% discount.

- Jenny Craig - Free 3-month program (food not included) + \$120 in food savings (food purchase required)\* OR save 50% off our premium programs (cost of food is separate)\*\*.

\*Valid for 3-month trial membership. Weekly full menu averages \$156 (before discount), not including shipping costs. Discount split over 12 consecutive weeks with full menu purchase. Valid at participating centers and Jenny Craig Anywhere. Please call Member Services for more information about this discount and its limitations.

\*\*50% off enrollment and/or membership fees for eligible premium programs. Weekly full menu averages \$156 (before any discount), not including shipping costs. Valid at participating locations and Jenny Craig Anywhere. Please call Member Services for more information about this discount and its limitations.



- DASH for Health: The DASH for Health program is an online program dedicated to helping you eat better, exercise better, and lose weight. With customized meal plans to help you get started, twice-weekly email tips, tracking tools for weight, food and exercise, and hundreds of recipes, you will eat better, feel better and improve your health - all while eating the foods you love. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBERS can sign up for the DASH for Health program for \$34.50 for a 6-month subscription (50% off the regular subscription rate). Go to **<https://tuftshealthplan.dashforhealth.com>** and enter the coupon code **thp** to take advantage of this special offer.
- The Original Healing Threads™ Designer Wear - Save 20% off the cost of machine washable , microfiber tops and breakaway pants, treated to allow liquids to roll off of the fabric.
- The Dinner Daily - provides Members with weekly dinner plans customized for their food preferences, dietary needs, and local grocery store specials, potentially resulting in savings of up to \$1,200 per year. Members save 35% on any Dinner Daily subscription and the first two weeks are free. To sign up, or for more information, see <https://thedinnerdaily.com/thp>. Use code THP25 to receive the discount.
- MyRewards - Your plan may include MyRewards, a program that rewards you for certain services if you receive them from defined, low-cost high quality Providers. Please go to **[www.tuftshealthplan.com/member/rewards](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com/member/rewards)** for more information. Please note that rewards under this program may be considered taxable income.

These discounts and savings may change over time without notice to MEMBERS. To check on current TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER Discounts:

- call Member Services at the number listed on your MEMBER ID card, or
- go to website.

## Covered Services, continued

# Prescription Drug Benefit

### Introduction

This section describes the Prescription Drug Benefit. The following topics are included in this section to explain your prescription drug coverage:

- How Prescription Drugs Are Covered
- Prescription Drug Coverage Table
- What is Covered
- What is Not Covered
- TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Pharmacy Management Programs
- Filling Your Prescription

### How Prescription Drugs Are Covered

Prescription drugs will be considered COVERED SERVICES only if they comply with the "TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Pharmacy Management Programs" section described below and are:

- listed below under "What is Covered";
- approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA);
- provided to treat an injury, illness, or pregnancy;
- MEDICALLY NECESSARY; and
- written by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN participating PROVIDER, except in cases of authorized referral or in Emergencies.

The "Prescription Drug Coverage Table" below describes your prescription drug benefit amounts.

- Tier-1 drugs have the lowest level COST SHARING AMOUNT.
- Tier-2 drugs have the middle level COST SHARING AMOUNT.
- Tier-3 drugs have a higher level COST SHARING AMOUNT.
- Tier-4 drugs have the highest COST SHARING AMOUNT.

### Notes:

- Prescribed, orally administered anticancer medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells are covered subject to a \$50.00 COPAYMENT for up to a 30-day supply .
- Smoking cessation agents (both prescription and generic over-the-counter agents when prescribed by a PROVIDER) are covered in full.
- Most generic drugs are covered on Tier 1 or Tier 2.
- Certain drugs on our formulary are designated as part of our low cost drug program. Your retail pharmacy COPAYMENTS for these low cost drugs are \$5 for up to a 30-day supply and \$10 for a 31-90 day supply. Please see the Web site at [www.tuftshealthplan.com/member/pharmacy/commercial-plans-pharmacy](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com/member/pharmacy/commercial-plans-pharmacy) or call Member Services for more information.
- In compliance with Massachusetts law, opioid medications listed as Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substances will be filled at a lesser quantity than prescribed if the MEMBER requests it. If the MEMBER requests the lesser quantity, no additional cost or penalty will be enforced on the MEMBER. If the MEMBER fills a lesser quantity than is prescribed of a Schedule II opioid controlled substance, and then decides to fill the remainder of the original prescription at the same pharmacy within 30 days of the original prescription date, no additional COPAYMENT or other cost sharing will be applied. Please see Appendix C, "Schedule II and III Opioid Medications", for a list of these medications.
- Pursuant to Massachusetts law, naloxone (an opioid antagonist) is available without a prescription when obtained from a Massachusetts pharmacy. Whoever requests naloxone at a pharmacy will be billed for the medication, even if that person is picking up the medication for someone else.

**Covered Services, continued**

**Prescription Drug Benefit, continued**

**Prescription Drug Coverage Table**

<b>DRUGS OBTAINED AT A RETAIL PHARMACY:</b> Covered prescription drugs (including both acute and maintenance drugs) when you obtain them directly from a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated retail pharmacy.	
<b>TIER-1 drugs:</b>	\$10.00 COPAYMENT for up to a 30-day supply.  \$20.00 COPAYMENT for a 31-60-day supply.  \$30.00 COPAYMENT for a 61-90-day supply.
<b>TIER-2 drugs:</b>	\$25.00 COPAYMENT for up to a 30-day supply.  \$50.00 COPAYMENT for a 31-60-day supply.  \$75.00 COPAYMENT for a 61-90-day supply.
<b>TIER-3 drugs:</b>	\$50.00 COPAYMENT for up to a 30-day supply.  \$100.00 COPAYMENT for a 31-60-day supply.  \$150.00 COPAYMENT for a 61-90-day supply.
<b>TIER-4 drugs:</b>	\$50.00 COPAYMENT for up to a 30-day supply.
<b>Notes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you fill your prescription in a state that allows you to request a brand-name drug even though your physician authorized the generic equivalent, you will pay the applicable tier COST SHARING AMOUNT plus the difference in cost between the brand-name drug and the generic drug.</li><li>• You always pay the applicable COST SHARING AMOUNT, even if the cost of the drug is less than the COST SHARING AMOUNT.</li><li>• If the cost of a drug is less than the minimum COST SHARING AMOUNT, you pay only for the cost of the drug.</li></ul>	
<b>DRUGS OBTAINED THROUGH A MAIL SERVICES PHARMACY:</b> Most maintenance medications, when mailed to you through a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated mail services pharmacy.	
<b>TIER-1 drugs:</b>	\$20.00 COPAYMENT for up to a 90 day supply.
<b>TIER-2 drugs:</b>	\$50.00 COPAYMENT for up to a 90 day supply.
<b>TIER-3 drugs:</b>	\$150.00 COPAYMENT for up to a 90 day supply.
<b>TIER-4 drugs:</b>	\$50.00 COPAYMENT for up to a 30-day supply.

## Covered Services, continued

### Prescription Drug Benefit, continued

#### What is Covered

We cover the following under this Prescription Drug Benefit:

- Prescribed drugs (including hormone replacement therapy for peri and post-menopausal women) that by law require a prescription and are not listed under "What is Not Covered" (see "Important Notes" later in this "Prescription Drug Benefit").
- Insulin, insulin pens, insulin needles and syringes; lancets; blood glucose, urine glucose, and ketone monitoring strips; and oral diabetes medications that influence blood sugar levels.
- Generic and brand-name contraceptives, including oral contraceptives, diaphragms, and other self-administered hormonal contraceptives (e.g., patches, rings) that by law require a prescription and FDA-approved over-the-counter female contraceptives (e.g., female condoms or contraceptive spermicides) when prescribed by a licensed Provider and dispensed at a pharmacy pursuant to a prescription, are covered in full\*. Certain brand-name contraceptives may be subject to prior authorization.\*

\*Note: This Prescription Drug Benefit only describes contraceptive coverage for oral contraceptives, diaphragms, and other self-administered hormonal contraceptives (e.g., patches, rings) that by law require a prescription, and FDA-approved over-the-counter female contraceptives (e.g., female condoms, contraceptive spermicides) when prescribed by a licensed PROVIDER and dispensed at a pharmacy pursuant to a prescription. See "Family planning" earlier in this chapter for information about other contraceptive drugs and devices that qualify as COVERED SERVICES.

- Fluoride for CHILDREN.
- Injectables and biological serum included on the list of covered drugs on our Web site. MEDICALLY NECESSARY hypodermic needles and syringes required to inject these medications are also covered. For more information, call Member Services or see our website.
- Prefilled sodium chloride for inhalation (both prescription and over-the-counter).
- Off-label use of FDA-approved prescription drugs used in the treatment of cancer or HIV/AIDS which have not been approved by the FDA for that indication, provided, however, that such a drug is recognized for such treatment in one of the standard reference compendia, in the medical literature, or by the Commissioner of Insurance.
- Compounded medications, if at least one active ingredient requires a prescription by law and is FDA-approved. Compounding kits that are not FDA-approved and include prescription ingredients that are readily available may not be covered. To confirm whether the specific medication or kit is covered under this plan, please call Member Services.
- Over-the-counter drugs included in the list of covered drugs on the formulary applicable to your plan on our website when prescribed by a PROVIDER. You may find the formulary on our website or you can call Member Services.
- Certain medications used for bowel preparation in colonoscopy procedures are covered in full for MEMBERS ages 45 through 74. For more information, please call Member Services or see the formulary on our website.
- Prescription smoking cessation agents.

## Covered Services, continued

### Prescription Drug Benefit, continued

#### What is not Covered

We do not cover the following under this Prescription Drug Benefit:

- Acne medications unless **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**.
- Cervical caps, IUDs, implantable contraceptives (e.g., Implanon® (etonorgestrel), levonorgestrel implants), Depo-Provera or its generic equivalent (these are covered under your **OUTPATIENT** care benefit earlier in this Chapter)
- Compounded medications, if no active ingredients require a prescription by law.
- Compounding kits that are not FDA-approved and include prescription ingredients that are readily available may also not be covered. For more information, call Member Services or check our website.
- Drugs for asymptomatic onychomycosis, except for **MEMBERS** with diabetes, vascular compromise, or immune deficiency status.
- Drugs classified as Schedule I controlled substances by the FDA (e.g., marijuana).
- Drugs that by law do not require a prescription (unless listed as covered in the "What is Covered" section above).
- Drugs which are dispensed in an amount or dosage that exceeds our established quantity limitations.
- Experimental drugs: drugs that cannot be marketed lawfully without the approval of the FDA and such approval has not been granted at the time of their use or proposed use or such approval has been withdrawn.
- Homeopathic medications purchased with a prescription or over-the-counter.
- Immunization agents. These may be provided under "Preventive health care" earlier in this chapter.
- Medications for the treatment of idiopathic short stature.
- Oral non-sedating antihistamines.
- Over-the-counter medications if not included on the list of covered drugs on our Web site.
- Prescription medications once the same active ingredient or a modified version of an active ingredient that is therapeutically equivalent to a covered prescription medication becomes available over-the-counter. In this case, the specific medication may not be covered and the entire class of prescription medications may also not be covered. For more information, call Member Services or check our website.
- Prescription medications when packaged with non-prescription products.
- Prescriptions filled at pharmacies other than **TUFTS HEALTH PLAN** designated pharmacies, except for **EMERGENCY** care.
- Prescriptions filled through an internet pharmacy that is not a Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Site certified by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
- Prescriptions written by **PROVIDERS** who do not participate in **TUFTS HEALTH PLAN** , except in cases of authorized referral or **EMERGENCY** care
- Products that are FDA approved as devices, including therapeutic or other prosthetic devices, appliances, supports, or other non-medical products. These may be provided as described earlier in this chapter.
- Topical and oral fluorides for adults.
- Vitamins and dietary supplements (except prescription prenatal vitamins, vitamins as required by the Affordable Care Act, and fluoride for **CHILDREN**).
- Weight-loss drugs.

## **Covered Services, continued**

### **Prescription Drug Benefit, continued**

#### **TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Pharmacy Management Programs**

In order to provide safe, clinically appropriate, cost-effective medications under this Prescription Drug Benefit, we have developed the following Pharmacy Management Programs:

##### **Quantity Limitations Program**

We limit the quantity of selected medications that MEMBERS can receive in a given time period, for cost, safety and/or clinical reasons.

##### **Prior Authorization Program:**

We restrict the coverage of certain drug products that have a narrow indication for usage, may have safety concerns and/or are extremely expensive, requiring the prescribing PROVIDER to obtain prior approval from us for such drugs..

##### **Step Therapy PA Program**

Step therapy is a type of prior authorization program (usually automated) that uses a step-wise approach, requiring the use of the most therapeutically appropriate and cost-effective agents first, before other medications may be covered. MEMBERS must first try one or more medications on a lower step to treat a certain medical condition before a medication on a higher step is covered for that condition.

##### **Designated Specialty Pharmacy Program (Mail Order):**

We have designated specialty pharmacies that specialize in providing medications used to treat certain conditions, and are staffed with clinicians to provide support services for MEMBERS. Some medications must be obtained at a specialty pharmacy. Medications may be added to this program from time to time. Designated specialty pharmacies can dispense up to a 30-day supply of medication at one time and it is delivered directly to the MEMBERS's home via mail. This is NOT part of the mail order pharmacy benefit. Extended day supplies and COPAYMENT savings do not apply to these designated specialty drugs.

##### **Split Fill Program**

This program applies only to certain medications. Medications in the Split Fill Program are dispensed in split fills with less than a month's supply of the medication filled at a time. You will be responsible for paying a pro-rated COST SHARING AMOUNT instead of the full 1-30 day supply COST SHARING AMOUNT. For more information about this program, please call Member Services, or see the Web site at [www.tuftshealthplan.com](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com).

## Covered Services, continued

### Prescription Drug Benefit, continued

#### New-To-Market Drug Evaluation Process:

New-To-Market drug products are reviewed for safety, clinical effectiveness and cost by the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. We then make a coverage determination based on the Committee's recommendation.

A new drug product will not be covered until this process is completed - usually within 6 months of the drug product's availability.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- If your PROVIDER feels it is **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** for you to take medications that are not on a formulary or restricted under any of the "TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Pharmacy Management Programs" described above, he or she may submit a request for coverage. We will review the request and provide you with notification of our coverage determination within 72 (seventy-two) hours after receiving the request. We will approve the request if it meets our guidelines for coverage. For more information, you can call a Member Representative.

**Please note:** You or your prescribing PROVIDER may request an expedited exception process based on exigent circumstances. We will notify you and your prescribing PROVIDER of our determination no later than 24 hours after receiving such a request. Exigent circumstances exist when a MEMBER:

- is suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize his or her life, health, or ability to regain maximum function; or
- is undergoing a current course of treatment using a non-formulary drug.

Additionally, if TUFTS HEALTH PLAN denies a standard or expedited exception request for a drug not covered by the plan, you have the option of requesting an external review at the same time as filing an internal appeal. The external review determination must be made within 72 hours for standard requests and 24 hours for expedited requests. Please contact the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Appeals and Grievances Department at 888-880-8699, x. 59674 for more information regarding this external option.

- If a request is made to cover medications that are part of the "New-to-Market Drug Evaluation Process" program or the "Non-Covered Drugs with Suggested Alternatives" program, and that request is approved by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, the medications will generally be covered on the highest tier (e.g., Tier 3 on a 3-tier formulary, Tier 4 on a 4-tier formulary), with some exceptions. Please call Member Services or see our Web site at [www.tuftshealthplan.com](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com) for more information about on which tier your medication is covered.
- The TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Web site has a list of covered drugs with their tiers. We may change a drug's tier during the year. For example, if a brand drug's patent expires, we may change the drug's status either (a) by moving the brand drug from Tier-2 to Tier-3 .
- If you have questions about your prescription drug benefit, would like to know the tier of a particular drug, or would like to know if your medication is part of a Pharmacy Management Program, check our website or call a Member Services.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** There may be limited circumstances when we may change a drug's tier which can happen at any time throughout the year. For example, a brand drug's patent may expire. In this case, we may change the drug's status by either (a) moving the brand drug from Tier-2 to Tier-3 or (b) no longer covering the brand drug when a generic alternative becomes available. In such cases, we will make the generic available at the same tier (i.e., Tier-2) or a lower tier (i.e., Tier-1).

If you are affected by a deletion to the formulary, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will notify you at least 60 days before the change is made. Please be aware that advance notification will not be issued for prescription drugs deleted from the formulary that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have determined to be unsafe.

