

**GRACE COTTAGE HOSPITAL
EMPLOYEE GROUP MEDICAL PLAN
AMENDMENT #7 TO THE
JANUARY 1, 2016 PLAN DOCUMENT AND SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION
EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 1, 2021**

This Plan is amended to include the following updates: extend telemedicine services to include coverage for e-Visits/virtual visits; revise the Medical Limitations and Exclusions, Coordination of Benefits and Third Party Recovery, Subrogation and Reimbursement Provisions sections to address payment and coordination of expenses incurred in connection with an automobile accident related to mandatory no-fault automobile insurance; and add provisions for continuation of coverage for state-mandated leave of absence. All references to the provisions below that appear in any part of the Plan Document or in any prior amendments are also hereby amended to be consistent with the changes described below.

The Plan Document and Summary Plan Description are hereby amended as follows:

SECTION V, MEDICAL BENEFITS, C. Covered Services, (10) Other Covered Services and Supplies, **Telemedicine services** is hereby **deleted** and **replaced** in its entirety with the following:

(10) Other Covered Services and Supplies

Telemedicine services

Medically Necessary telemedicine services for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation or treatment in the same manner as an in-person consultation between the Covered Person and the Provider. Telemedicine services are limited to the use of real-time interactive audio, video, or other electronic media telecommunications as a substitute for in-person consultation with Providers. Covered Services include:

(i) Telemedicine/telehealth visits

Interactive audio and video telecommunications system that permits real-time communication between a remote Provider and a Covered Person. Remote Providers who can furnish covered telehealth services (subject to state law) can include physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurse midwives, certified nurse anesthetists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, registered dietitians, and nutrition professionals

(ii) e-Visits/virtual visits

Non-face-to-face patient-initiated communications with a Covered Person's doctor(s) without going to the doctor's office by using online patient portals. E-visits/virtual visits are covered when the Provider has an established relationship with the Covered Person

SECTION VI, MEDICAL LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS is hereby amended by **adding** the following exclusion in its entirety:

Expenses incurred in connection with an automobile accident for which benefits payable hereunder are, or would be otherwise covered by, mandatory no-fault automobile insurance or any other similar type of personal injury insurance required by state or federal law, without regard to whether or not the Covered Person actually had such mandatory coverage. Any claims which arise in connection with an automobile accident for which the policy provides an option for medical coverage are excluded. Benefits will be excluded to the maximum amount of first party medical coverage available under the applicable state law, regardless of a Covered Person's election of lesser coverage. This exclusion does not apply if the injured Covered Person is a passenger in a non-family owned vehicle or a pedestrian.

SECTION VII, ELIGIBILITY, ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION, C. Participation, (1) Participation during Period of Leaves of Absence, Disability or Layoff; Leave of Absence under State-Mandated Family or Medical Leave is hereby **added** in its entirety as follows:

Leave of Absence under State-Mandated Family or Medical Leave

A covered Employee who is absent from work due to an approved state-mandated family or medical leave, may continue to participate in this Plan for a period up to the maximum permissible timeframe under the applicable state-mandated family or medical leave, subject to payment of the necessary contributions. If the Employee does not return to an Actively at Work status after the expiration of the leave or does not continue the necessary contributions, coverage under the Plan will be terminated and continuation of coverage under COBRA will be offered.

The above noted leave(s), with the exception of a Leave of Absence not meeting the definition of an FMLA Leave, do run concurrently with FMLA, USERRA or any State-mandated family or medical leave, and/or any other applicable leaves of absence.

SECTION VII, ELIGIBILITY, ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION, C. Participation, (3) Participation in Cases of Return to Work or Reemployment; Return from State Mandate Family or Medical Leave is hereby **added** in its entirety as follows:

Return from State-Mandated Family or Medical Leave

Participation in the Plan will begin immediately for any Covered Person who discontinued coverage during a leave of absence taken under a state-mandated family or medical leave by the Employee, provided the Employee returns to Actively at Work status before or immediately following the expiration of the state-mandated family or medical leave, and provided that the Employee is eligible for coverage upon return in accordance with the provisions of Section A of this Article, Eligibility.

