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# MedImpact Summary Plan Description (SPD) January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

This Summary Plan Description (SPD) outlines the basic features of the Plan and how it operates to help you receive the maximum advantage from your pharmacy benefit.

### **About MedImpact and Contact Info**

The prescription drug program for Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) Plan participants is administered by MedImpact and its affiliates. This is a summary of the key parts of the Plan. You may contact MedImpact toll free at: (888) 728-5056, visit the MedImpact website at <a href="https://www.medimpact.com/jpia">www.medimpact.com/jpia</a>, or utilize the MedImpact mobile app for more details about the applicable copays and drug coverages under your Plan benefits.

This SPD provides an explanation of your benefits, limitations, and other plan provisions which apply to you.

### Eligibility

Members of the following ACWA JPIA sponsored Anthem medical plans are eligible for prescription coverage under this Plan: Classic PPO, Advantage PPO, and Consumer Driven Health Plan. Eligibility for coverage is defined in the plan documents for the corresponding medical plans, and in member employer policies.

### **How to Fill Prescriptions**

You have multiple ways to fill your prescriptions depending on your medication needs.

### **Retail Pharmacy Benefit**

For covered prescription drugs obtained at an in-network retail pharmacy, the Plan will provide coverage for up to a thirty (30) day supply per dispensing (standard supply), subject to the cost share listed in the copay grid below.

#### **Maintenance Drugs:**

After two (2) 30-day supply retail fills of maintenance drugs, subsequent refills must be obtained as follows:

- Birdi (MedImpact's mail order pharmacy)
- Costco
- Walmart
- Sam's Club
- Albertsons
- Safeway
- Ralphs
- Vons
- Pavilions

Maintenance drug refills through the pharmacies above are up to a ninety (90) day supply for two (2) times the retail copay.

### **Mail Order Pharmacy Benefit**

The Plan utilizes Birdi as the mail order pharmacy. To set up mail-order services, visit <a href="www.medimpact.com/jpia">www.medimpact.com/jpia</a> or call (855) 873-8739 for assistance. The Anthem Classic PPO plan, Advantage PPO plan, and Consumer Driven Health



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Plan will provide coverage for up to a ninety (90) day supply per dispensing (standard mail order supply), subject to the cost share listed in the copay grid below.

### **Specialty Pharmacy Benefit**

The Plan utilizes MedImpact Direct Specialty as the specialty pharmacy. To set up specialty services visit <a href="https://www.medimpact.com/jpia">www.medimpact.com/jpia</a> or call (877) 391-1103 for assistance. The Anthem Classic PPO plan, Advantage PPO plan, and Consumer Driven Health Plan will provide coverage for up to a thirty (30) day supply per dispensing (standard supply), subject to the cost share listed in the copay grid below.

# What You Will Pay Copay Grid

#### **CLASSIC PPO**

|  | What You Will Pay   |                                       |   |                |  |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Copay Grid   | Retail Pharmacy   |                                       | Home Delivery or Maintenance Medications at Costco, Walmart or Sam's Club |                | Limitations,<br>Exceptions,<br>and Other |
|  | In-Network  | Out-of-Network<br>DMR Retail<br>only* | In-Network  | Out-of-Network | Important<br>Information                 |
| Calendar Year<br>Pharmacy Deductible                             | None  |                                       |   |                |  |
| Calendar Year Pharmacy Out of Pocket Maximum Member Family       | \$5,350<br>\$10,200   | None                                  | \$5,350<br>\$10,200   | None           |  |
| ACA Preventive Drugs   | \$0 copay   | 50%<br>(\$250 Max)                    | \$0 copay   | Not Covered    | See Formulary<br>document                |
| Generic Drugs  | \$5 copay   | \$5 + 50%<br>(\$250 Max)              | \$10 copay  |                |  |
| Brand Name<br>Formulary Drugs                                    | \$20 copay  | \$20 + 50%<br>(\$250 Max)             | \$40 copay  |                |  |
| Brand Name Non-<br>Formulary                                     | \$50 copay  | \$50 + 50%<br>(\$250 Max)             | \$100 copay   |                |  |
| Specialty Drugs<br>30-day supply limit<br>Home delivery required | Must process<br>through<br>MedImpact<br>Direct<br>Specialty | Not Covered                           | Generic: \$5 Brand: 20% coinsurance up to \$100 per prescription          |                |  |

<sup>\*</sup>At Out-of-Network Pharmacies, you are responsible for the amount in excess of the maximum allowed amount.