## **Filling Your Prescription**

### **Where to Fill Prescriptions:**

Fill your prescriptions at a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated pharmacy. Our designated pharmacies include:

- for the majority of prescriptions, most of the pharmacies in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island and additional pharmacies nationwide; and
- for a select number of drug products, a small number of designated specialty pharmacy providers. (For more information about TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's designated specialty pharmacy program, see "TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Pharmacy Management Programs" earlier in this Prescription Drug Benefit section.) If you have questions about where to fill your prescription, call the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member Services Department.

### **How to Fill Prescriptions:**

- Make sure the prescription is written by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN participating PROVIDER, except in cases of authorized referral or in Emergencies.
- When you fill a prescription, provide your MEMBER ID to any TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated pharmacy and pay your COST SHARING AMOUNT.
- If the cost of your prescription is less than your COPAYMENT, then you are only responsible for the actual cost of the prescription.
- If you have any problems using this benefit at a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated pharmacy, call our Member Services Department.

Important: Your prescription drug benefit is honored only at TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated pharmacies. In cases of EMERGENCY, please call the Member Services Department for instructions about submitting your prescription drug claims for reimbursement

### **Filling Prescriptions for Maintenance Medications:**

If you are required to take a maintenance medication, we offer you two choices for filling your prescription:

- you may obtain your maintenance medication directly from a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated retail pharmacy; or
- you may have most maintenance medications\* mailed to you through a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated mail services pharmacy.

\*The following may not be available to you through a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated mail services pharmacy:

- Medications for short term medical conditions;
- Certain controlled substances and other prescribed drugs that may be subject to exclusions or restrictions;
- Medications that are part of our Quantity Limitations program; or
- Medications that are part of our Designated Specialty Pharmacy program.

NOTE: Your COST SHARING AMOUNTS for covered prescription drugs are shown in the "Prescription Drug Coverage Table" above.



## Chapter 4 - Exclusions from Benefits

This chapter lists services (and categories of services), supplies, and medications that are excluded (not covered) under this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE. **The following are not covered even if they are prescribed or recommended by a PROVIDER.** The exclusion headings used here are intended to group similar services, treatments, items or supplies together. Actual exclusions appear underneath each heading.

### **General Exclusions:**

The following are excluded from coverage under this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE:

1. Any service, supply or medication is excluded:

- That is not a COVERED SERVICE as defined in Appendix A and described in Chapter 3
- That is not MEDICALLY NECESSARY as defined in Appendix A and described in Chapter 3
- That is not essential to treat an injury, illness, or pregnancy, except for preventive care services.
- That is received outside of the SERVICE AREA, except as described in Chapter 1, **How the Plan Works**
- That is related to non-COVERED SERVICE
- That is primarily for your, or another person's, personal comfort or convenience
- If there is a less intensive level of service, supply, or medication, or more cost effective alternative, that can be safely and effectively provided
- If the service, supply or medication can be safely and effectively provided to you in a less intensive setting
- That is required by a third party that is not otherwise MEDICALLY NECESSARY (examples of a third party are an employer, an insurance company, school or court)
- That you are not legally obligated to pay for; or you would not be charged for if you had no health plan
- That is provided to you by a relative who is a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER; or that is provided to you by an immediate family member (by blood or marriage), even if that relative is a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER and the services are authorized by your PCP. Please note: if you are a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER, you cannot provide or authorize services for yourself, be your own PCP, or be the PCP of a member of your immediate family (by blood or marriage)
- That is provided to a non-MEMBER, except as described in Chapter 3 for the following:
  - bereavement counseling services under **Hospice care services**;
  - the costs of procurement and processing of donor sperm, eggs, or inseminated eggs, or banking donor sperm or inseminated eggs, under **Infertility services** (to the extent such costs are not covered by the donor's health coverage, if any)
  - organ donor charges under Surgery - **Bone marrow transplants for breast cancer, hematopoietic stem cell transplants, and human solid organ transplants**

2. We do not cover the cost of services (including tuition-based programs) that offer educational, vocational, recreational or personal development activities, including, but not limited to: therapeutic schools, camps, wilderness or ranch programs, sports or performance enhancement programs, spas/resorts, leadership or behavioral coaching or Outward Bound. We will provide coverage for MEDICALLY NECESSARY OUTPATIENT or intermediate behavioral health services provided by licensed behavioral health Providers while the MEMBER is in a tuition-based program, subject to plan rules, including any network requirements or COST SHARING.

3. Any additional fee a PROVIDER may charge as a condition of access, or any amenities that access fee is represented to cover is excluded. Please consult with your PROVIDER to see if he or she charges such a fee.

4. Any care for conditions that (a) have benefits available under worker's compensation, Medicare, or other government programs (except Medicaid) or (b) must be treated in a public facility under state or local law.

5. Any drug, medicine, material or supply for use outside of the hospital or any other facility, except as described in Chapter 3.

6. Medications and other products that can be purchased over-the-counter except those listed as covered in Chapter 3.

7. Any examinations, evaluations or services for educational purposes or developmental purposes. This includes physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy, except as provided in Chapter 3. Vocational rehabilitation services and vocational retraining. Also, services to treat learning disabilities, and behavioral problems and developmental delays and services to treat speech, hearing and language disorders in a school-based setting. The term "developmental" refers to a delay in the expected achievement of age-appropriate fine motor, gross motor, social or language milestones that is not caused by an underlying medical illness or condition.

8. All Non-Conventional medicine services, (a) provided independently or together with conventional medicine, AND (b) all related testing, laboratory testing, services, supplies, procedures and supplements associated with this type of medicine, are excluded.

**The following are not covered, even if they are prescribed or recommended by a PROVIDER.** The exclusion headings used here are intended to group similar services, treatments, items, or supplies together. Actual exclusions appear underneath each heading.

### **Acupuncture services**

- Acupuncture services are excluded except as described in Chapter 3. Excluded services include:
- Acupuncture in lieu of anesthesia
- Acupuncture when used as an anesthetic during a surgical procedure
- Adjunctive therapies, such as, but not limited to: moxibustion, herbs, oriental massage, etc.
- Precious metal needles (e.g., gold, silver, etc.)
- Any other service not specifically listed as a COVERED SERVICE.

### **Dental care**

The following dental care services, treatments, and supplies are not covered unless (a) an exception is specifically stated in these exclusions or (b) such dental care services, treatments and supplies are described as a COVERED SERVICE in Chapter 3. These exclusions do not apply to the treatment of cleft lip or cleft palate for CHILDREN under the age of 18, as described under the **Cleft lip or cleft palate treatment and services for CHILDREN** benefit or for Covered Services described under the Pediatric dental care for Members up to age 19 benefit in Chapter 3.

- Alteration of teeth
- Care related to deciduous (baby) teeth
- Dental supplies
- Orthodontia, even when it is an adjunct to other surgical or medical procedures
- Periodontal treatment
- Preventive dental care, or for COVERED SERVICES described under the Pediatric dental care for MEMBERS up to age 19 benefit in Chapter 3 in Chapter 3
- Restorative services including, but not limited to, crowns, fillings, root canals and bondings
- Skeletal jaw surgery, except as provided under **Oral health services** in Chapter 3
- Splints and oral appliances (except for sleep apnea, as stated under **Durable Medical Equipment** in Chapter 3)
- Surgical removal or extraction of teeth, except as provided under **Oral health services** and Pediatric dental care for Members up to age 19 in Chapter 3
- TMJ disorder-related therapies, including TMJ appliances, occlusal adjustment, or other TMJ appliance-related therapies

The following pediatric dental care services, treatments, and supplies are not covered under **Pediatric dental care for MEMBERS under age 19**:

- An illness or injury that we decide is employment-related
- Bone grafts
- Consultations
- Exams by specialists, except for periodic oral exams
- General anesthesia or IV sedation given by anyone other than a dentist
- Implants
- Laboratory or bacteriological tests or reports
- Occlusal guards
- Orthodontia that is not **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**
- Prescription drugs
- Restorations due to bruxism, erosion, attrition, or abrasion
- Services and treatments not prescribed by or under the direct supervision of a dentist
- Services done by a dentist who is a member of your immediate family
- Services done by someone who is not a licensed dentist or licensed hygienist working as authorized by applicable law
- Services meant to change or improve appearance
- Services received from a dental or medical department maintained by or on behalf of an employer, mutual benefit association, labor union, trustee, or similar person or group
- Services related to TMJ, including night guards and surgery
- Services or supplies that are experimental in terms of generally accepted dental standards
- Services or supplies that do not meet generally accepted standards of dental practice
- Services to increase height of teeth or restore occlusion
- Services that are not dentally necessary and appropriate according to Delta Dental of Massachusetts' review guidelines. Services subject to these guidelines include, but are not limited to, root canals, crowns and related services, bridges, periodontal services, and oral surgery. These guidelines help Delta Dental in making decisions about whether services are covered and whether a given service is the least costly, clinically acceptable method of prevention, diagnosis, or treatment. A service may not be covered under these guidelines even if it was recommended by a dentist. These guidelines can be found on the Delta Dental website at **[www.deltadentalma.com](http://www.deltadentalma.com)** in the "Dentist" section and in the "Member" section. You can have your dentist send Delta Dental a request for a Pre-treatment Estimate in advance of the service to see if the service meets the review guidelines.
- Services that you would not have to pay for if you did not have this health insurance plan.
- Temporary, complete dentures or temporary, fixed bridges or crowns.

We can adopt and apply policies that we deem reasonable when we approve the eligibility of MEMBERS, and the appropriateness of treatment plans and related charges.

## **Durable Medical Equipment (DME), orthoses or prosthetic devices**

DME, orthoses and prosthetic devices are not covered except as described in Chapter 3. Exclusions include, but are not limited to, the following items. Call Member Services for questions about coverage of a specific item.

- air conditioners, dehumidifiers, HEPA filters and other filters, and portable nebulizers;
- articles of special clothing, mattress and pillow covers, including hypo-allergenic versions;
- bath and toilet aids, including, but not limited to: tub seats/benches/stools, raised toilet seats, commodes, and rails;
- bed-related items, including bed trays, bed pans, bed rails, bed cradles, over-the-bed tables, and bed wedges;
- car seats;
- car/van modifications;
- comfort or convenience devices;
- dentures;
- ear plugs;
- emergency response systems (e.g., LifeAlert);
- fixtures to real property, such as ceiling lifts, elevators, ramps, stair lifts, or stair climbers;
- exercise equipment and saunas;
- externally powered exoskeleton assistive devices and orthoses;
- foot orthotics and arch supports, except for therapeutic/molded shoes and shoe inserts for a Member with severe diabetic foot disease;
- heat and cold therapy devices, including, but not limited to: hot packs, cold packs and water pumps with or without compression wrap;
- heating pads, hot water bottles, paraffin bath units and cooling devices;
- hot tubs, jacuzzis, swimming pools, or whirlpools;
- manual home blood pressure monitor with cuff and stethoscope;
- mattresses except for mattresses used in conjunction with a hospital bed and ordered by a Provider. Commercially available standard mattresses not used primarily to treat an illness or injury (e.g., Tempur-Pedic® and Posturepedic® mattresses), even if used in conjunction with a hospital bed, are not covered;
- wheelchair trays.

## **Experimental or Investigative**

A drug, device or medical treatment or procedure (collectively, "treatment") that is Experimental or Investigative is not covered. If a treatment is Experimental or Investigative, we will not pay for any related treatments provided to the member for the purpose of furnishing the Experimental or Investigative treatment.

In accordance with requirements of Massachusetts and federal law, this exclusion does not apply to the following:

- long-term antibiotic treatment of chronic Lyme disease
- bone marrow transplants for breast cancer
- patient care services provided as part of a qualified clinical trial conducted to prevent, detect, or treat cancer or other life-threatening diseases or conditions
- off-label uses of prescription drugs for the treatment of cancer or HIV/AIDS, if you have a Prescription Drug Benefit

## **Family planning or maternity care**

- Costs associated with home births or with services provided by a doula
- Over-the-counter contraceptive agents, except as described under **Family planning** in Chapter 3
- Purchase of an electric hospital-grade breast pump; donor breast milk

## **Infertility services**

Infertility services are not covered except as described in Chapter 3. Specifically, such services are excluded for MEMBERS who do not meet the definition of infertility provided under **Infertility services** in Chapter 3, except for COVERED SERVICES described under section (III.), Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) testing with IVF. Other exclusions include:

- Costs associated with donor recruitment and compensation

- Donor sperm and associated laboratory services in the absence of diagnosed male factor infertility in the partner
- Drugs for anonymous or designated egg donors that are directly related to a stimulated Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) cycle, unless the ART service has been approved by an Authorized Reviewer, is provided at a Tufts Health Plan ART center, and the MEMBER is the sole recipient of the donor's eggs.
- Experimental infertility procedures
- Infertility services necessary for conception as a result of voluntary sterilization or following an unsuccessful reversal of a voluntary sterilization.
- Long-term (more than 90 days) sperm or embryo cryopreservation unless the MEMBER is in active infertility treatment. We may approve short-term (less than 90 days) cryopreservation of sperm, oocytes, or embryos for certain medical conditions that may impact a MEMBER's future fertility.
- Reversal of voluntary sterilization
- The costs of surrogacy, which means all costs incurred by a fertile woman to achieve a pregnancy as a surrogate or gestational carrier for an infertile MEMBER. These costs include, but are not limited to: (1) use of donor egg and a gestational carrier; (2) costs for drugs necessary to achieve implantation in a surrogate, embryo transfer, and cryo-preservation and embryos; and (3) costs for maternity care if the surrogate is not a MEMBER.

A surrogate is a person who carries and delivers a child for another either through artificial insemination or surgical implantation of an embryo.

A gestational carrier is a surrogate with no biological connection to the embryo/child.

### **Prescription drugs**

Prescription drugs are covered as described in Chapter 3. We do not cover the following under this prescription drug benefit:

- Acne medications, unless **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**.
- Cervical caps, IUDs, implantable contraceptives (e.g., Implanon® (etonorgestrel), levonorgestrel implants), Depo-Provera or its generic equivalent (these are covered under your **OUTPATIENT** care benefit earlier in this Chapter)
- Compounded medications, if no active ingredients require a prescription by law.
- Compounding kits that are not FDA-approved and include prescription ingredients that are readily available may also not be covered. For more information, call Member Services or check our website.
- Drugs for asymptomatic onychomycosis, except for MEMBERS with diabetes, vascular compromise, or immune deficiency status.
- Drugs classified as Schedule I controlled substances by the FDA (e.g., marijuana).
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- Drugs that by law do not require a prescription (unless listed as covered in the "What is Covered" section above)
- Drugs which are dispensed in an amount or dosage that exceeds our established quantity limitations.
- Experimental drugs: drugs that cannot be marketed lawfully without the approval of the FDA and such approval has not been granted at the time of their use or proposed use or such approval has been withdrawn.
- Homeopathic medications purchased with a prescription or over-the-counter.
- Immunization agents. These may be provided under "Preventive health care" earlier in this chapter.
- Medications for the treatment of idiopathic short stature.
- Oral non-sedating antihistamines.
- Over-the-counter medications if not included on the list of covered drugs on our Web site.
- Prescription medications once the same active ingredient or a modified version of an active ingredient that is therapeutically equivalent to a covered prescription medication becomes available over-the-counter. In this case,

the specific medication may not be covered and the entire class of prescription medications may also not be covered. For more information, call Member Services or check our website.

- Prescription medications when co-packaged with non-prescription products.
- Prescriptions filled at pharmacies other than TUFTS HEALTH PLAN designated pharmacies, except for EMERGENCY care.
- Prescriptions filled through an internet pharmacy that is not a Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Site certified by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.
- Prescriptions written by Providers who do not participate in TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, except in cases of authorized referral or Emergency care.
- Products that are FDA approved as devices, including therapeutic or other prosthetic devices, appliances, supports, or other non-medical products. These may be provided as described earlier in this chapter.
- Topical and oral fluorides for adults.
- Vitamins and dietary supplements (except prescription prenatal vitamins, vitamins as required by the Affordable Care Act, and fluoride for CHILDREN).
- Weight-loss drugs.