SECTION VIII, COORDINATION OF BENEFITS is hereby **deleted** and **replaced** in its entirety with the following:

VIII. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

A. Maximum Benefits Under All Plans

If any Covered Person under this Plan also is covered under one or more Other Plans and the sum of the benefits payable under all the Plans exceeds the Covered Person's Eligible Charges during any Claim Determination Period, then the benefits payable under all the Plans involved will not exceed the Eligible Charges for such period as determined under this Plan. Benefits payable under any Other Plan are included, whether or not a claim has been made. For these purposes:

- (1) "Claim Determination Period" means a Calendar Year, and
- (2) "Eligible Charge" means any necessary, reasonable, and customary item of which at least a portion is covered under this Plan, but does not include:
 - (a) Charges specifically excluded from benefits under this Plan that also may be eligible under any Other Plans covering the Covered Person for whom the claim is made
 - (b) Charges related to retail or mail-order (if applicable) prescription drug claims which are administered by the Prescription Drug Manager for this Plan

B. Other Plan

“Other Plan” shall include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Any primary payer besides this Plan;
- (2) Any other group health plan;
- (3) Any other coverage or policy covering the Covered Person;
- (4) Any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage, including any similar coverage under a different name in a particular state;
- (5) Any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a responsible party;
- (6) Any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party;
- (7) Workers’ compensation or other liability insurance company; and
- (8) Any other source, including but not limited to crime victim restitution funds, any medical, disability or other benefit payments, and school insurance coverage.

C. Excess Insurance

If at the time of Injury, Illness, disease or disability there is available, or potentially available any other source of coverage (including but not limited to coverage resulting from a judgment at law or settlements), the benefits under this Plan shall apply only as an excess over such other sources of coverage.

The Plan’s benefits will be excess to, whenever possible, any of the following:

- (1) Any primary payer besides this Plan;
- (2) Any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage, including any similar coverage under a different name in a particular state;
- (3) Any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party;
- (4) Workers’ compensation or other liability insurance company; and
- (5) Any other source, including but not limited to crime victim restitution funds, any medical, disability or other benefit payments, and school insurance coverage.

D. Vehicle Limitation

When medical payments are available under any vehicle insurance, this Plan shall pay excess benefits only, without reimbursement for vehicle plan and/or policy deductibles. This Plan shall always be considered secondary to such plans and/or policies and will exclude benefits subject to the Exclusions and Limitations provisions set forth in this Plan up to the maximum amount available to the Covered Person under applicable state law, regardless of a Covered Person’s election of lesser coverage amount. This applies to all forms of medical payments under vehicle plans and/or policies regardless of their names, titles or classifications.

E. Determining Order of Payment

If a Covered Person is covered under two or more health plans, the order in which benefits are paid will be determined as follows:

- (1) The plan covering the Covered Person other than as an Eligible Dependent, for example as an Employee, member, subscriber, policyholder or retiree, pays benefits first. The plan covering the Covered Person as an Eligible Dependent pays benefits second.
- (2) If no plan is determined to have primary benefit payment responsibility under (1), then the plan that has covered the Covered Person for the longest period has the primary responsibility.
- (3) A plan that has no coordination of benefits provision will be deemed to have primary benefit payment responsibility.
- (4) The plan covering the parent of the Eligible Dependent child pays first if the parent's birthday (month and day of birth, not year) falls earlier in the year. The plan covering the parent of an Eligible Dependent child pays second if the parent's birthday falls later in the year.
- (5) In the event that the parents of the Eligible Dependent child are divorced or separated, the following order of benefit determination applies:
 - (a) The plan covering the parent with custody pays benefits first;
 - (b) If the parent with custody has not remarried, then the plan covering the parent without custody pays benefits second;
 - (c) If the parent with custody has remarried, then the plan covering the step-parent pays benefits second and the plan covering the parent without custody pays benefits third; and
 - (d) If a divorce decree or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction places the financial responsibility for the child's health care expenses on one of the parents, then the plan covering that parent pays benefits first.
- (6) The plan covering the Covered Person as an Employee (or as that Employee's Eligible Dependent) pays benefits first unless the Employee is laid-off or retired. The plan covering the Covered Person as a laid-off or retired Employee (or as a laid-off or retired Employee's Eligible Dependent) pays benefits second.
- (7) The plan covering a Covered Person as an Employee (or as an Eligible Dependent of the Employee) pays benefits first if such an individual is also being provided COBRA continuation coverage under any Other Plan, and such Other Plan pays benefits second for such an individual. Conversely, this Plan pays secondary benefits for any Employee who is provided COBRA continuation under this Plan and who also is covered simultaneously under the Other Plan as an Employee (or as an Eligible Dependent of an Employee). In the event of conflicting coordination provisions between this Plan and any Other Plan, this Plan will pay primary benefits for an individual only if this Plan has provided coverage for a longer period of time.