### **Surgery**

Surgery services are covered as described in Chapter 3. Excluded surgery services include:

- Circumcisions performed in any setting other than a hospital, DAY SURGERY or a PROVIDER's office.
- Cosmetic (to change or improve appearance) surgery, procedures, supplies, medications or appliances, except as provided under Reconstructive procedures, mastectomy surgeries, and surgeries to treat functional deformity and impairment in Chapter 3.
- Hair removal (for example, electrolysis, laser hair removal), except when **MEDICALLY NECESSARY** (1) to treat an underlying skin condition or (2) for skin preparation for transgender genital surgery that has been approved by an **AUTHORIZED REVIEWER**.
- Liposuction or brachioplasty
- Removal of tattoos
- Reversal of gender reassignment surgery
- Rhinoplasty, except as provided under Reconstructive procedures, mastectomy surgeries, and surgeries to treat functional deformity and impairment in Chapter 3
- Treatment of spider veins; removal or destruction of skin tags.

### **Therapies**

Therapy services are covered as described in Chapter 3. Excluded services include:

- Biofeedback, except for the treatment of urinary incontinence
- Hypnotherapy
- Massage therapies, cognitive rehabilitation programs and cognitive retraining programs, except as described under **Rehabilitative and Habilitative physical and occupational therapy services**.
- Neuromuscular stimulators and related supplies
- Diagnostic services related to any of the above procedures or programs
- Psychoanalysis

### **Transplants**

Transplants are not covered except as described in Chapter 3

### **Transportation**

Transportation services are not covered except as described under **Ambulance services** in Chapter 3. Excluded transportation services include, but are not limited to, transportation by chair car, wheelchair van, or taxi, except as described.

## **Vision care**

The following vision services, treatments, and supplies are not covered except as described under **Vision care services** and **Durable Medical Equipment** in Chapter 3.

- Eyeglasses (lenses or frames), contact lenses, or contact lens fittings
- Refractive eye surgery (including radial keratotomy) for conditions that can be corrected by means other than surgery

The following vision care services, treatments, and supplies are not covered under **Pediatric vision care for MEMBERS under age 19**:

- Aniseikonic lenses
- Any eye or vision examination or corrective eyewear required by a MEMBER as a condition of employment
- Contact lenses insurance
- Lost or broken lenses, frames, glasses or contact lenses will not be replaced except in the next benefit frequency when covered vision materials would next become available. See **Pediatric vision care for MEMBERS under age 19** in Chapter 3
- Orthoptic or vision training, subnormal vision aids and any associated supplemental testing
- Plano (non-prescription) lenses and/or contact lenses
- Replacement of lost or stolen eyewear
- Safety eyewear
- Services and materials not meeting accepted standards of optometric practice
- Services provided after the date a MEMBER ceases to be covered under the plan, except when covered vision materials ordered before such coverage ended are delivered; and the services provided to the MEMBER are within 31 days from the date of such order
- Special lenses, designs, or coatings other than those described as COVERED SERVICES
- Two pairs of eyeglasses in lieu of bifocals

## **Other exclusions under the plan**

- Blood, blood donor fees, blood storage fees, blood substitutes, blood banking, cord blood banking, and blood products are not covered, except for the following:
  - Blood processing
  - Blood administration
  - Factor products (monoclonal and recombinant) for Factor VIII deficiency (classic hemophilia), Factor IX deficiency (Christmas factor deficiency) and von Willebrand disease. Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required for these services
  - Intravenous immunoglobulin for treatment of severe immune disorders, certain neurological conditions, infectious conditions, and bleeding disorders (Prior approval by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER is required for these services)
- Charges or claims incurred as a result, in whole or in part, of fraud or misrepresentation (e.g., claims for services not actually provided and/or able to be validated)
- Custodial Care
- Facility charges or related services if the procedure being performed is not a COVERED SERVICE, except as provided under **Oral health services** in Chapter 3
- Hearing aids, except as described in Chapter 3
- INPATIENT and OUTPATIENT weight-loss programs and clinics; relaxation therapies; services by a personal trainer; and exercise classes (diagnostic services related to any of these excluded programs or procedures are also excluded)
- Laboratory tests ordered by a MEMBER (online or through the mail), even if they are performed at a licensed laboratory.
- Lodging related to receiving any medical service, including lodging related to obtaining gender reassignment surgery or related services.
- Multi-purpose general electronic devices including, but not limited to, laptop computers, desktop computers, personal assistive devices (PDAs), tablets, and smartphones. All accessories for multi-purpose general electronic devices including USB devices and direct connect devices (e.g., speaker, microphone, cables, cameras, batteries, etc). Internet and modem connection/access including, but not limited to, Wi-Fi®, Bluetooth®, Ethernet, and all related accessories.
- Nutritional counseling, except as described under **Nutritional counseling** in Chapter 3
- Private duty nursing (block or non-intermittent nursing)

- Routine foot care, such as trimming of corns and calluses; treatment of flat feet or partial dislocations in the feet; orthopedic shoes and related items that are not part of a brace; foot orthotics and fittings; or casting and other services related to foot orthotics or other support devices for the feet.

**Note:** This exclusion does not apply to therapeutic/molded shoes and shoe inserts for a MEMBER with severe diabetic foot disease when the need for therapeutic shoes and inserts has been certified by the MEMBER's treating doctor, and the shoes and inserts:

- are prescribed by a PROVIDER who is a podiatrist or other qualified doctor; and
- are furnished by a PROVIDER who is a podiatrist, orthotist, prosthetist, or pedorthist.

This exclusion also does not apply to routine foot care for MEMBERS diagnosed with diabetes.

- Service or therapy animals and related supplies.
- Snoring reduction devices and procedures, including, but not limited to: laser- assisted uvulopalatoplasty, somnoplasty, and snore guards.
- With respect to child-adolescent behavioral health intermediate care and OUTPATIENT services, the PLAN will not pay for the following programs:
  - Programs in which the patient has a pre-defined duration of care without TUFTS HEALTH PLANs ability to conduct concurrent determinations of continued MEDICAL NECESSITY for an individual
  - Programs that only provide meetings or activities that are not based on individualized treatment planning
  - Programs that focus solely on improvement in interpersonal or other skills rather than services directed toward symptom reduction and functional recovery related to specific Behavioral Health Disorder.



## Chapter 5 - When Coverage Ends

### Reasons coverage ends

This coverage is guaranteed renewable to the extent required by federal law (45 C.F.R. 148.122), and may only non-renew or cancel coverage under the plan for the following reasons, when applicable: non-payment of premiums, fraud, market exit, movement outside of the SERVICE AREA, or cessation of bona fide association membership. Specifically, your coverage (including federal COBRA coverage and Massachusetts continuation coverage) ends when any of the following occurs:

- you lose eligibility because you:
  - enrolled under a GROUP CONTRACT and no longer meet your GROUP's or TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's eligibility rules; or
  - enrolled under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT and no longer meet your INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT's or TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's eligibility rules; or
  - are a SUBSCRIBER or SPOUSE and no longer live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA\*; or
- choose to drop coverage; or
- commit an act of physical or verbal abuse unrelated to your physical or mental condition which poses a threat to any PROVIDER, any TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN or any TUFTS HEALTH PLAN employee; or
- commit an act of misrepresentation or fraud; or
- your GROUP CONTRACT or INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT (whichever applies) with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN ends. (For more information, see "Termination of a GROUP CONTRACT and Notice" or "Termination of an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT" later in this chapter.)

\*Note: CHILDREN are not required to live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA. However, care outside of the SERVICE AREA is limited to EMERGENCY or URGENT CARE only.

### Benefits after termination

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will not pay for services you receive after your coverage ends even if:

- you were receiving INPATIENT or OUTPATIENT care when your coverage ended; or
- you had a medical condition (known or unknown), including pregnancy, that required medical care after your coverage ends.

### Continuation and conversion

Once your coverage ends, you may be eligible to continue your coverage with your GROUP or to enroll in coverage under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT. See Chapter 5 for more information.

## When a MEMBER is No Longer Eligible

### Loss of eligibility

Your coverage ends on the date you no longer meet your GROUP's or TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's eligibility rules.

**Important Note:** Your coverage will terminate retroactively to the date you are no longer eligible for coverage.

### DEPENDENT Coverage

An enrolled DEPENDENT's coverage ends when the SUBSCRIBER's coverage ends or when the DEPENDENT no longer meets the definition of DEPENDENT, whichever occurs first. Coverage of any CHILD of an enrolled DEPENDENT CHILD ends when the enrolled DEPENDENT CHILD's coverage ends.

### If you no longer live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA

If you are a SUBSCRIBER or SPOUSE and you no longer live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA, coverage ends as of the date you no longer live, work or reside there. CHILDREN are not required to live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA. However, care outside of the SERVICE AREA is limited to EMERGENCY or URGENT CARE only.

Before you no longer live, work or reside in the SERVICE AREA, tell your GROUP or call a Member Representative to notify TUFTS HEALTH PLAN of the date you no longer live, work or reside there.

For more information about coverage available to you when you no longer live, work, or reside in the SERVICE AREA, contact a Member Representative.

### You choose to drop coverage

Coverage ends if you decide you no longer want coverage and you meet any qualifying event your GROUP requires. To end your coverage, notify your GROUP (or TUFTS HEALTH PLAN if covered under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT) at least 30 days before the date you want your coverage to end. You must pay PREMIUMS up through the day your coverage ends.

## Membership Termination for Acts of Physical or Verbal Abuse

Acts of physical or verbal abuse

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may terminate your coverage if you commit acts of physical or verbal abuse which:

- are unrelated to your physical or mental condition;
- pose a threat to any PROVIDER, any TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER, or TUFTS HEALTH PLAN or any TUFTS HEALTH PLAN employee.

## Membership Termination for Misrepresentation or Fraud

### Policy

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may terminate your coverage for misrepresentation or fraud. If your coverage is terminated for misrepresentation or fraud, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may not allow you to re-enroll for coverage with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN under any other plan (such as a non-GROUP or another employer's plan) or type of coverage (for example, coverage as a DEPENDENT or SPOUSE).

### Acts of misrepresentation or fraud

Examples of misrepresentation or fraud include:

- false or misleading information on your application;
- enrolling as a SPOUSE someone who is not your SPOUSE;
- receiving benefits for which you are not eligible;
- keeping for yourself payments made by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN that were intended to be used to pay a PROVIDER;
- abuse of the benefits under this plan, including the resale or transfer of supplies, medication, or equipment provided to you as COVERED SERVICES;
- allowing someone else to use your MEMBER ID; or
- submission of any false paperwork, forms, or claims information.

### Date of termination

If TUFTS HEALTH PLAN terminates your coverage for misrepresentation or fraud, your coverage will end as of your EFFECTIVE DATE or a later date chosen by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

### Payment of claims

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will pay for all COVERED SERVICES you received between:

- your EFFECTIVE DATE; and
- your termination date, as chosen by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may retroactively terminate your coverage back to a date no earlier than your EFFECTIVE DATE.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will use any PREMIUM you paid for a period after your termination date to pay for any COVERED SERVICES you received after your termination date.

If the PREMIUM is not enough to pay for that care, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, at its option, may:

- pay the PROVIDER for those services and ask you to pay TUFTS HEALTH PLAN back; or
- not pay for those services. In this case, you will have to pay the PROVIDER for the services.

If the PREMIUM is more than is needed to pay for COVERED SERVICES you received after your termination date, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will refund the excess to your GROUP or to you if enrolled under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT.

## Termination of a GROUP CONTRACT and Notice

### End of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's and GROUP's relationship

If you enrolled under a GROUP CONTRACT, coverage will terminate if the relationship between your GROUP and TUFTS HEALTH PLAN ends for any reason, including:

- your GROUP's contract with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN terminates;
- your GROUP fails to pay PREMIUMS on time;
- TUFTS HEALTH PLAN stops operating; or
- your GROUP stops operating.

### Notice of termination

If you enrolled through a GROUP, the GROUP CONTRACT will terminate if your GROUP fails to pay PREMIUMS on time. If this happens, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will notify you of the termination in writing within 60 days after the EFFECTIVE DATE of termination. The notice will tell you that you can elect to continue your coverage under Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) and coverage under an individual contract, as well as how to elect that coverage. If you elect Temporary Continuation of Coverage and pay the required PREMIUM, TCC coverage is available to you during the period between:

- the EFFECTIVE DATE of termination of your GROUP COVERAGE; and
- the date TUFTS HEALTH PLAN sends to you a written notice of termination.

The benefits available under Temporary Continuation of Coverage will be identical to those in your GROUP COVERAGE.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may terminate your coverage back to the date the GROUP CONTRACT terminated, if:

- TUFTS HEALTH PLAN sends you a written notice of termination;
- TUFTS HEALTH PLAN offers you the opportunity to elect Temporary Continuation of Coverage coverage under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT; and
- you do not elect that coverage within the time period specified in the notice.

Upon termination of TCC, you may elect coverage under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT. For more information about this coverage, see "Coverage Under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT" at the end of Chapter 5.

If the GROUP CONTRACT terminates for any reason other than your GROUP's failure to pay PREMIUMS, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will send a notice of termination to your GROUP with the effective date of termination. Your GROUP is responsible for notifying you of the termination. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN is not responsible if your GROUP does not notify you.

## Transfer to Other Employer GROUP Health Plans

### Conditions for transfer

If you enrolled under a GROUP CONTRACT, you may transfer from TUFTS HEALTH PLAN to any other health plan offered by your GROUP only during your GROUP's OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD, within 30 days after moving out of the SERVICE AREA, or as of the date your GROUP no longer offers TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

Note: Both your GROUP and the other health plan must agree.

## Termination of an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT

### End of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's and SUBSCRIBER's relationship under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT

If you enrolled under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT, coverage will terminate if your relationship with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN ends for any reason, including:

- your INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN terminates;
- you fail to pay PREMIUMS on time\*; or
- TUFTS HEALTH PLAN stops operating.

\*If the SUBSCRIBER is terminated, he or she cannot then reinstate coverage under this plan for a period of at least one year from his or her original enrollment date.

## Chapter 6 - Continuation of GROUP CONTRACT Coverage

### Federal Continuation Coverage (COBRA)

#### Rules for federal COBRA continuation

Under the Federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), you may be eligible to continue coverage after GROUP COVERAGE ends if you were enrolled in TUFTS HEALTH PLAN through a GROUP which has 20 or more eligible employees and you experience a qualifying event (see list below) which would cause you to lose coverage under your GROUP.

#### Qualifying Events

A qualifying event is defined as:

- the SUBSCRIBER's death;
- termination of the SUBSCRIBER's employment for any reason other than gross misconduct;
- reduction in the SUBSCRIBER's work hours;
- the SUBSCRIBER's divorce or legal separation;
- the SUBSCRIBER's entitlement to Medicare; or
- the SUBSCRIBER's or SPOUSE's enrolled DEPENDENT ceases to be a DEPENDENT CHILD.

If a MEMBER experiences a qualifying event, he or she may be eligible to continue GROUP COVERAGE as a SUBSCRIBER or an enrolled DEPENDENT under federal COBRA law as described below.

#### When federal COBRA coverage is effective

A MEMBER who is eligible for federal COBRA continuation coverage is called a "qualified beneficiary." A qualified beneficiary must be given an election period of 60 days to choose whether to elect federal COBRA continuation coverage. This period is measured from the later of the date the qualified beneficiary's coverage under the GROUP CONTRACT ends (see the list of qualifying events described above) or the date the plan provides the qualified beneficiary with a COBRA election notice.

A qualified beneficiary's federal COBRA continuation coverage becomes effective retroactive to the start of the election period, if he or she elects and pays for that coverage.

#### Cost of Coverage

In most cases, you are responsible for payment of 102% of the cost of coverage for the federal COBRA continuation coverage. (See "Important Note" in the "Duration of Coverage" table below for information about when you may be responsible for payment of more than 102% of the cost of COBRA coverage.) For more information, contact your GROUP.

## Federal Continuation Coverage (COBRA), continued

### Duration of Coverage

Qualified beneficiaries are eligible for federal COBRA continuation coverage, in most cases, for a period of 18 or 36 months from the date of the qualifying event, depending on the type of qualifying event. Generally, COBRA coverage is available for a maximum of 18 months for qualifying events due to employment termination or reduction of work hours. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a qualified beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of COBRA continuation coverage. For more information, see the “Duration of Coverage” table below.

FEDERAL COBRA - DURATION OF COVERAGE		
Qualifying Event(s)	Qualified Beneficiaries	Maximum Period of Coverage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Termination of SUBSCRIBER's employment for any reason other than gross misconduct.</li> <li>Reduction in the SUBSCRIBER's work hours.</li> </ul>	SUBSCRIBER, SPOUSE, and DEPENDENT CHILDREN	18 months*
SUBSCRIBER's divorce, legal separation, entitlement to Medicare, or death.	SPOUSE and DEPENDENT CHILDREN	36 months
SUBSCRIBER's or SPOUSE's enrolled DEPENDENT ceases to be a DEPENDENT CHILD.	DEPENDENT CHILD	36 months
<p><b>*Important Note:</b> If a qualified beneficiary is determined under the federal Social Security Act to have been disabled within the first 60 days of federal COBRA continuation coverage for these qualifying events, then that qualified beneficiary and all of the qualified beneficiaries in his or her family may be able to extend COBRA coverage for up to an additional 11 months. You may be responsible for payment of up to 150% of the cost of COBRA coverage for this additional period of up to 11 months.</p>		

### When coverage ends

Federal COBRA continuation coverage will end at the end of the maximum period of coverage. However, coverage may end earlier if:

- Coverage costs are not paid on a timely basis.
- Your GROUP ceases to maintain any GROUP health plan.
- After the COBRA election, the qualified beneficiary obtains coverage with another employer GROUP health plan that does not contain any exclusion or pre-existing condition of such beneficiary. However, if other GROUP health coverage is obtained prior to the COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued, even if the other coverage continues after the COBRA election.
- After the COBRA election, the qualified beneficiary becomes entitled to federal Medicare benefits. However, if Medicare is obtained prior to COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued, even if the other coverage continues after the COBRA election.

# Massachusetts Continuation Coverage

## How to qualify for coverage

A MEMBER's GROUP COVERAGE under the GROUP CONTRACT may end because he or she experiences a qualifying event.

A qualifying event is defined as:

- the SUBSCRIBER's death;
- termination of the SUBSCRIBER's employment for any reason other than gross misconduct;
- reduction in the SUBSCRIBER's work hours;
- the SUBSCRIBER's divorce or legal separation;
- the SUBSCRIBER's entitlement to Medicare; or
- the SUBSCRIBER's or SPOUSE's enrolled DEPENDENT ceases to be a DEPENDENT CHILD.

If a MEMBER experiences a qualifying event, he or she may be eligible to continue GROUP COVERAGE as a SUBSCRIBER or an enrolled DEPENDENT under Massachusetts continuation coverage as described below.

**Note:** Same-sex marriages legally entered into in Massachusetts are recognized under Massachusetts law. Therefore, Massachusetts continuation does apply to same-sex SPOUSES. Contact your employer for more information.

## When coverage begins

Massachusetts continuation coverage is effective on the date following the day GROUP COVERAGE ends, in most cases.

## When coverage ends

Massachusetts continuation coverage would end, in most cases, 18 or 36 months from the date of the qualifying event, depending on the type of qualifying event.

## Payment of PREMIUM

In most cases, you are responsible for payment of 102% of the GROUP PREMIUM for Massachusetts continuation coverage.

## Rules for Massachusetts continuation

Under a Massachusetts law similar to COBRA, you may be eligible to continue coverage after GROUP COVERAGE ends if: you were enrolled in TUFTS HEALTH PLAN through a Massachusetts GROUP which has 2 - 19 eligible employees; and you experience a qualifying event which would cause you to lose coverage under your GROUP; and you elect this continuation coverage by following the procedure described below.

A MEMBER who is eligible for Massachusetts continuation of coverage (a "qualified beneficiary") must be given an election period of 60 days to choose whether to elect Massachusetts continuation of coverage. This period is measured from the later of the date the qualified beneficiary's coverage under the GROUP CONTRACT ends, or the date the GROUP provides the qualified beneficiary with an election notice. To elect this coverage, you must complete a Massachusetts continuation of coverage election form and return it to your GROUP within the 60 day period. Contact your GROUP for more information.

## Plant Closing

### Description of continuation available under a GROUP CONTRACT

Under Massachusetts law, SUBSCRIBERS whose employment is terminated due to a state-certified plant closing or covered partial closing may be eligible, along with their enrolled DEPENDENTS, for continuation of coverage for a period of 90 days. The GROUP is responsible for notifying SUBSCRIBERS of their eligibility. Contact your GROUP or Member Services for more information.

Note: Same-sex marriages legally entered into in Massachusetts are recognized under Massachusetts law. Plant closing continuation provisions therefore do apply to same-sex SPOUSES. Contact your employer for more information.

## The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)

The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

Under USERRA:

- You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed services, and (1) you ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service; (2) you have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer; (3) you return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and (4) you have not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions. If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you have not been absent due to military service, or in some cases, a comparable job.
- If you are a past or present member of the uniformed services, have applied for membership in the uniformed services, or are obligated to serve in the uniformed services, then an employer may not deny you initial employment, reemployment, retention in employment, promotion, or any benefit of employment because of this status. In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.
- If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your DEPENDENTS for up to 24 months while in the military.
- If you don't elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (for example, pre-existing condition exclusions), except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.
- Service members may be required to pay up to 102% of the premium for the health plan coverage. If coverage is for less than 31 days, the service member is only required to pay the employee share, if any, for such coverage.
- USERRA coverage runs concurrently with COBRA and other state continuation coverage.
- The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.

For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its Web site at [www.dol.gov/VETS](http://www.dol.gov/VETS). If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice for representation. You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA. The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances.

For more information, please contact your GROUP.

## Coverage under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT

If GROUP coverage ends, the Member may be eligible to enroll in coverage under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT offered either directly by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN through the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority ("the Connector". Please note that coverage under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT may differ from group coverage. For more information, call TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member Services or contact the Connector either by phone (1-877-MA-ENROLL or on its Web site ([www.mahealthconnector.org](http://www.mahealthconnector.org)).



## Chapter 7 - MEMBER Satisfaction

### MEMBER Satisfaction Process

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN has a multi-level MEMBER Satisfaction Process including:

- Internal Inquiry;
- MEMBER Grievance Process;
- Internal MEMBER Appeals; and
- External Review by the Office of Patient Protection.

All grievances and appeals should be sent to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN at the following address:

#### **TUFTS HEALTH PLAN**

**Attn: Appeals and Grievances Dept.**

**705 Mt. Auburn Street**

**P.O. Box 9193**

**Watertown, MA 02472-9193**

**Fax: 617-972-9509**

All calls should be directed to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's Member Services. Alternatively, you may submit your grievance or appeal at the address listed above.

#### **Internal Inquiry**

Call a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member Representative to discuss concerns you may have regarding your health care. Every effort will be made to resolve your concerns within three (3) business days. If your concerns cannot be explained or resolved within three (3) business days or if you tell a Member Representative that you are not satisfied with the response you have received from TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, we will notify you of any options you may have, including the right to have your inquiry processed as a grievance or appeal. If you choose to file a grievance or appeal, you will receive written acknowledgement and written resolution in accordance with the timelines outlined below.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN maintains records of each inquiry made by a MEMBER or by that MEMBER's authorized representative. The records of these inquiries and the response provided by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN are subject to inspection by the Commissioner of Insurance and the Health Policy Commission.

## **MEMBER Satisfaction Process, continued**

### **MEMBER Grievance Process**

A grievance is a formal complaint about actions taken by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN or a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER. There are two types of grievances: administrative grievances and clinical grievances. The two types of grievances are described below.

It is important that you contact TUFTS HEALTH PLAN as soon as possible to explain your concern. Grievances may be filed either verbally or in writing. If you choose to file a grievance verbally, please call a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member Representative, who will document your concern and forward it to an Appeals and Grievances Specialist in the Appeals and Grievances Department. To accurately reflect your concerns, you may want to put your grievance in writing and send it to the address provided at the beginning of this section. Your explanation should include:

- your name and address;
- your TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER ID number;
- a detailed description of your concern (including relevant dates, any applicable medical information, and TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER names); and
- any supporting documentation.

**Important Note:** The MEMBER Grievance Process does not apply to requests for a review of a denial of coverage. If you are seeking such a review, please see the "Internal MEMBER Appeals" section below.

### **Administrative Grievances**

An administrative grievance is a complaint about a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN employee, department, policy, or procedure, or about a billing issue.

#### **Administrative Grievance Timeline**

- If you file your grievance in writing, we will notify you by mail, within five (5) business days after receiving your letter, that your letter has been received and provide you with the name, address, and telephone number of the Appeals and Grievances Specialist coordinating the review of your grievance.
- If you file your grievance verbally, we will send you a written confirmation within forty-eight (48) hours. We will also include the name, address, and telephone number of the person coordinating the review.
- If your request for review was first addressed through the internal inquiry process, and does not require the review of medical records, the thirty (30) calendar day review period will begin the day following the end of the three (3) business day Internal Inquiry process or earlier if you notify TUFTS HEALTH PLAN that you are not satisfied with the response you received during the Internal Inquiry process.
- If your grievance requires the review of medical records, you will receive a form that you will need to sign which authorizes your PROVIDERS to release medical information relevant to your grievance to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. You must sign and return the form before TUFTS HEALTH PLAN can begin the review process. If you do not sign and return the form to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within thirty (30) business days of the date you filed, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may issue a response to your grievance without having reviewed the medical records. You will have access to any medical information and records relevant to your grievance that are in the possession and control of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.
- TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will review your grievance and will send you a letter regarding the outcome, as allowed by law, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt.
- The time limits in this process may be waived or extended beyond the time allowed by law upon mutual written agreement between you or your authorized representative and TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

### **Clinical Grievances**

A clinical grievance is a complaint about the quality of care or services that you have received. If you have concerns about your medical care, you should discuss them directly with your PROVIDER. If you are not satisfied with your PROVIDER's response or do not wish to address your concerns directly with your PROVIDER, you may contact Member Services to file a clinical grievance.

If you file your grievance in writing, we will notify you by mail, within five (5) business days after receiving your letter, that your letter has been received and provide you with the name, address, and telephone number of the Appeals and Grievances Specialist coordinating the review of your grievance. If you file your grievance verbally, we will send you a written confirmation of our understanding of your concerns within forty-eight (48) hours. We will also include the name, address, and telephone number of the person coordinating the review.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will review your grievance and will notify you in writing regarding the outcome, as allowed by law, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. The review period may be extended up to an additional thirty (30) days if additional time is needed to complete the review of your concern. You will be notified in writing if the review timeframe is extended.

## **MEMBER Satisfaction Process, continued**

### **Internal MEMBER Appeals**

An appeal is a request for a review of a denial of coverage for a service or supply that has been reviewed and denied by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN based on medical necessity (an adverse determination) or a denial of coverage for a specifically excluded service or supply. The TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Appeals and Grievances Department will review all of the information submitted upon appeal, taking into consideration your benefits as detailed in this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE.

It is important that you contact TUFTS HEALTH PLAN as soon as possible to explain your concern. You have 180 days from the date you were notified of the denial of benefit coverage or claim payment to file an internal appeal. Appeals may be filed either verbally or in writing. If you would like to file a verbal appeal, call a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member Representative who will document your concern and forward it to an Appeals and Grievances Specialist in the Appeals and Grievances Department. To accurately reflect your concerns, you may want to put your appeal in writing and send it to the address provided at the beginning of this section. You may also submit your appeal in person at the address listed at the beginning of this chapter.

Your explanation should include:

- your name and address;
- your TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member ID number;
- a detailed description of your concern (including relevant dates, any applicable medical information, and PROVIDER names); and
- any supporting documentation.

### **Appeals Timeline**

- If you file your appeal verbally or in writing, we will notify you in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours after receiving your written or verbal appeal, that your appeal has been received and provide you with the name, address, and telephone number of the Appeals and Grievances Specialist coordinating the review of your appeal and our understanding of your concerns.
- If your request for review was first addressed through the Internal Inquiry process, and does not require the review of medical records, the thirty (30) calendar day review period will begin the day following the end of the three (3) business day Internal Inquiry process or earlier if you notify TUFTS HEALTH PLAN that you are not satisfied with the response you received during the Internal Inquiry process.
- TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will review your appeal, make a decision, and send you a decision letter within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt.
- The time limits in this process may be waived or extended beyond the time allowed by law upon mutual verbal or written agreement between you or your authorized representative and TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

This extension may be necessary if we are waiting for medical records that are necessary for the review of your appeal and have not received them. The Appeals and Grievances Specialist handling your case will notify you in advance if an extension may be needed. In addition, a letter will be sent to you confirming the extension.

**Note:** If you need help, the Consumer Assistance Program in Massachusetts can help you file your appeal. Contact:

Office of Patient Protection

50 Milk Street, 8th Floor

Boston, MA 02109

(800) 436-7757

<http://www.mass.gov/hpc/opp>

### **When Medical Records are Necessary**

If your appeal requires the review of medical records, you will receive a form that you will need to sign that authorizes your PROVIDERS to release to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN medical information relevant to your appeal. You must sign and return the form before TUFTS HEALTH PLAN can begin the review process. If you do not sign and return the form to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within thirty (30) calendar days of the date you filed your appeal, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may issue a response to your request without having reviewed the medical records. You will have access to any medical information and records relevant to your appeal that are in the possession and control of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN

### **Who Reviews Appeals?**

If the appeal involves a medical necessity determination, an actively practicing health care professional in the same or similar specialty as typically treats the medical condition, performs the procedure, or provides the treatment that is under review, and who did not participate in any of the prior decisions on the case, will take part in the review. In addition, a

committee made up of managers and clinicians from various TUFTS HEALTH PLAN departments will review your appeal. A committee within the Appeals and Grievances Department will review appeals involving non-COVERED SERVICES.

## **MEMBER Satisfaction Process, continued**

### **Appeal Response Letters**

The letter you receive from TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will include identification of the specific information considered for your appeal and an explanation of the basis for the decision. A response letter regarding a final adverse determination (a decision based on medical necessity) will include: the specific information upon which the adverse determination was based; TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's understanding of your presenting symptoms or condition; diagnosis and treatment interventions, and the specific reasons such medical evidence fails to meet the relevant medical review criteria; alternative treatment options offered, if any; applicable clinical practice guidelines and review criteria; notification of the steps for requesting external review by the Office for Patient Protection; and the titles and credentials of the individuals who reviewed the case ; and the availability of translation services and consumer assistance programs. Please note that requests for coverage of services that are specifically excluded in your EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE are not eligible for external review.

An appeal not properly acted on by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within the time limits of Massachusetts law and regulations, including any extensions made by mutual written agreement between you or your authorized representative and TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, shall be deemed resolved in your favor.

### **Expedited Appeals**

We recognize that there are circumstances that require a quicker turnaround than the thirty (30) calendar days allotted for the standard Appeals Process. We will expedite an appeal when there is an ongoing service about to terminate or a service to be delivered imminently whereby a delay in treatment would seriously jeopardize your life and health or jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function. Should you feel that your request meets the criteria cited above, you or your attending PROVIDER should contact the Member Services Department. Under these circumstances, you will be notified of our decision within 2 business days, but no later than seventy-two (72) hours (whichever is less) after the review is initiated. If your treating PROVIDER (the practitioner responsible for the treatment or proposed treatment) certifies that the service being requested is **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**; that a denial of coverage for such services would create a substantial risk of serious harm; and such risk of serious harm is so immediate that the provision of such services should not await the outcome of the normal appeal process, you will be notified of our decision within forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of certification. If you are appealing coverage for **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)** that we determined was not **MEDICALLY NECESSARY**, you will be notified of our decision within less than forty-eight (48) hours of the receipt of certification. If you are an **INPATIENT** in a hospital, we will notify you of the decision before you are discharged. If your appeal concerns the termination of ongoing coverage or treatment, the disputed coverage shall remain in effect at our expense through the completion of the Internal Appeals Process. Only those services which were originally authorized by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and which were not terminated pursuant to a specific time or episode-related exclusion will continue to be covered.

If you have a terminal illness, we will notify you of our decision within five (5) days of receiving your appeal. If our decision is to deny coverage, you may request a conference. We will schedule the conference within 10 days (or within 5 business days if your physician determines, after talking with a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Medical Affairs Department Physician or Psychological Testing Reviewer, that based on standard medical practice the effectiveness of the proposed treatment or alternative covered treatment would be materially reduced if not provided at the earliest possible date). You may bring another person with you to the conference. At the conference, you and/or your authorized representative, if any, and a representative of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN who has authority to determine the disposition of the appeal, shall review the information provided.

If the appeal is denied, the decision will include the specific medical and scientific reasons for denying the coverage, and a description of any alternative treatment, services or supplies that would be covered. If your request meets the criteria for an expedited review, you may also file a request for a simultaneous external appeal as described below.