F. Facilitation of Coordination

For the purpose of Coordination of Benefits, the Claim Administrator:

- (1) May release to, or obtain from, any other insurance company or other organization or individual any claim information, and any individual claiming benefits under this Plan must furnish any information that the Plan Sponsor may require
- (2) May recover on behalf of this Plan any benefit overpayment from any other individual, insurance company, or organization
- (3) Has the right to pay to any other organization an amount it will determine to be warranted, if payments that should have been made by this Plan have been made by such organization

G. Persons Covered by Medicare

A Covered Person who becomes entitled to medical benefit coverage under Medicare shall remain eligible for benefits under this Plan on the same terms and conditions as any other Covered Person. This Plan will coordinate benefits with Medicare in accordance with the rules of the Medicare Secondary Payor (MSP) Program as promulgated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as may be amended from time to time. The Medicare Secondary Payor rules under Social Security Act §1862(b) (42 U.S.C. §1395y(b)(5)), as may be amended from time to time, and applicable Federal regulations are hereby incorporated by reference and shall supersede any inconsistent provision(s) of this Plan. These rules will determine when this Plan will be the primary payer of Covered Services and when Medicare will be the primary payer.

In the event that this Plan would otherwise be allowed (as in accordance with the Medicare Secondary Payor rules) to be a secondary payor of Covered Services for Covered Persons who are eligible for Medicare, but who have not applied for entitlement to Medicare Part A or Part B or who have applied for entitlement to Part A and/or Part B, but have chosen not to elect Part B, the Covered Person's benefits under this Plan will be determined on an assumptive basis, whereby benefits will be calculated as if Medicare provided reimbursement for the expenses being claimed.

H. Discrimination Against Older Participants Prohibited

This Plan will provide benefits for any Covered Person age 65 or older under the same terms and conditions that apply to a Covered Person who is under age 65.

I. Enrollment and Provision of Benefits without Regard to Medicaid Eligibility

In enrolling an Employee as a Covered Person or in determining or making any payments for benefits of an Employee as a Covered Person, the fact that the Employee is eligible for or is provided medical assistance under a state plan for medical assistance approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act will not be taken into account.

J. Plan Charges Covered by Medicaid or CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Plan)

This Plan will not reduce or deny benefits for any Covered Person to reflect the fact that such a Covered Person is eligible to receive medical assistance through Medicaid or CHIP.

K. Medicare and Medicaid Reimbursements

The Plan will reimburse the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or any successor government agency for the cost of any items and services provided by Medicare for any Covered Person that should have been borne by this Plan. Similarly, this Plan will reimburse any state Medicaid program for the cost of items and services provided under the state plan that should have been paid for by this Plan.

L. Right to Receive and Release Necessary Information

For the purposes of determining the applicability of and implementing the terms of this Section or any provision of similar purpose of any Other Plan, a Covered Person may be required to provide confirmation regarding any other health coverage the Covered Person may have and must furnish information regarding such coverage as may be necessary to implement this provision. Until confirmation regarding any other coverage is provided, payment of the Covered Person's claims under this Plan may be delayed and claims may be denied if confirmation is not received. In addition, the Employer, through its authorized administrator, may, without the consent of or notice to any person to the extent permitted by law, release to or obtain from any other insurance company or other organization or person any information, with respect to any person, which is deemed to be necessary for such purposes.