### **If You are Not Satisfied with the Appeals Decision**

#### **"Reconsideration"**

In circumstances where relevant medical information (1) was received too late to review within the thirty (30) calendar day time limit; or (2) was not received but is expected to become available within a reasonable time period following the written resolution, you may choose to request a reconsideration. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may allow the opportunity for reconsideration of a final adverse determination. If you request a reconsideration, you must agree in writing to a new time period for review. The time period will be no greater than thirty (30) calendar days from the agreement to reconsider the appeal.

## **MEMBER Satisfaction Process, continued**

### **External Review by the Office of Patient Protection**

The Massachusetts Office of Patient Protection, which is not connected in any way with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, administers an independent external review process for final coverage determinations based on medical necessity (final adverse determination). Appeals for coverage of services specifically excluded in your EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE and payment disputes are not eligible for external review.

To request an external review by the Office of Patient Protection, you must file your request in writing with the Office of Patient Protection within four (4) months of your receipt of written notice of the denial of your appeal by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. The letter from TUFTS HEALTH PLAN notifying you of the denial will contain the forms and other information that you will need to file an appeal with the Office of Patient Protection. The review panel will make a decision within forty-five (45) calendar days for standard reviews and within seventy-two (72) hours for expedited reviews.

You, or your authorized representative, may request to have your review processed as an expedited external review. Any request for an expedited external review must contain a certification, in writing, from a PROVIDER, that delay in providing or continuation of health care services that are the subject of a final adverse determination, would pose a serious and immediate threat to your health. Upon a finding that a serious and immediate threat to your health exists, the Office of Patient Protection will qualify such request as eligible for an expedited external review.

Your cost for an external review by the Office of Patient Protection is \$25.00. This payment should be sent to the Office of Patient Protection, along with your written request for a review. The Office of Patient Protection may waive this fee if it determines that the payment of the fee would result in an extreme financial hardship to you and shall refund the fee to the insured if the adverse determination is reversed in its entirety. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will pay the remainder of the cost for an external review. Upon completion of the external review, the Office of Patient Protection shall bill TUFTS HEALTH PLAN the amount established pursuant to contract between the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the assigned external review agency minus the \$25 fee which is your responsibility. You will not be required to pay more than \$75 per plan year, regardless of the number of external review requests submitted.

You or your authorized representative will have access to any medical information and records relating to your appeal in the possession of the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN or under its control.

If the subject matter of the external review involves the termination of ongoing services, you may apply to the external review panel to seek the continuation of coverage for the terminated service during the period the review is pending. The review panel may order the continuation of coverage where it determines that substantial harm to your health may result absent such continuation or for such other good cause as the review panel shall determine. Any such continuation of coverage will be at TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's expense regardless of the final external review determination.

The decision of the review panel will be binding on TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. If the external review agency overturns a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN decision in whole or in part, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will send you a written notice within five (5) business days of receipt of the written decision from the review agency. This notice will:

- include an acknowledgement of the decision of the review agency;
- advise you of any additional procedures that you need to take in order to obtain the requested coverage or services;
- advise you of the date by which the payment will be made or the authorization for services will be issued by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN; and
- include the name and phone number of the person at TUFTS HEALTH PLAN who will assist you with final resolution of the appeal.

Please note: if you are not satisfied with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's Member Satisfaction Process, you have the right at any time to contact the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at either the Division of Insurance Bureau of Managed Care at 617-521-7372 or the Health Policy Commission's Office of Patient Protection at:

**Health Policy Commission**

**Office of Patient Protection**

**50 Milk St., 8th Floor**

**Boston, MA 02109**

**Phone: 1-800-436-7757**

**Fax: 1-617-624-5046**

**Email: [HPC-OPP@state.ma.us](mailto:HPC-OPP@state.ma.us)**

**Internet: [www.mass.gov/hpc/opp](http://www.mass.gov/hpc/opp)**

## Bills from PROVIDERS

### Medical Expenses

Occasionally, you may receive a bill from a PROVIDER for COVERED SERVICES. Before paying the bill, contact the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member Services Department.

If you do pay the bill, you must send the following information to the MEMBER Reimbursement Medical Claims Department:

- A completed, signed MEMBER Reimbursement Medical Claim Form, which can be obtained from the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN web site or by contacting the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Member Services Department; and
- the documents listed on the MEMBER Reimbursement Medical Claim Form that are required for proof of service and payment.

The address for the MEMBER Reimbursement Medical Claims Department is listed on the MEMBER Reimbursement Medical Claim Form.

Please note: You must contact TUFTS HEALTH PLAN regarding your bill(s) or send your bill(s) to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN within twelve months from the date of service. If you do not, the bill cannot be considered for payment. Most completed reimbursement requests are processed within 30 days. Incomplete requests and requests for services rendered outside of the United States may take longer. Reimbursements will be sent to the Subscriber at the address Tufts Health Plan has on file.

If you receive COVERED SERVICES from a non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER, we will pay up to the REASONABLE CHARGE for the services.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

Certain services you receive from non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS at in-network settings may be reimbursable. Some examples of these types of non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS include:

- radiologists, pathologists, and anesthesiologists who work in TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Hospitals; and
- EMERGENCY room specialists.

We reserve the right to be reimbursed by the MEMBER for payments made due to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's error.

### Pharmacy Expenses

If you obtain a prescription at a non-designated pharmacy, you will need to pay for the prescription up front and submit a claim for reimbursement. Pharmacy claim forms can be obtained by contacting a Member Representative. You can also get them at our website.

## Limitation on Actions

### Limitation on Actions

You cannot file a lawsuit against TUFTS HEALTH PLAN for failing to pay or arrange for COVERED SERVICES unless you have completed the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN MEMBER Satisfaction Process and file the lawsuit within two years from the time the cause of action arose. For example, if you want to file a lawsuit because you were denied coverage under this GROUP CONTRACT or INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT, you must first complete our MEMBER Satisfaction Process, and then file your lawsuit within two years after the date you were first sent a notice of the denial. Going through our MEMBER Satisfaction Process does not extend the time limit for filing a lawsuit beyond two years after the date you were first denied coverage. However, if you choose to pursue external review by the Office of Patient Protection, the days from the date your request is received by the Office of Patient Protection until the date you receive the response are not counted toward the two-year limit.

## Chapter 8 - Other Plan Provisions

### Subrogation

#### TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's right of subrogation

You may have a legal right to recover some or all of the costs of your health care from someone else (a "Third Party"). "Third Party" means any person or company that is, could be, or is claimed to be, responsible for the costs of injuries or illness to you. This includes such costs to any DEPENDENT covered under this plan.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may cover health care costs for which a Third Party is responsible. In this case, we may require that Third Party to repay us the full cost of all such benefits provided by this plan. Our rights of recovery apply to any recoveries made by you or on your behalf from any source. This includes, but is not limited to:

- payments made by a Third Party;
- payments made by any insurance company on behalf of the Third Party;
- any payments or rewards under an uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage policy;
- any disability award or settlement;
- medical payments coverage under any automobile policy;
- premises or homeowners' medical payments coverage;
- premises or homeowners' insurance coverage; and
- any other payments from a source intended to compensate you for Third Party injuries.

We have the right to recover those costs in your name. We can do this with or without your consent, directly from that person or company. Our right has priority, except as otherwise provided by law. We can recover against the total amount of any recovery, regardless of whether:

- all or part of the recovery is for medical expenses; or
- the recovery is less than the amount needed to reimburse you fully for the illness or injury.

#### Personal Injury Protection/MedPay Benefits

You may be entitled to benefits under your own or another individual's automobile coverage, regardless of fault. These benefits are commonly referred to as Personal Injury Protection (PIP) and Medical Payments (MedPay) benefits. Our coverage is secondary to both PIP and MedPay benefits. If we pay benefits before PIP or MedPay benefits have been exhausted, we may recover the cost of those benefits as described above.



## **TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's right of reimbursement**

This provision applies in addition to the rights described above. You may recover money by suit, settlement, or otherwise. If this happens, you are required to reimburse us for the cost of health care services, supplies, medications, and expenses for which we paid or will pay. This right of reimbursement attaches when we have provided health care benefits for expenses where a Third Party is responsible and you have recovered any amounts from any sources. This includes, but is not limited to:

- payments made by a Third Party;
- payments made by any insurance company on behalf of the Third Party;
- any payments or awards under an uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage policy;
- any disability award or settlement;
- medical payments coverage under any automobile policy;
- premises or homeowners' medical payments coverage;
- premises or homeowners' insurance coverage; and
- any other payments from a source intended to compensate you where a Third Party is responsible.

We have the right to be reimbursed up to the amount of any payment received by you, regardless of whether (a) all or part of the payment to you was designated, allocated, or characterized as payment for medical expenses; or (b) the payment is for an amount less than that necessary to compensate you fully for the illness or injury.

## **MEMBER cooperation**

You further agree:

- to notify TUFTS HEALTH PLAN promptly and in writing when notice is given to any Third Party or representative of a Third Party of the intention to investigate or pursue a claim to recover damages or obtain compensation;
- to cooperate with us and provide us with requested information;
- to do whatever is necessary to secure our rights of subrogation and reimbursement under this plan;
- to assign us any benefits you may be entitled to receive from a Third Party. Your assignment is up to the cost of health care services and supplies, and expenses, that we paid or will pay for your illness or injury;
- to give us a first priority lien on any recovery, settlement, or judgment or other source of compensation which may be had by any Third Party. You agree to do this to the extent of the full cost of all benefits associated with Third Party responsibility;
- to do nothing to prejudice our rights as set forth above. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from making any settlement or recovery which specifically attempts to reduce or exclude the full cost of all benefits provided by this plan;
- to serve as a constructive trustee for the benefit of this plan over any settlement or recovery funds received as a result of Third Party responsibility;
- that we may recover the full cost of all benefits provided by this plan without regard to any claim of fault on your part, whether by comparative negligence or otherwise;
- that no court costs or attorney fees may be deducted from our recovery;
- that we are not required to pay or contribute to paying court costs or attorney's fees for the attorney hired by you to pursue your claim or lawsuit against any Third Party; and
- that in the event you or your representative fails to cooperate with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN, you shall be responsible for all benefits provided by this plan in addition to costs and attorney's fees incurred by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN in obtaining repayment.

## **Workers' compensation**

Employers provide workers' compensation insurance for their employees to protect them in case of work-related illness or injury.

If you have a work-related illness or injury, you and your employer must ensure that all medical claims related to the illness or injury are billed to your employer's workers' compensation insurer. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will not provide coverage for any injury or illness for which it determines that the MEMBER is entitled to benefits pursuant to any workers' compensation statute or equivalent employer liability, or indemnification law (whether or not the employer has obtained workers' compensation coverage as required by law).

If TUFTS HEALTH PLAN pays for the costs of health care services or medications for any work-related illness or injury, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN has the right to recover those costs from you, the person, or company legally obligated to pay for such services, or from the PROVIDER. If your PROVIDER bills services or medications to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN for any work-related illness or injury, please contact the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Liability and Recovery Department at 1-888-880-8699, x. 21098.

## **Constructive Trust**

By accepting benefits from TUFTS HEALTH PLAN (whether the payment of such benefits is made to you directly or made on your behalf, for example, to a PROVIDER), you hereby agree that if you receive any payment from any responsible party as a result of an injury, illness, or condition, you will serve as a constructive trustee over the funds that constitute such payment. Failure to hold such funds in trust will be deemed a breach of your fiduciary duty to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

## **Subrogation Agent**

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may contract with a third party to administer subrogation recoveries. In such case, that subcontractor will act as TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's agent.

## **Coordination of Benefits**

### **Benefits under other plans**

You may have benefits under other plans for hospital, medical, dental or other health care expenses.

We have a coordination of benefits (COB) program that prevents duplication of payment for the same health care services. We will coordinate benefits payable for Covered Services with benefits payable by other plans, consistent with Massachusetts law, 211 CMR 38.00 et seq. As permitted under this law, we will coordinate benefits for prescription drug claims pursuant to our secondary payer allowed amount in all cases.

Note: We coordinate benefits with Medicare according to federal law, rather than state law.

### **Primary and secondary plans**

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will coordinate benefits by determining which plan has to pay first when you make a claim and which plan has to pay second. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will make these determinations according to applicable state law.

### **Right to receive and release necessary information**

When you enroll, you must include information on your membership application about other health coverage you have. After you enroll, you must notify us of new coverage, or termination of other coverage, or if you are enrolled in any high deductible health plan with a health savings account (HSA). We may ask for and give out information needed to coordinate benefits. You agree to provide information about other coverage and cooperate with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's COB program.

### **Right to recover overpayment**

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may recover, from you or any other person or entity, any payments made that are greater than payments it should have made under the COB program. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will recover only overpayments actually made.

For more information

For more information about COB, contact the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Liability and Recovery Department at 1-888-880-8699, x. 21098. You can also call a Member Representative and have your call transferred to the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN Liability and Recovery Department.



## Medicare Eligibility

This provision does not apply to a MEMBER enrolled under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT.

When a SUBSCRIBER or an enrolled DEPENDENT reaches age 65, that person may become entitled to Medicare based on his or her age. That person may also become entitled to Medicare under age 65 due to disability or end stage renal disease.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will pay benefits before Medicare:

- for you or your enrolled SPOUSE, if you or your SPOUSE is age 65 or older, if you are actively working and if your employer has 20 or more employees;
- for you or your enrolled DEPENDENT, for the first 30 months you or your DEPENDENT is eligible for Medicare due to end stage renal disease; or
- for you or your enrolled DEPENDENT, if you are actively working, you or your DEPENDENT is eligible for Medicare under age 65 due to disability, and your employer has 100 or more employees.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will pay benefits after Medicare:

- if you are age 65 or older and are not actively working;
- if you are age 65 or older and your employer has fewer than 20 employees;
- after the first 30 months you are eligible for Medicare due to end stage renal disease; or
- if you are eligible for Medicare under age 65 due to disability, but are not actively working or are actively working for an employer with fewer than 100 employees.
- if you are a MEMBER who is enrolled under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT (meaning not covered through an employer under a GROUP CONTRACT)

Note: In any of the circumstances described above, you will receive benefits for COVERED SERVICES that Medicare does not cover.

## Use and Disclosure of Medical Information

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN mails a separate “Notice of Privacy Practices” to all SUBSCRIBERS to explain how TUFTS HEALTH PLAN uses and discloses your medical information. If you have questions or would like another copy of our “Notice of Privacy Practices”, please call a Member Representative. Information is also available on our website.

## Relationships between TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and PROVIDERS

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN arranges health care services. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN does not provide health care services. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN has agreements with PROVIDERS practicing in their private offices throughout the SERVICE AREA. These PROVIDERS are independent. They are not TUFTS HEALTH PLAN employees, agents or representatives. PROVIDERS are not authorized to change this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE or assume or create any obligation for TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN is not liable for acts, omissions, representations or other conduct of any PROVIDER.

## Circumstances Beyond TUFTS HEALTH PLAN’s Reasonable Control

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN shall not be responsible for a failure or delay in arranging for the provision of services in cases of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to: major disaster; epidemic; strike; war; riot; and civil insurrection. In such circumstances, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will make a good faith effort to arrange for the provision of services. In doing so, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will take into account the impact of the event and the availability of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS.

# GROUP CONTRACT

## Acceptance of the terms of the GROUP CONTRACT

By causing your membership application to be submitted to Tufts Health Plan, you apply for Group coverage and agree, on behalf of yourself and your enrolled Dependents, to all the terms and conditions of the Group Contract, including this Evidence of Coverage.

## Payments for coverage

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will bill your GROUP and your GROUP will pay PREMIUMS to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN for you. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN is not responsible if your GROUP fails to pay the PREMIUM. This is true even if your GROUP has charged you (for example, by payroll deduction) for all or part of the PREMIUM.

Note: If your GROUP fails to pay the PREMIUM on time, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may cancel your coverage in accordance with the GROUP CONTRACT and applicable state law. For more information on the notice to be provided, see “Termination of the GROUP CONTRACT and Notice” in Chapter 4.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may change the PREMIUM. If the PREMIUM is changed, the change will apply to all MEMBERS in your GROUP.

## Changes to this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may change this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE. Changes do not require your consent. Notice of changes in COVERED SERVICES will be sent to your GROUP at least 60 days before the effective date of the modifications and will include information regarding any changes in clinical review criteria and detail the effect of such changes on a MEMBER’s personal liability for the cost of such charges.

Changes will apply to all benefits for services received on or after the effective date with one exception.

Exception: A change will not apply to you if you are an INPATIENT on the effective date of the change until your discharge date.

Note: If changes are made, they will apply to all MEMBERS in your GROUP, not just to you.

## Notice

Notice to MEMBERS: When TUFTS HEALTH PLAN sends a notice to you, it will be sent to your last address on file with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

Notice to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN: MEMBERS should address all correspondence to:

Tufts Health Plan, 705 Mount Auburn Street, P.O. Box 9173, Watertown, MA 02472-9173.

## Enforcement of terms

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may choose to waive certain terms of the GROUP CONTRACT, if applicable, including the EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE. This does not mean that TUFTS HEALTH PLAN gives up its rights to enforce those terms in the future.

## When this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE Is Issued and Effective

This EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE is issued and effective on your GROUP ANNIVERSARY DATE on or after January 1, 2021 and supersedes all previous EVIDENCES OF COVERAGE.

# INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT

## Acceptance of the terms of the INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT

By causing your membership application to be submitted to Tufts Health Plan, you apply for coverage under an Individual Contract and agree, on behalf of yourself and your enrolled Dependents, to all the terms and conditions of the Individual Contract, including this Evidence of Coverage.

## Payments for coverage

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will bill you for coverage under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT and you will be required to pay PREMIUMS to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN for that coverage. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN is not responsible if you fail to pay the PREMIUM.

Note: If you do not pay the PREMIUMS on time, TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may cancel your coverage in accordance with the INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT and applicable state law.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may change the PREMIUM. If the PREMIUM is changed, the change will apply to all MEMBERS under the INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT.

## Changes to this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may change this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE. Changes do not require your consent. Notice of changes in COVERED SERVICES will be sent to the SUBSCRIBER at least 60 days before the effective date of the modifications and will:

- include information regarding any changes in clinical review criteria; and
- detail the effect of such changes on a MEMBER's personal liability for the cost of such changes.

Changes will apply to all benefits for services received on or after the effective date with one exception.

Exception: A change will not apply to you if you are an INPATIENT on the effective date of the change until your discharge date.

Note: If changes are made, they will apply to all MEMBERS under the INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT, not just to you.

## Notice

Notice to MEMBERS: When TUFTS HEALTH PLAN sends a notice to you, it will be sent to your last address on file with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

Notice to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN: MEMBERS should address all correspondence to:

### TUFTS HEALTH PLAN

705 Mount Auburn Street

P.O. Box 9173

Watertown, MA 02472-9173

## Enforcement of terms

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN may choose to waive certain terms of the INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT, if applicable, including the EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE. This does not mean that TUFTS HEALTH PLAN gives up its rights to enforce those terms in the future.

## When this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE Is Issued and Effective

This EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE is issued and effective on your ANNIVERSARY DATE on or after January 1, 2021 and supersedes all previous EVIDENCES OF COVERAGES.

## Appendix A - Glossary of Terms and Definitions

This section defines the terms used in this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE.

### **ADOPTIVE CHILD**

A CHILD is an ADOPTIVE CHILD as of the date he or she:

- is legally adopted by the SUBSCRIBER; or
- is placed for adoption with the SUBSCRIBER. This means that the SUBSCRIBER has assumed a legal obligation for the total or partial support of a CHILD in anticipation of adoption. If the legal obligation ceases, the CHILD is no longer considered placed for adoption.

Note: As required by state law, a foster CHILD is considered an ADOPTIVE CHILD as of the date that a petition to adopt was filed.

### **ALLOWED COST or ALLOWED AMOUNT**

Maximum amount on which payment is based for covered health care services. This may be called "eligible expense", "payment allowance", or "negotiated rate".

### **ANNIVERSARY DATE**

The date upon which the GROUP CONTRACT or INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT first renews and each successive annual renewal date.

### **ANNUAL COVERAGE LIMITATIONS**

Annual dollar or time limitations on COVERED SERVICES.

### **AUTHORIZED REVIEWER**

An AUTHORIZED REVIEWER reviews and approves certain services and supplies to MEMBERS. He or she is the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's Chief Medical Officer (or equivalent) or someone that person names.

### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS**

Psychiatric illnesses or diseases listed as mental disorders in the latest edition, at the time treatment is provided, of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual: Mental Disorders.

### **BOARD-CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST (BCBA)**

A BOARD-CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST (BCBA) meets the qualifications of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) by achieving a master's degree, training, experience, and other requirements. A BCBA professional conducts behavioral assessments, designs and supervises behavior analytic interventions, and develops and implements assessment and interventions for MEMBERS with diagnoses of autism spectrum disorders. BCBAS may supervise the work of Board-Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts and other PARAPROFESSIONALS who implement behavior analytic interventions.

### **CHILD**

The following individuals until the last day of the month in which the CHILD's 26th birthday occurs:

- the SUBSCRIBER's or SPOUSE's natural CHILD, stepchild, or ADOPTIVE CHILD; or
- the CHILD of an enrolled CHILD;
- any other CHILD for whom the SUBSCRIBER has legal guardianship; or
- any other CHILD who meets the IRS Code definition of a DEPENDENT of the SUBSCRIBER or the SPOUSE.

## **COINSURANCE**

The percentage of costs you must pay for certain COVERED SERVICES.

- For services provided by a non-TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER, your share is a percentage of the REASONABLE CHARGE for those services. Please note that costs in excess of the REASONABLE CHARGE are not subject to COINSURANCE. The MEMBER is responsible for any charges in excess of the REASONABLE CHARGE.
- For services provided by a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER, your share is a percentage of:
  - the applicable TUFTS HEALTH PLAN fee schedule amount for those services; or
  - the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER's actual charges for those services, whichever is less.

Note: The MEMBER's share percentage is based on the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER payment at the time the claim is paid and does not reflect any later adjustments, payments or rebates that are calculated on an individual claim basis.

## **CONTRACT YEAR**

The 12-month period in which benefit limits, DEDUCTIBLES, OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUMS, and COINSURANCE are calculated under this plan. A CONTRACT YEAR can be either a calendar year or a plan year.

- Calendar year: Coverage based on a calendar year runs from January 1st through December 31st within a year.
- Plan year: Coverage based on a plan year runs during a period of 12 consecutive months that are not a calendar year (for example, July 1st in one calendar year through June 30th in the following calendar year).

### **Notes:**

- For a GROUP CONTRACT, the CONTRACT YEAR is determined by the GROUP.
- For an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT, the CONTRACT YEAR is designated by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

For more information about the type of CONTRACT YEAR that applies to your plan, please call Member Services. If you are enrolled in a GROUP CONTRACT, you can also contact your employer for more information about the type of CONTRACT YEAR that applies to your plan.

## **COPAYMENT**

The cost you pay for certain COVERED SERVICES. COPAYMENTS are paid to the PROVIDER when you receive care unless the PROVIDER arranges otherwise. COPAYMENTS are included in the OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM. See "Benefit Overview" at the front of this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE for more information.

## **COST SHARING AMOUNT**

The cost you pay for certain COVERED SERVICES. This amount may consist of DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYMENTS, and/or COINSURANCE.

## **COVERED SERVICE**

The services and supplies for which TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will pay. They must be:

- described in Chapter 3 (subject to the "Exclusions from Benefits" section in Chapter 3);
- MEDICALLY NECESSARY; and
- provided or authorized by your PCP and in some cases, approved by an AUTHORIZED REVIEWER.

These services include MEDICALLY NECESSARY coverage of pediatric specialty care, including behavioral health care, by PROVIDERS with recognized expertise in specialty pediatrics.

Note: COVERED SERVICES do not include any tax, surcharge, assessment or other similar fee imposed under any state or federal law or regulation on any PROVIDER, MEMBER, service, supply, or medication.

## **COVERING PROVIDER**

The PROVIDER named by your PCP to provide or authorize services in your PCP's absence.



## **CUSTODIAL CARE**

- Care provided primarily to assist in the activities of daily living, such as bathing, dressing, eating, and maintaining personal hygiene and safety;
- care provided primarily for maintaining the MEMBER's or anyone else's safety, when no other aspects of treatment require an acute hospital level of care;
- services that could be provided by people without professional skills or training; or
- routine maintenance of colostomies, ileostomies, and urinary catheters; or
- adult and pediatric day care.

**Note:** CUSTODIAL CARE is not covered by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

## **DAY SURGERY**

Any surgical procedure(s) provided to a MEMBER at a facility licensed by the state to perform surgery, and with an expected departure the same day, or in some instances, within 24 hours. Also referred to as "Ambulatory Surgery" or "Surgical Day Care".

## **DEPENDENT**

The SUBSCRIBER's SPOUSE, CHILD, or DISABLED DEPENDENT.

## **DESIGNATED FACILITY for INPATIENT Behavioral Health/ INPATIENT Substance Use Disorder Services**

A facility licensed to treat BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS and/or substance use disorder services (alcohol and drug). This facility has an agreement with us to provide INPATIENT or partial hospitalization services to MEMBERS assigned to the facility. Also referred to as "DESIGNATED FACILITY".

## **DEVELOPMENTAL**

Refers to a delay in the expected achievement of age-appropriate fine motor, gross motor, social, or language milestones that is not caused by an underlying medical illness or condition.

## **DIRECTORY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

A list of TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PCPs and their affiliated TUFTS HEALTH PLAN HOSPITAL and certain other TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS.

**Note:** This list is updated from time to time to show changes in PROVIDERS affiliated with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN . For information about the PROVIDERS listed in the DIRECTORY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, you can call Member Services or check our website.

## **DISABLED DEPENDENT**

The SUBSCRIBER's CHILD who:

- became permanently physically or mentally DISABLED before the last day of the month in which the CHILD's 26th birthday occurs;
- is incapable of supporting himself or herself due to disability;
- lives with the SUBSCRIBER or SPOUSE; and
- was covered under the SUBSCRIBER's FAMILY COVERAGE immediately before the last day of the month in which the CHILD's 26th birthday occurs or has been covered by other group health coverage since the disability began.

## **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

Devices or instruments of a durable nature that:

- are reasonable and necessary to sustain a minimum threshold of independent daily living;
- are made primarily to serve a medical purpose;
- are not useful in the absence of illness or injury;
- can withstand repeated use; and
- can be used in the home.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

The date, according to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's records, when you become a MEMBER and are first eligible for COVERED SERVICES.

**Capitalized words are defined in Appendix A**

## **EMERGENCY**

An illness or medical condition, whether physical, behavioral, related to substance use disorder, or mental, that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, that the absence of prompt medical attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent lay person, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, to result in:

- serious jeopardy to the physical and / or mental health of a MEMBER or another person (or with respect to a pregnant MEMBER, the MEMBER's or her unborn child's physical and/or mental health); or
- serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part; or
- with respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery, or a threat to the safety of the MEMBER or her unborn child in the event of transfer to another hospital before delivery.

Some examples of illnesses or medical conditions requiring EMERGENCY care are severe pain, a broken leg, loss of consciousness, vomiting blood, chest pain, difficulty breathing, or any medical condition that is quickly getting much worse.

## **EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE**

This document and any future amendments.

## **EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIVE**

A service, supply, treatment, procedure, device, or medication (collectively "treatment") is considered EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIVE and therefore, not MEDICALLY NECESSARY, if any of the following apply:

- the drug or device cannot be lawfully marketed without the approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and approval for marketing has not been given at the time the drug or device is furnished or to be furnished;
- the treatment, or the "informed consent" form used with the treatment, was reviewed and approved by the treating facility's institutional review board or other body serving a similar function, or federal law requires such review or approval;
- reliable scientific evidence shows that the treatment is: the subject of ongoing Phase I or Phase II clinical trials; is the research, experimental, study or investigative arm of ongoing Phase III clinical trials; or is otherwise under study to determine its safety, efficacy, toxicity, maximum tolerated dose, or its efficacy as compared with a standard means of treatment or diagnosis;
- evaluation by an independent health technology assessment organization has determined that the treatment is not proven safe;
- even if approved for lawful marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, reliable scientific evidence does not support that the treatment is effective in improving health outcomes or that appropriate patient selection has not been determined;
- the peer-reviewed published literature regarding the treatment is predominantly non-randomized, historically controlled, case controlled, or cohort studies; or there are few or no well-designed randomized, controlled trials; or
- there is no scientific or clinical evidence that the treatment is at least as beneficial as any established, evidence-based alternatives.

This definition is fully explained in the corresponding Medical Necessity Guidelines.

## **FACILITY FEE**

A fee that clinics or hospitals may charge to cover the costs of maintaining those facilities.

## **FAMILY COVERAGE**

Coverage for a SUBSCRIBER and his or her DEPENDENTS.

## **FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTER**

A medical facility that provides treatment for URGENT CARE services (see definition of URGENT CARE). A FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTER primarily treats patients who have an injury or illness that requires immediate care but is not serious enough to warrant a visit to an emergency room. A Free-standing URGENT CARE CENTER offers an alternative to certain emergency room visits for a MEMBER who is not able to visit his or her PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER or health care PROVIDER in the time frame that is felt to be warranted by their condition or symptoms. A FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTER does not provide EMERGENCY care, and is not appropriate for people who have life-threatening conditions. MEMBERS experiencing these conditions should go to an emergency room. FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTERS are not part of a hospital or hospital system and are not LIMITED SERVICES MEDICAL CLINICS. To find a FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTER in our network, please visit the Web site at [www.tuftshealthplan.com](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com), and click on "Find a Doctor", or call Member Services.

## **GROUP**

An employer or other legal entity with which TUFTS HEALTH PLAN has an agreement to provide group coverage. An employer GROUP subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended, is the ERISA plan sponsor. If you are covered under a GROUP CONTRACT, the GROUP is your agent and is not TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's agent.

## **GROUP CONTRACT**

The agreement between TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and the GROUP under which:

- TUFTS HEALTH PLAN agrees to provide GROUP COVERAGE; and
  - the GROUP agrees to pay a PREMIUM to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN on your behalf.
- The GROUP CONTRACT includes this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE and any amendments.

## **HABILITATIVE**

Health care services provided in accordance with the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) in order for a person to attain, maintain or prevent deterioration of a life skill or function never learned or acquired due to a disabling condition. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services in various INPATIENT and OUTPATIENT settings.

## **INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT**

The agreement between TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and the SUBSCRIBER under which:

- TUFTS HEALTH PLAN agrees to provide INDIVIDUAL COVERAGE; and
- the SUBSCRIBER agrees to pay a PREMIUM to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

The INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT includes this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE and any amendments.

## **INDIVIDUAL COVERAGE**

Coverage for a SUBSCRIBER only (no DEPENDENTS).

## **INPATIENT**

A patient who is:

- admitted to a hospital or other facility licensed to provide continuous care; and
- is classified as an INPATIENT for all or a part of the day.

## LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC

A walk-in medical clinic licensed to provide limited services, generally based in a retail store. Care is provided by a nurse practitioner or physician assistant. A LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC offers an alternative to certain emergency room visits for a MEMBER who requires less emergent care or who is not able to visit his or her PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER in the time frame that is felt to be warranted by their condition or symptoms. Some examples of common illnesses a LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC can treat include strep throat, or eye, ear, sinus, or bronchial infections. The services provided by a LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC are only available to patients of ages 24 months or older. A LIMITED SERVICE MEDICAL CLINIC does not provide EMERGENCY or wound care, or treatment for injuries. It is not appropriate for people who need x-rays or stitches or who have life-threatening conditions. MEMBERS experiencing these conditions should go to an emergency room.

## MEDICALLY NECESSARY

A service or supply that is consistent with generally accepted principles of professional medical practice as determined by whether that service or supply:

- is the most appropriate available supply or level of service for the MEMBER in question considering potential benefits and harms to that individual;
- is known to be effective, based on scientific evidence, professional standards and expert opinion, in improving health outcomes; or
- for services and interventions not in widespread use, is based on scientific evidence.

In determining coverage for MEDICALLY NECESSARY Services, we use use Medical Necessity Guidelines which are:

- developed with input from practicing PROVIDERS in the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN SERVICE AREA;
- developed in accordance with the standards adopted by national accreditation organizations;
- updated at least biennially or more often as new treatments, applications and technologies are adopted as generally accepted professional medical practice; and
- scientific evidence-based, if practicable.

Our MEDICAL NECESSITY Guidelines are available on the Web site at: <https://www.tuftshealthplan.com/provider/resource-center#///Please Select a Division//>

- Click on "Please select a Division" and then on "Commercial".
- Click on the category you are looking for, such as "Behavioral Health" or "Guidelines".
- Resource documents in these categories are listed alphabetically.

If you prefer, call Member Services. Or call our "Behavioral Health Department at 1-800-208-9565.

## **MEMBER**

A person enrolled in TUFTS HEALTH PLAN under the GROUP CONTRACT or INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT. Also referred to as "you."