M. Facility of Payment

Whenever payments which should have been made under this Plan in accordance with this provision, have been made under any Other Plan, the Employer will have the sole right and discretion to pay over to any organizations making such other payments any amounts it will determine to be warranted in order to satisfy the intent of this provision, and amounts so paid will be deemed to be benefits paid under this Plan.

N. Right of Recovery

Whenever payments have been made by the Employer with respect to Covered Services in a total amount which is, at any time, in excess of the maximum amount of payment necessary at that time to satisfy the intent of this provision, the Employer will have the right to recover such payments to the extent of such excess from any persons to or for or with respect to whom such payments were made and any other insurance companies and any other organizations.

SECTION XII, THIRD PARTY RECOVERY, SUBROGATION AND REIMBURSEMENT PROVISIONS is hereby **deleted** and **replaced** in its entirety with the following:

XII. THIRD PARTY RECOVERY, SUBROGATION AND REIMBURSEMENT PROVISIONS

A. Payment Condition

- (1) The Plan, in its sole discretion, may elect to conditionally advance payment of medical benefits in those situations where an Injury, Illness, disease or disability is caused in whole or in part by, or results from the acts or omissions of a Covered Person, and/or their Dependents, beneficiaries, estate, heirs, guardian, personal representative, or assigns (collectively referred to hereinafter in this section as "Covered Person(s)") or a third party, where any party besides the Plan may be responsible for expenses arising from an incident, and/or funds are available, including but not limited to no-fault, uninsured motorist, underinsured motorist, medical payment provisions, third party assets, third party insurance, and/or guarantor(s) of a third party (collectively "Coverage").
- (2) Covered Person(s), his or her attorney, and/or legal guardian of a minor or incapacitated individual agrees that acceptance of the Plan's conditional payment of medical benefits is constructive notice of these provisions in their entirety and agrees to maintain one hundred percent (100%) of the Plan's conditional payment of benefits or the full extent of payment from any one or combination of first and third party sources in trust, without disruption except for reimbursement to the Plan or the Plan's assignee. The Plan shall have an equitable lien on any funds received by the Covered Person(s) and/or their attorney from any source and said funds shall be held in trust until such time as the obligations under this provision are fully satisfied. The Covered Person(s) agrees to include the Plan's name as a co-payee on any and all settlement drafts. Further, by accepting benefits the Covered Person(s) understands that any recovery obtained pursuant to this section is an asset of the Plan to the extent of the amount of benefits paid by the Plan and that the Covered Person(s) shall be a trustee over those Plan assets.
- (3) In the event a Covered Person(s) settles, recovers, or is reimbursed by any Coverage, the Covered Person(s) agrees to reimburse the Plan for all benefits paid or that will be paid by the Plan on behalf of the Covered Person(s). When such a recovery does not include payment for future treatment, the Plan's right to reimbursement extends to all benefits paid or that will be paid by the Plan on behalf of the Covered Person(s) for charges Incurred up to the date such Coverage or third party is fully released from liability, including any such charges not yet submitted to the Plan. If the Covered Person(s) fails to reimburse the Plan out of any judgment or settlement received, the Covered Person(s) will be responsible for any and all expenses (fees and costs) associated with the Plan's attempt to recover such money. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Plan from claiming reimbursement for charges Incurred after the date of settlement if such recovery provides for consideration of future medical expenses.

- (4) If there is more than one party responsible for charges paid by the Plan, or may be responsible for charges paid by the Plan, the Plan will not be required to select a particular party from whom reimbursement is due. Furthermore, unallocated settlement funds meant to compensate multiple injured parties of which the Covered Person(s) is only one or a few, that unallocated settlement fund is considered designated as an “identifiable” fund from which the Plan may seek reimbursement.