## **NON-CONVENTIONAL MEDICINE**

A group of diverse medical and health care systems, practices, and products that are not presently considered to be part of conventional medicine and are generally not based on scientific evidence. Since these services are not based on scientific evidence, they do not meet the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN definition of MEDICAL NECESSITY and are not covered. PROVIDERS of these non-covered services may be contracting or non-contracting traditional medical providers. These services may be offered in connection with a traditional office visit. PROVIDERS of NON-CONVENTIONAL MEDICINE services often request payment up front because health insurance typically does not cover these services.

Common terminology used to refer to these types of services include, but are not limited to, "alternative medicine", "complementary medicine", "integrative medicine", "functional health medicine", and may be described as treating "the whole person", "the entire individual" or "the inner self", and may refer to re-balancing hormones or finding underlying causes that lead to bodily dysfunction. Examples of NON-CONVENTIONAL MEDICINE and related services include, but are not limited to:

- holistic, naturopathic, energy medicine (e.g., Reiki, Ayurvedic, magnetic fields);
- manipulative and body-based practices (e.g., reflexology, yoga, exercise therapy, tai-chi);
- mind-body medicine (e.g., hypnotherapy, medication, stress management);
- whole medicine systems (e.g., naturopathy, homeopathy);
- biologically based practices (e.g., herbal medicine, dietary supplements, probiotics); and
- other related practices when provided in connection with NON-CONVENTIONAL MEDICINE services (e.g., animal therapy, art therapy, dance therapy, sleep therapy, light therapy, energy-balancing, breathing exercises).

## **OBSERVATION**

The use of hospital service to treat and/or evaluate a condition that should result in either a discharge within forty-eight (48) hours or a verified diagnosis and concurrent treatment plan. At times, an OBSERVATION stay may be followed by an INPATIENT admission to treat a diagnosis revealed during the period of OBSERVATION.

## **OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD**

For a GROUP CONTRACT, the period each year when TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and the GROUP allow eligible persons to apply for GROUP COVERAGE in accordance with the GROUP CONTRACT. This is also the period each year when TUFTS HEALTH PLAN allows eligible individuals to apply for coverage in accordance with an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT.

## **OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM**

The maximum amount of money paid by a MEMBER during a PLAN YEAR for certain COVERED SERVICES. The OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM consists of COPAYMENTS, COINSURANCE .

It does not include:

- costs in excess of the REASONABLE CHARGE;
- costs for health care services that are not COVERED SERVICES under the GROUP CONTRACT or the INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT, whichever applies to you.

Once you have met your OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM in a PLAN YEAR, you no longer pay for COPAYMENTS, COINSURANCE in that PLAN YEAR.

See "Benefit Overview" at the front of this EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE for detailed information about your OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM.

## **OUTPATIENT**

A patient who receives care other than on an INPATIENT basis. This includes services provided in:

- a PROVIDER's office;
- a DAY SURGERY or ambulatory care unit; and
- an emergency room or OUTPATIENT clinic.

**Note:** You are also an OUTPATIENT when you are in a facility for observation

## **PARAPROFESSIONAL**

As it pertains to the treatment of autism and autism spectrum disorders, a PARAPROFESSIONAL is an individual who performs applied behavioral analysis (ABA) services under the supervision of a BOARD-CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST (BCBA).

## **PREMIUM**

Under a GROUP CONTRACT, the total monthly cost of INDIVIDUAL or FAMILY COVERAGE which the GROUP pays to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. Under an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT, the total monthly cost of individual or FAMILY COVERAGE which the SUBSCRIBER pays to TUFTS HEALTH PLAN.

## **PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER**

The TUFTS HEALTH PLAN physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner you have chosen from the DIRECTORY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS and who has an agreement with us to provide primary care and to coordinate, arrange, and authorize the provision of COVERED SERVICES.

## **PROVIDER**

A health care professional or facility licensed in accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited to, hospitals, limited service medical clinics (if available), FREE-STANDING URGENT CARE CENTERS, physicians, physician assistants, doctors of osteopathy, certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, optometrists, podiatrists, psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed mental health counselors, licensed independent clinical social workers, licensed psychiatric nurses who are certified as clinical specialists in psychiatric and mental health nursing, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor I, licensed marriage and family therapists, licensed speech-language pathologists, and licensed audiologists.

TUFTS HEALTH PLAN will only cover services of a PROVIDER, if those services are listed as COVERED SERVICES and within the scope of the PROVIDER's license.

### Notes:

- With respect to OUTPATIENT Services for the treatment of alcoholism, PROVIDER means an accredited or licensed hospital or any public or private facility or portion of that facility providing services especially for the rehabilitation of intoxicated persons or alcoholics and which is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health or under other applicable state law.
- With respect to INPATIENT Services for the treatment of alcoholism, PROVIDER means: an accredited or licensed hospital or any public or private facility or portion of that facility providing services especially for the detoxification or rehabilitation of intoxicated persons or alcoholics and which is licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; or a residential alcohol treatment program, as defined under Massachusetts law or other applicable state law.

## **PROVIDER ORGANIZATION**

A PROVIDER ORGANIZATION is comprised of doctors and other health care PROVIDERS who practice together in the same community and who often admit patients to the same hospital in order to provide their patients with a full range of care. Also referred to as "PROVIDER GROUP".

## **REASONABLE CHARGE**

The lesser of:

- the amount charged; or
- the amount that TUFTS HEALTH PLAN determines to be reasonable, based upon nationally accepted means and amounts of claims payment. Nationally accepted means and amounts of claims payment include, but are not limited to: Medicare fee schedules and allowed amounts, CMS medical coding policies, AMA CPT coding guidelines, nationally recognized academy and society coding and clinical guidelines.

With respect to out-of-network EMERGENCY care, REASONABLE CHARGE is the highest of: (1) the median amount negotiated with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDERS for the EMERGENCY service; (2) the amount for the EMERGENCY service calculated using the same method we generally use to determine payments for out-of-network services (such as the usual, customary and reasonable (UCR) amount); or (3) the amount that would be paid under Medicare for the EMERGENCY service.

## **ROUTINE NURSERY CARE**

Routine hospital care provided to a well newborn CHILD immediately following birth until discharge from the hospital.

## **SERVICE AREA**

The SERVICE AREA is the geographical area within which we have developed a network of PROVIDERS to afford MEMBERS with adequate access to COVERED SERVICES. The SERVICE AREA consists of the Standard Service Area and the Extended Service Area.

The Standard Service Area is comprised of all of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

The Extended Service Area includes certain towns in Connecticut, Maine, New York, and Vermont which:

- surround the Standard Service Area; and
- are within a reasonable distance from TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PCPs and specialists who provide the most-often used services, such as behavioral health practitioners and physicians who are surgeons or OB/GYNs.

Notes:

- There are generally no TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PCPs located within the Extended Service Area.
- For a list of cities and towns in the Service Area, you can call the Member Services Department or check our Web site at [www.tuftshealthplan.com](http://www.tuftshealthplan.com).
- Certain services may be available outside of the SERVICE AREA through the TUFTS HEALTH PLAN telemedicine vendor. For more information, please visit <https://tuftshealthplan.com/member/health-information-tools/digital-tools/telehealth>.

## **SKILLED**

A type of care which is MEDICALLY NECESSARY and must be provided by, or under the direct supervision of, licensed medical personnel. SKILLED care is provided to achieve a medically desired and realistically achievable outcome.

## **SPOUSE**

The SUBSCRIBER's legal SPOUSE, according to the law of the state in which you reside, or divorced SPOUSE as required by Massachusetts law.

## **SUBSCRIBER**

The person:

- for a GROUP CONTRACT, is an employee of the GROUP;
- for an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT, is a Massachusetts resident;
- who enrolls in TUFTS HEALTH PLAN and signs on behalf of himself or herself and any DEPENDENTS; and
- in whose name the PREMIUM is paid in accordance with either a GROUP CONTRACT or an INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT (whichever applies).

## **TUFTS HEALTH PLAN**

Tufts Associated Health Maintenance Organization, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation d/b/a TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN is licensed by Massachusetts as a health maintenance organization (HMO). Also referred to as "we", "us" and "our".

## **TUFTS HEALTH PLAN HOSPITAL**

A Community or Tertiary Hospital HOSPITAL which has an agreement with TUFTS HEALTH PLAN to provide certain COVERED SERVICES to MEMBERS. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN HOSPITALS are independent. They are not owned by TUFTS HEALTH PLAN. TUFTS HEALTH PLAN HOSPITALS are not TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's agents or representatives, and their staff are not TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's employees.

## **TUFTS HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER**

A PROVIDER with which TUFTS HEALTH PLAN has an agreement to provide COVERED SERVICES to MEMBERS. PROVIDERS are not TUFTS HEALTH PLAN's employees, agents or representatives.

**URGENT CARE**

Care provided when your health is not in serious danger, but you need immediate medical attention for an unforeseen illness or injury. Examples of illnesses or injuries in which URGENT CARE might be needed are a broken or dislocated toe, a cut that needs stitches but is not actively bleeding, sudden extreme anxiety, or symptoms of a urinary tract infection.

**Note:** Care that is rendered after the URGENT condition has been treated and stabilized and the MEMBER is safe for transport is not considered URGENT CARE.



## **Appendix B - ERISA Information and other State and Federal Notices**

### **ERISA Rights**

Note: Applies to Group Contracts only.

If your plan is an ERISA plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. Most plans are ERISA plans, but not all. Please contact your plan administrator to determine if your plan is an ERISA plan.

ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to receive information about their plan and benefits, continue group health plan coverage, and prudent actions by plan fiduciaries.

#### **Receiving Information About Your Plan and Benefits**

ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

- Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) 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 and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The plan 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.

#### **Continuing Group Health Plan Coverage**

ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

- Continue health care coverage for yourself, spouse or 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 your summary plan description and the documents governing the plan on the rules governing your continuation coverage rights under the Federal Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA).

#### **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 plan. The people who operate your plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and 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 plan benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

#### **Enforcing Your Rights**

If your claim for a plan benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of 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 a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report 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 a daily penalty 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 qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in 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.

## **ERISA RIGHTS**, continued

### **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, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

## **PROCESSING OF CLAIMS FOR PLAN BENEFITS**

Note: Applies to Group Contracts only.

The Department of Labor's (DOL) Employee Benefits Security Administration has published benefit determination procedure regulations for employee benefit plans governed under ERISA. The regulations set forth requirements with respect to the processing of claims for plan benefits, including urgent care claims, pre-service claims, post-service claims and review of claims denials.

### **Who can submit a claim?**

The DOL Regulations apply to claims submitted by ERISA participants or their beneficiaries. In accordance with the regulations, Tufts Health Plan permits an authorized representative (referred to here as the "authorized claimant") to act on your behalf in submitting a claim or obtaining a review of a claim decision. An authorized claimant can be any individual (including, for example, a family Member, an attorney, etc.) whom you designate to act on your behalf with respect to a claim for benefits.

### **How do I designate an Authorized Claimant?**

An authorized claimant can be designated at any point in the claims process - at the pre-service, post service or appeal level. Please contact a Tufts Health Plan Member Representative at the number on your ID card for the specifics on how to appoint an authorized claimant.

### **Types of claims**

There are several different types of claims that you may submit for review. Tufts Health Plan's procedures for reviewing claims depends upon the type of claim submitted (urgent care claims, pre-service claims, post-service claims, and concurrent care decisions).

Urgent care claim: An "urgent care claim" is a claim for medical care or treatment where the application of the claims review procedure for non-urgent claims: (1) could seriously jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function, or (2) based upon your provider's determination, would subject you to severe pain that cannot adequately be managed without the care or treatment being requested. For urgent care claims, Tufts Health Plan will respond to you within 72 hours after receipt of the claim\*. If Tufts Health Plan determines that additional information is needed to review your claim, we will notify you within 24 hours after receipt of the claim and provide you with a description of the additional information needed to evaluate your claim. You have 48 hours after that time to provide the requested information. Tufts Health Plan will evaluate your claim within 48 hours after the earlier of our receipt of the requested information, or the end of the extension period given to you to provide the requested information.

Concurrent care decisions: A "concurrent care decision" is a determination relating to the continuation/reduction of an ongoing course of treatment to be provided over a period of time or number of treatments. If Tufts Health Plan has already approved an ongoing course of treatment for you and considers reducing or terminating the treatment, Tufts Health Plan will notify you sufficiently in advance of the reduction or termination of treatment to allow you to appeal the decision and obtain a determination before the treatment is reduced or terminated. If you request to extend an ongoing course of treatment that involves urgent care, Tufts Health Plan will respond to you within 24 hours after receipt of the request (provided that you make the request at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the ongoing course of treatment). If you reach the end of a pre-approved course of treatment before requesting additional services, the "pre-service" or "post-service" time limits will apply.

Pre-service claim: A "pre-service claim" is a claim that requires approval of the benefit in advance of obtaining the care. For pre-service claims, Tufts Health Plan will respond to you within 15 days after receipt of the claim\*. If Tufts Health Plan determines that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond our control, we will notify you within 15 days informing you of the circumstances requiring the extension and the date by which we expect to render a decision (up to an additional 15 days). If you make a pre-service claim, but do not submit enough information for Tufts Health Plan to make a

determination, we will notify you within 15 days and describe the information that you need to provide to Tufts Health Plan. You will have no less than 45 days from the date you receive the notice to provide the requested information.

## **PROCESSING OF CLAIMS FOR PLAN BENEFITS, continued**

### **Types of claims, continued**

**Post-service claim:** A "post-service claim" is a claim for payment for a particular service after the service has been provided. For post-service claims, we will respond to you within 30 days and describe the information that you need to provide to us. You will have no less than 45 days from the date you receive the notice to provide the requested information.

If your request for coverage is denied, you have the right to file an appeal. See Chapter 6 for information on how to file an appeal.

\* In accordance with Massachusetts law, Tufts Health Plan will make an initial determination regarding a proposed admission, procedure, or service that requires such a determination within two working days of obtaining all necessary information.

## **STATEMENT OF RIGHTS UNDER THE NEWBORNS' AND MOTHERS' HEALTH PROTECTION ACT**

Note: Applies to Group Contracts only.

Under federal law, group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage generally may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a delivery by cesarean section. However, the plan or issuer may pay for a shorter stay if the attending provider (e.g., your physician, nurse midwife, or physician assistant), after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under federal law, plans or issuers may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48-hour (or 96-hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

In addition, a plan or issuer may not, under federal law, require that a physician or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay or up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, to use certain providers or facilities, you may be required to provide notification to Tufts Health Plan. For information on notification requirements, contact your plan administrator.

## **FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF 1993**

### **Note: The Family and Medical Leave Act only applies to groups with 50 or more employees**

Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), if an employee meets the eligibility requirements, that employee is legally allowed to take up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave during any 12-month period for one or more of the following reasons:

- for the birth and care of the newborn child of the employee;
- for placement with the employee of a son or daughter for adoption or foster care;
- to care for an immediate family member (spouse, child, or parent) with a serious health condition; or
- to take medical leave when the employee is unable to work because of a serious health condition.

The FMLA was amended to add two new leave rights related to military service, effective January 16, 2009:

- **Qualifying Exigency Leave:** Eligible employees are entitled to up to 12 weeks of leave because of “any qualifying exigency” due to the fact that the spouse, son, daughter or parent of the employee is on active duty, or has been notified of an impending call to active duty status, in support of a contingency operation. Effective October 28, 2009, deployment to a foreign country was added as a requirement for exigency leave.
- **Military Caregiver Leave:** An eligible employee who is the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of a covered servicemember who is recovering from a serious illness or injury sustained in the line of duty on active duty is entitled up to 26 weeks of leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember. The employee is entitled to a combined total of 26 weeks for all types of FMLA leave in the single 12-month period. Effective March 8, 2013, the definition of “covered service member” was expanded to include certain veterans.

In order to be eligible, the employee must have worked for his or her employer for a total of 12 months and worked at least 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months.

A covered employer is required to maintain group health insurance coverage for an employee on FMLA leave whenever such insurance was provided before the leave was taken and on the same terms as if the employee had continued to work. If applicable, arrangements will need to be made for employees to pay their share of health insurance premiums while on leave. In some instances, the employer may recover premiums it paid to maintain health coverage for an employee who fails to return to work from FMLA leave.

An employee should contact his or her employer for details about FMLA and to make payment arrangements, if applicable. Additional information is also available from the U.S. Department of Labor (1-866-487-9243, TTY: 1-877-899-5627 or <http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/posters.fmlaen.pdf>).

## **PATIENT PROTECTION DISCLOSURE**

This plan generally requires the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact Member Services or see our website.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from Tufts Health Plan or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology, contact Member Services or see our website.

# NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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

Tufts Health Plan is committed to safeguarding the privacy of our members' protected health information ("PHI"). PHI is information which:

- identifies you (or can reasonably be used to identify you); and
- relates to your physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to you or the payment for that care.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your PHI and to provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your PHI. This Notice of Privacy Practices describes how we may collect, use, and disclose your PHI, and your rights concerning your PHI. This Notice applies to all members of Tufts Health Plan's insured health benefit plans (including HMO plans; Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred plans; and insured POS and PPO plans. It also applies to all members of health plans insured by Tufts Insurance Company (a Tufts Health Plan affiliate)). It does not apply to products offered by Tufts Health Public Plans. Unless your employer has notified you otherwise, this Notice of Privacy Practices also applies to all members of self-insured group health plans that are administered by a Tufts Health Plan entity.

## How We Obtain PHI

As a managed care plan, we engage in routine activities that result in our being given PHI from sources other than you. For example, health care providers - such as physicians and hospitals - submit claim forms containing PHI to enable us to pay them for the covered health care services they have provided to you.

## How We Use and Disclose Your PHI

We use and disclose PHI in a number of ways to carry out our responsibilities as a managed care plan. The following describes the types of uses and disclosures of PHI that federal law permits us to make without your specific authorization:

- **Treatment:** We may use and disclose your PHI to health care providers to help them treat you. For example, our care managers may disclose PHI to a home health care agency to make sure you get the services you need after discharge from a hospital.
- **Payment Purposes:** We use and disclose your PHI for payment purposes, such as paying doctors and hospitals for covered services. Payment purposes also include activities such as: determining eligibility for benefits; reviewing services for medical necessity; performing utilization review; obtaining premiums; coordinating benefits; subrogation; and collection activities.
- **Health Care Operations:** We use and disclose your PHI for health care operations. For example, this includes: population-based activities relating to improving health or reducing health care costs; coordinating/managing care; assessing and improving the quality of health care services; reviewing coordinating/managing care; assessing and improving the quality of health care services; reviewing the qualifications and performance of providers; reviewing health plan performance; conducting medical reviews; and resolving grievances. It also includes business activities such as: underwriting; rating; placing or replacing coverage; determining coverage policies; business planning; obtaining reinsurance; arranging for legal and auditing services (including fraud and abuse detection programs); and obtaining accreditations and licenses. We do not use or disclose PHI that is genetic information for underwriting purposes.
- **Health and Wellness Information:** We may use or disclose your PHI so that you may be contacted with information about: appointment reminders; treatment alternatives; therapies; health care providers; settings of care; or other health-related benefits, services and products that may be of interest to you. For example, you may receive information about smoking cessation or weight management programs, or we might send a mailing to subscribers approaching Medicare eligible age with materials describing our senior products and an application form..

- **Organizations That Assist Us:** In connection with treatment, payment and health care operations, we may share your PHI with our affiliates and third party "business associates" that perform activities for us or on our behalf, for example, our pharmacy benefit manager. We will obtain assurances from our business associates that they will appropriately safeguard your information.
- **Plan Sponsors:** If you are enrolled in Tufts Health Plan through your current or former place of work, you are enrolled in a group health plan. We may disclose PHI to the group health plan's plan sponsor - usually your employer - for plan administration purposes. A plan sponsor of an insured health benefit plan must certify that it will protect the PHI in accordance with law.
- **Public Health and Safety; Health Oversight:** We may disclose your PHI: to a public health authority for public health activities, such as responding to public health investigations; when authorized by law, to appropriate authorities, if we reasonably believe you are a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence; when we believe in good faith that it is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to your or others' health or safety; or to health oversight agencies for certain activities such as: audits; disciplinary actions; and licensure activity.
- **Legal Process; Law Enforcement; Specialized Government Activities:** We may disclose your PHI: in the course of legal proceedings; in certain cases, in response to a subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process; to law enforcement officials for such purposes as responding to a warrant or subpoena; or for specialized governmental activities such as national security.
- **Research; Death; Organ Donation:** We may disclose your PHI to researchers, provided that certain established measures are taken to protect your privacy. We may disclose PHI, in certain instances, to coroners, medical examiners and in connection with organ donation.
- **Workers' Compensation:** We may disclose your PHI when authorized by workers' compensation laws.
- **Family and Friends:** We may disclose PHI to a family member, relative, or friend - or anyone else you identify - as follows: (i) when you are present prior to the use or disclosure and you agree; or (ii) when you are not present (or you are incapacitated or in an emergency situation) if, in the exercise of our professional judgment and in our experience with common practice, we determine that the disclosure is in your best interests. In these cases, we will only disclose the PHI that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your health care or payment related to your health care.
- **Personal Representatives:** Unless prohibited by law, we may disclose your PHI to your personal representative, if any. A personal representative is a person who has legal authority to act on your behalf regarding your health care or health care benefits. For example, an individual named in a durable power of attorney, or a parent or guardian of an unemancipated minor, are personal representatives.
- **Communications:** We will communicate information containing your PHI to the address or telephone number we have on record for the subscriber of your health benefits plan. Also, we may mail information containing your PHI to the subscriber. For example, communication regarding member requests for reimbursement may be addressed to the subscriber. We will not make separate mailings for enrolled dependents at different addresses, unless we are requested to do so and agree to the request. See below "Right to Receive Confidential Communications" for more information on how to make such a request.
- **Required by Law:** We may use or disclose your PHI when we are required to do so by law. For example, we must disclose your PHI to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request if they wish to determine whether we are in compliance with federal privacy laws.

If one of the above reasons does not apply, we will not use or disclose your PHI without your written permission ("authorization"). You may give us written authorization to use or disclose your PHI to anyone for any purpose. You may later change your mind and revoke your authorization in writing. However, your written revocation will not affect actions we've already taken in reliance on your authorization. Where state or other federal laws offer you greater privacy protections, we will follow those more stringent requirements. For example, under certain circumstances, records that contain information about: alcohol abuse treatment; drug abuse prevention or treatment; AIDS-related testing or treatment; or certain privileged communications, may not be disclosed without your written authorization. In addition, when applicable, we must have your written authorization before using or disclosing medical or treatment information for a member appeal. See below "Who to Contact for Questions or Complaints" if you would like more information.

## How We Protect PHI Within Our Organization

Tufts Health Plan protects oral, written and electronic PHI throughout our organization. We do not sell PHI to anyone. We have many internal policies and procedures designed to control and protect the internal security of your PHI. These policies and procedures address, for example, use of PHI by our employees. In addition, we train all employees about these policies and procedures. Our policies and procedures are evaluated and updated for compliance with applicable laws.

### Your Individual Rights

The following is a summary of your rights with respect to your PHI:

- **Right of Access to PHI:** You have the right to inspect and get a copy of most PHI Tufts Health Plan has about you, or a summary explanation of PHI if agreed to in advance by you. Requests must be made in writing and reasonably describe the information you would like to inspect or copy. If your PHI is maintained electronically, you will also have the right to request a copy in electronic format. We have the right to charge a reasonable cost-based fee for paper or electronic copies as established by state or federal law. Under certain circumstances, we may deny your request. If we do so, we will send you a written notice of denial describing the basis of our denial. You may request that we send a copy of your PHI directly to another person that you designate. Your request must be in writing, signed by you, and clearly identify the person and the address where the PHI should be sent.
- **Right to Request Restrictions:** You have the right to ask that we restrict uses or disclosures of your PHI to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations and disclosures to family members or friends. We will consider the request. However, we are not required to agree to it and, in certain cases, federal law does not permit a restriction. Requests may be made verbally or in writing to Tufts Health Plan.
- **Right to Receive Confidential Communications:** You have the right to ask us to send communications of your PHI to you at an address of your choice or that we communicate with you in a certain way. For example, you may ask us to mail your information to an address other than the subscriber's address. We will accommodate your request if: you state that disclosure of your PHI through our usual means could endanger you; your request is reasonable; it specifies the alternative means or location; and it contains information as to how payment, if any, will be handled. Requests may be made verbally or in writing to Tufts Health Plan.
- **Right to Amend PHI:** You have the right to have us amend most PHI we have about you. We may deny your request under certain circumstances. If we deny your request, we will send you a written notice of denial. This notice will describe the reason for our denial and your right to submit a written statement disagreeing with the denial. Requests must be in writing to Tufts Health Plan and must include a reason to support the requested amendment.
- **Right to Receive an Accounting of Disclosures:** You have the right to a written accounting of the disclosures of your PHI that we made in the last six years prior to the date you request the accounting. However, except as otherwise provided by law, this right does not apply to: (i) disclosures we made for treatment, payment or health care operations; (ii) disclosures made to you or people you have designated; (iii) disclosures you or your personal representative have authorized; (iv) disclosures made before April 14, 2003; and (v) certain other disclosures, such as disclosures for national security purposes. If you request an accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable fee. All requests for an accounting of disclosures must be made in writing to Tufts Health Plan.
- **Right to authorize other use and disclosure:** You have the right to authorize any use or disclosure of PHI that is not specified within this notice. For example, we would need your written authorization to use or disclose your PHI for marketing, for most uses or disclosures of psychotherapy notes, or if we intended to sell your PHI. You may revoke an authorization at any time, in writing, except to the extent that we have taken an action in reliance on the use or disclosure indicated in the authorization.
- **Right to receive a privacy breach notice:** You have the right to receive written notification if we discover a breach of your unsecured PHI, and determine through a risk assessment that notification is required.
- **Right to this notice:** You have a right to receive a paper copy of this Notice from us on request.



- **How to Exercise Your Rights:** To exercise any of the individual rights described above or for more information, please call a Member Services Representative at 1-800-462-0224 (TDD: 711) or write to:

Compliance Department  
Tufts Health Plan  
705 Mount Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02472-1508

#### **Effective Date of Notice**

This Notice takes effect October 1, 2015. We must follow the privacy practices described in this Notice while it is in effect. This Notice will remain in effect until we change it. This Notice replaces any other information you have previously received from us with respect to privacy of your medical information.

#### **Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices**

We may change the terms of this Notice at any time in the future and make the new Notice effective for all PHI that we maintain - whether created or received before or after the effective date for the new Notice. Whenever we make an important change, we will publish the updated Notice on our website. In addition, we will use one of our periodic mailings to inform subscribers about the updated Notice.

#### **Who to Contact for Questions or Complaints**

If you would like more information or a paper copy of this Notice, please contact a Member Services Representative at the number listed above. You can also download a copy from our website. If you believe your privacy rights may have been violated, you have a right to complain to Tufts Health Plan by calling the Privacy Officer at 1-800-208-9549 or writing to:

Privacy Officer  
Compliance Department  
Tufts Health Plan  
705 Mount Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02472-1508

You also have a right to complain to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

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# **Massachusetts Mental Health Parity Laws and The Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA)**

This is to inform you about your Tufts Health Plan benefits for mental/behavioral health and substance use disorder services.

Under both Massachusetts laws and federal laws, benefits for mental/behavioral health services and substance use disorder services must be comparable to benefits for medical/surgical services. This means that copays, coinsurance and deductibles for mental/behavioral health and substance use disorder services must be at the same level as those for medical/surgical services. Also, Tufts Health Plan's review and authorization of mental/behavioral health or substance use disorder services must be handled in a way that is comparable to the review and authorization of medical/surgical services.

If Tufts Health Plan makes a decision to deny or reduce authorization of a service, you will receive a letter explaining the reasons for the denial or reduction. At your request, Tufts Health Plan will send you or your provider a copy of the criteria used to make this decision.

If you think that Tufts Health Plan is not handling your benefits in accordance with this notification, you may file a complaint with the Division of Insurance (DOI) Consumer Services Section.

You may file a written complaint using the DOI's Insurance Complaint Form. You may request the form by phone or by mail or find it on the DOI's webpage at [www.mass.gov/ocabr/docs/doi/consumer/css-complaint-form.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/docs/doi/consumer/css-complaint-form.pdf).

You may also submit a complaint by phone by calling 877-563-4467 or 617-521-7794. If you submit a complaint by phone, you must follow up in writing and include your name and address, the nature of your complaint, and your signature authorizing the release of any information.

Filing a written complaint with the DOI is not the same as filing an appeal under your Tufts Health Plan coverage. You must also file an appeal with Tufts Health Plan in order to have a denial or reduction of coverage of a service reviewed. This may be necessary to protect your right to continued coverage of treatment while you wait for an appeal decision. Follow the appeal procedures outlined in your Tufts Health Plan benefit document for more information about filing an appeal.

## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Tufts Health Plan complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Tufts Health Plan does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Tufts Health Plan:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Member Services.

If you believe that Tufts Health Plan has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with:

Tufts Health Plan, Attention:

Civil Rights Coordinator Legal Dept.

705 Mount Auburn St. Watertown, MA 02472

Phone: 888.880.8699 ext. 48000, TTY number 800.439.2370 or 711

Fax: 617.972.9048

Email: [OCRCoordinator@tufts-health.com](mailto:OCRCoordinator@tufts-health.com).

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Tufts Health Plan Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue, SW

Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201

800.368.1019, 800.537.7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

## **Appendix C – Schedule II and III Opioid Medications**

Schedule II drugs are defined under Massachusetts law as drugs: (1) with a high potential for abuse; (2) with a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions; and (3) whose abuse may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.

Schedule III drugs are defined under Massachusetts law as drugs: (1) with a potential for abuse is less than the drugs in Schedules I and II; (2) that have a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States; and (3) whose abuse may lead to moderate or low physical dependence or high psychological dependence.

## Appendix C – Schedule II and III Opioid Medications

Effective January 1, 2021, the following opioid medications have been classified as Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substances by the state of Massachusetts. In accordance with Massachusetts law, if you are prescribed any of these medications and wish to have a quantity less than what was prescribed, no additional cost or penalty will be imposed on you. If the MEMBER fills a lesser quantity than is prescribed of a Schedule II opioid controlled substance, and then decides to fill the remainder of the original prescription at the same pharmacy within 30 days of the original prescription date, no additional COPAYMENT or other cost sharing will be applied. This list is subject to change throughout the year. Please call a Member Representative for the most current information about Schedule II and III medications covered by Tufts Health Plan.

### Schedule II medications

- acetaminophen/hydrocodone
- acetaminophen/oxycodone
- aspirin/oxycodone
- belladonna/opium suppositories
- brompheniramine/hydrocodone/phenylephrine
- brompheniramine/hydrocodone/pseudoephedrine
- chlorpheniramine polistirex/hydrocodone polistirex
- chlorpheniramine/hydrocodone
- chlorpheniramine/hydrocodone/phenylephrine
- chlorpheniramine/hydrocodone/pseudoephedrine
- codeine sulfate
- dexbrompheniramine/hydrocodone/phenylephrine
- dexchlorpheniramine/hydrocodone/phenylephrine
- diphenhydramine/hydrocodone/phenylephrine
- fentanyl
- guaifenesin/hydrocodone/phenylephrine
- guaifenesin/hydrocodone/pseudoephedrine
- hydrocodone
- hydrocodone ER
- hydrocodone/homatropine
- hydrocodone/ibuprofen
- hydrocodone/phenylephrine/pyrilamine
- hydrocodone/potassium guaiacolsulfonate
- hydrocodone/pseudoephedrine
- hydromorphone
- hydromorphone ER
- ibuprofen/oxycodone
- levorphanol tartrate
- meperidine
- meperidine/promethazine
- methadone
- morphine
- morphine ER
- morphine sulfate ER
- morphine/naltrexone
- naltrexone/oxycodone
- opium tincture
- oxycodone
- oxycodone ER
- oxymorphone
- oxymorphone ER
- tapentadol

### Schedule III medications

- acetaminophen/butalbital/caffeine/codeine
- acetaminophen/caffeine/dihydrocodeine
- acetaminophen/chlorpheniramine/codeine
- acetaminophen/codeine
- aspirin/butalbital/caffeine/codeine
- aspirin/caffeine/dihydrocodeine
- aspirin/carisoprodol/codeine
- aspirin/codeine
- brompheniramine/dihydrocodeine/pseudo-ephedrine
- chlorpheniramine/codeine
- codeine/guaifenesin
- codeine/guaifenesin/pseudoephedrine
- dihydrocodeine/guaifenesin
- dihydrocodeine/guaifenesin/phenylephrine
- dihydrocodeine/phenylephrine/pyrilamine