B. Subrogation

- (1) As a condition to participating in and receiving benefits under this Plan, the Covered Person(s) agrees to assign to the Plan the right to subrogate and pursue any and all claims, causes of action or rights that may arise against any person, corporation and/or entity and to any Coverage to which the Covered Person(s) is entitled, regardless of how classified or characterized, at the Plan’s discretion, if the Covered Person(s) fails to pursue said rights and/or obligations.
- (2) If a Covered Person(s) receives or becomes entitled to receive benefits, an automatic equitable lien attaches in favor of the Plan to any claim, which any Covered Person(s) may have against any Coverage and/or party causing the Injury, Illness, disease or disability to the extent of such conditional payment by the Plan plus reasonable costs of collection. The Covered Person(s) is obligated to notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any settlement prior to finalization of the settlement, execution of a release, or receipt of applicable funds. The Covered Person(s) is also obligated to hold any and all funds so received in trust on the Plan’s behalf and function as a trustee as it applies to those funds until the Plan’s rights described herein are honored and the Plan is reimbursed.
- (3) The Plan may, at its own discretion, in its own name or in the name of the Covered Person(s) commence a proceeding or pursue a claim against any party or Coverage for the recovery of all damages to the full extent of the value of any such benefits or conditional payments advanced by the Plan.
- (4) If the Covered Person(s) fails to file a claim or pursue damages against:
- (a) The responsible party, its insurer, or any other source on behalf of that party;
 - (b) Any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage, including any similar coverage under a different name in a particular state;
 - (c) Any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party;
 - (d) Worker’s compensation or other liability insurance company; and/or,
 - (e) Any other source, including but not limited to crime victim restitution funds, any medical, disability or other benefit payments, and school insurance coverage;

the Covered Person(s) authorizes the Plan to pursue, sue, compromise and/or settle any such claims in the Covered Person(s)’ and/or the Plan’s name and agrees to fully cooperate with the Plan in the prosecution of any such claims. The Covered Person(s) assigns all rights to the Plan or its assignee to pursue a claim and the recovery of all expenses from any and all sources listed above.

C. Right of Reimbursement

- (1) The Plan shall be entitled to recover 100% of the benefits paid or payable benefits Incurred, that have been paid and/or will be paid by the Plan, or were otherwise Incurred by the Covered Person(s) prior to and until the release from liability of the liable entity, as applicable, without deduction for attorneys’ fees and costs or application of the common fund doctrine, make whole doctrine, or any other similar legal or equitable theory, and without regard to whether the Covered Person(s) is fully compensated by his/her recovery from all sources. The Plan shall have an equitable lien which

supersedes all common law or statutory rules, doctrines, and laws of any State prohibiting assignment of rights which interferes with or compromises in any way the Plan's equitable lien and right to reimbursement. The obligation to reimburse the Plan in full exists regardless of how the judgment or settlement is classified and whether or not the judgment or settlement specifically designates the recovery or a portion of it as including medical, disability, or other expenses and extends until the date upon which the liable party is released from liability. If the Covered Person's(s)' recovery is less than the benefits paid, then the Plan is entitled to be paid all of the recovery achieved. Any funds received by the Covered Person(s) are deemed held in constructive trust and should not be dissipated or disbursed until such time as the Covered Person's(s)' obligation to reimburse the Plan has been satisfied in accordance with these provisions. The Covered Person(s) is also obligated to hold any and all funds so received in trust on the Plan's behalf and function as a trustee as it applies to those funds until the Plan's rights described herein are honored and the Plan is reimbursed.

- (2) No court costs, experts' fees, attorneys' fees, filing fees, or other costs or expenses of litigation may be deducted from the Plan's recovery without the prior, expressed written consent of the Plan.
- (3) The Plan's right of subrogation and reimbursement will not be reduced or affected as a result of any fault or claim on the part of the Covered Person(s), whether under the doctrines of causation, comparative fault or contributory negligence, or other similar doctrine in law. Accordingly, any lien reduction statutes, which attempt to apply such laws and reduce a subrogating Plan's recovery will not be applicable to the Plan and will not reduce the Plan's reimbursement rights.
- (4) These rights of subrogation and reimbursement shall apply without regard to whether any separate written acknowledgment of these rights is required by the Plan and signed by the Covered Person(s).
- (5) This provision shall not limit any other remedies of the Plan provided by law. These rights of subrogation and reimbursement shall apply without regard to the location of the event that led to or caused the applicable Injury, disease or disability

D. Covered Person is a Trustee Over Plan Assets

- (1) Any Covered Person(s) who receives benefits and is therefore subject to the terms of this section is hereby deemed a recipient and holder of Plan assets and is therefore deemed a trustee of the Plan solely as it relates to possession of any funds which may be owed to the Plan as a result of any settlement, judgment or recovery through any other means arising from any Injury, Illness, disease or disability. By virtue of this status, the Covered Person(s) understands that he/she is required to:
 - (a) Notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any settlement prior to finalization of the settlement, execution of a release, or receipt of applicable funds;
 - (b) Instruct his/her attorney to ensure that the Plan and/or its authorized representative is included as a payee on all settlement drafts;
 - (c) In circumstances where the Covered Person(s) is not represented by an attorney, instruct the insurance company or any third party from whom the Covered Person(s) obtains a settlement, judgment or other source of Coverage to include the Plan or its authorized representative as a payee on the settlement draft; and,
 - (d) Hold any and all funds so received in trust, on the Plan's behalf, and function as a trustee as it applies to those funds, until the Plan's rights described herein are honored and the Plan is reimbursed.
- (2) To the extent the Covered Person(s) disputes this obligation to the Plan under this section, the Covered Person(s) or any of his/her agents or representatives is also required to hold any/all settlement funds, including the entire settlement if the settlement is less than the Plan's interests, and

without reduction in consideration of attorneys' fees, for which he/she exercises control, in an account segregated from their general accounts or general assets until such time as the dispute is resolved.

- (3) No Covered Person(s), beneficiary, or the agents or representatives thereof, exercising control over Plan assets and incurring trustee responsibility in accordance with this section will have any authority to accept any reduction of the Plan's interest on the Plan's behalf.

E. Release of Liability

The Plan's right to reimbursement extends to any incident related care that is received by the Covered Person(s) (Incurred) prior to the liable party being released from liability. The Covered Person's/Covered Persons' obligation to reimburse the Plan is therefore tethered to the date upon which the claims were Incurred, not the date upon which the payment is made by the Plan. In the case of a settlement, the Covered Person has an obligation to review the "lien" provided by the Plan and reflecting claims paid by the Plan for which it seeks reimbursement, prior to settlement and/or executing a release of any liable or potentially liable third party, and is also obligated to advise the Plan of any incident related care Incurred prior to the proposed date of settlement and/or release, which is not listed but has been or will be Incurred, and for which the Plan will be asked to pay.

F. Excess Insurance

If at the time of Injury, Illness, disease or disability there is available, or potentially available any Coverage (including but not limited to Coverage resulting from a judgment at law or settlements), the benefits under this Plan shall apply only as an excess over such other sources of Coverage, except as provided for under the Plan's Coordination of Benefits section. The Plan's benefits shall be excess to any of the following:

- (1) The responsible party, its insurer, or any other source on behalf of that party;
- (2) Any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal Injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage under a different name in a particular state;
- (3) Any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party;
- (4) Worker's compensation or other liability insurance company; or
- (5) Any other source, including but not limited to crime victim restitution funds, any medical, disability or other benefit payments, and school insurance coverage.

G. Separation of Funds

Benefits paid by the Plan, funds recovered by the Covered Person(s), and funds held in trust over which the Plan has an equitable lien exist separately from the property and estate of the Covered Person(s), such that the death of the Covered Person(s), or filing of bankruptcy by the Covered Person(s), will not affect the Plan's equitable lien, the funds over which the Plan has a lien, or the Plan's right to subrogation and reimbursement.

H. Wrongful Death

In the event that the Covered Person(s) dies as a result of his or her Injuries and a wrongful death or survivor claim is asserted against a third party or any Coverage, the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights shall still apply, and the entity pursuing said claim shall honor and enforce these Plan rights and terms by which benefits are paid on behalf of the Covered Person(s) and all others that benefit from such payment.

I. Obligations

- (1) It is the Covered Person(s)' obligation at all times, both prior to and after payment of medical benefits by the Plan:

- (a) To cooperate with the Plan, or any representatives of the Plan, in protecting its rights, including discovery, attending depositions, and/or cooperating in trial to preserve the Plan's rights;
 - (b) To provide the Plan with pertinent information regarding the Injury, Illness, disease, or disability, including accident reports, settlement information and any other requested additional information;
 - (c) To take such action and execute such documents as the Plan may require to facilitate enforcement of its subrogation and reimbursement rights;
 - (d) To do nothing to prejudice the Plan's rights of subrogation and reimbursement;
 - (e) To promptly reimburse the Plan when a recovery through settlement, judgment, award or other payment is received;
 - (f) To notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any incident related claims or care which may be not identified within the lien (but has been Incurred) and/or reimbursement request submitted by or on behalf of the Plan;
 - (g) To notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any settlement prior to finalization of the settlement;
 - (h) To not settle or release, without the prior consent of the Plan, any claim to the extent that the Covered Person(s) may have against any responsible party or Coverage;
 - (i) To instruct his/her attorney to ensure that the Plan and/or its authorized representative is included as a payee on any settlement draft;
 - (j) In circumstances where the Covered Person(s) is not represented by an attorney, instruct the insurance company or any third party from whom the Covered Person(s) obtains a settlement to include the Plan or its authorized representative as a payee on the settlement draft; and
 - (k) To make good faith efforts to prevent disbursement of settlement funds until such time as any dispute between the Plan and Covered Person(s) over settlement funds is resolved.
- (2) If the Covered Person(s) and/or his or her attorney fails to reimburse the Plan for all benefits paid, to be paid, Incurred, or that will be Incurred, prior to the date of the release of liability from the relevant entity, as a result of said Injury, Illness, disease or disability, out of any proceeds, judgment or settlement received, the Covered Person(s) will be responsible for any and all expenses (whether fees or costs) associated with the Plan's attempt to recover such money from the Covered Person(s).
- (3) The Plan's rights to reimbursement and/or subrogation are in no way dependent upon the Covered Person(s)' cooperation or adherence to these terms.

J. Offset

If timely repayment is not made, or the Covered Person(s) and/or his/her attorney fails to comply with any of the requirements of the Plan, the Plan has the right, in addition to any other lawful means of recovery, to deduct the value of the Covered Person(s)' amount owed to the Plan. To do this, the Plan may refuse payment of any future medical benefits and any funds or payments due under this Plan on behalf of the

Covered Person(s) in an amount equivalent to any outstanding amounts owed by the Covered Person(s) to the Plan. This provision applies even if the Covered Person(s) has disbursed settlement funds.

K. Minor Status

- (1) In the event the Covered Person(s) is a minor as that term is defined by applicable law, the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian shall cooperate in any and all actions by the Plan to seek and obtain requisite court approval to bind the minor and his or her estate insofar as these subrogation and reimbursement provisions are concerned.
- (2) If the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian fail to take such action, the Plan shall have no obligation to advance payment of medical benefits on behalf of the minor. Any court costs or legal fees associated with obtaining such approval shall be paid by the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian.

L. Language Interpretation

The Plan Administrator retains sole, full and final discretionary authority to construe and interpret the language of this provision, to determine all questions of fact and law arising under this provision, and to administer the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights with respect to this provision. The Plan Administrator may amend the Plan at any time without notice.

M. Severability


In the event that any section of this provision is considered invalid or illegal for any reason, said invalidity or illegality shall not affect the remaining sections of this provision and Plan. The section shall be fully severable. The Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid or illegal sections had never been inserted in the Plan.


N. Definitions

For purposes of this Article XII, the following words and phrases will have the following meanings when used in the Plan under this Article XII, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context.

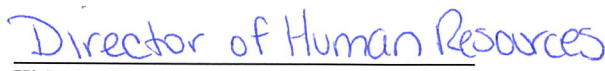
Incurred - Covered Services are "Incurred" on the date the service is rendered or the supply is obtained. With respect to a course of treatment or procedure which includes several steps or phases of treatment, Covered Services are Incurred for the various steps or phases as the services related to each step are rendered and not when services relating to the initial step or phase are rendered. More specifically, Covered Services for the entire procedure or course of treatment are not Incurred upon commencement of the first stage of the procedure or course of treatment.


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