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### What You Will Pay Copay Grid

### **ADVANTAGE PPO**

|  | What You Will Pay   |                                       |   |                |  |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Copay Grid   | Retail Pharmacy   |                                       | Home Delivery or Maintenance Medications at Costco, Walmart or Sam's Club |                | Limitations,<br>Exceptions,<br>and Other |
|  | In-Network  | Out-of-Network<br>DMR Retail<br>only* | In-Network  | Out-of-Network | Important<br>Information                 |
| Calendar Year<br>Pharmacy Deductible                       | None  |                                       |   |                |  |
| Calendar Year Pharmacy Out of Pocket Maximum Member Family | \$3,600<br>\$7,200  | None                                  | \$3,600<br>\$7,200  | None           |  |
| ACA Preventive Drugs                                       | \$0 copay   | 50%<br>(\$250 Max)                    | \$0 copay   | Not Covered    | See Formulary<br>document                |
| Generic Drugs  | \$5 copay   | \$5 + 50%<br>(\$250 Max)              | \$10 copay  |                |  |
| Brand Name<br>Formulary Drugs                              | \$20 copay  | \$20 + 50%<br>(\$250 Max)             | \$40 copay  |                |  |
| Brand Name Non-<br>Formulary                               | \$50 copay  | \$50 + 50% (\$250<br>Max)             | \$100 copay   |                |  |
| Specialty Drugs<br>Home delivery required                  | Must process<br>through<br>MedImpact<br>Direct<br>Specialty | Not Covered                           | Generic: \$5 Brand: 20% coinsurance up to \$100 per prescription          |                |  |

<sup>\*</sup>At Out-of-Network Pharmacies, you are responsible for the amount in excess of the maximum allowed amount.



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# What You Will Pay Copay Grid

### **CONSUMER DRIVEN HEALTH PLAN (CDHP)**

|   |   | What Yo                               | u Will Pay  |                |  |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Copay Grid  | Retail Pharmacy   |                                       | Home Delivery or Maintenance Medications at Costco, Walmart or Sam's Club |                | Limitations,<br>Exceptions,<br>and Other |
|   | In-Network  | Out-of-Network<br>DMR Retail<br>only* | In-Network  | Out-of-Network | Important<br>Information                 |
| Calendar Year Medical + Pharmacy Deductible <sup>1</sup> (For members enrolled in a family plan, copays will apply once the full family deductible is met) Member Only Family | \$1,500<br>\$3,000  | \$1,500<br>\$3,000                    | \$1,500<br>\$3,000  | None           |  |
| Calendar Year Medical + Pharmacy Out of Pocket Maximum Member Only Family   | \$2,500<br>\$4,000  | \$2,500<br>\$4,000                    | \$2,500<br>\$4,000  | None           | G. F l.                                  |
| ACA Preventive Drugs  | \$0 copay   | 50%<br>(\$250 Max)                    | \$0 copay   |                | See Formulary document                   |
| Generic Drugs   | \$5 copay   | \$5 + 50%<br>(\$250 Max)              | \$10 copay  | Not Covered    |  |
| Brand Name<br>Formulary Drugs   | \$20 copay  | \$20 + 50%<br>(\$250 Max)             | \$40 copay  |                |  |
| Brand Name Non-<br>Formulary  | \$50 copay  | \$50 + 50%<br>(\$250 Max)             | \$100 copay   |                |  |
| Specialty Drugs<br>Home delivery required   | Must process<br>through<br>MedImpact<br>Direct<br>Specialty | Not Covered                           | Generic: \$5 Brand: 20% coinsurance up to \$100 per prescription          |                |  |

<sup>\*</sup>At Out-of-Network Pharmacies, you are responsible for the amount in excess of the maximum allowed amount.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Certain drugs on the MedImpact Safe Harbor Drug List may be purchased at the applicable tier copay without being subject to the plan deductible. Visit <a href="https://www.medimpact.com/jpia">www.medimpact.com/jpia</a> for more information.



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### **Brand Name Drugs and Generic Drugs**

A generic drug is a prescription drug that is marketed by one or more pharmaceutical companies under its non-proprietary name after its patent has expired. A brand name drug refers to a prescription drug that is marketed by one company under its proprietary name before or after its patent has expired.

If you elect to receive a brand-name drug, or if your prescriber requires that a brand-name drug be dispensed when a generic equivalent medication is available, you will pay the applicable brand co-payment plus the difference in cost between the brand and the generic medications. However, if your prescriber indicates on the prescription that a brand name drug must be dispensed when generic is available, you will only pay copay the brand co-payment.

Generic medications remain your lowest-cost choice — offering you the least expensive alternative without sacrificing safety and effectiveness. Generic drugs are safe and as effective as their brand-name counterparts, and they cost you less.

If you are taking a medication that is not on the preferred list, ask your doctor to consider prescribing a lower-cost generic or preferred brand-name drug. To find out which drugs are preferred log on to <a href="www.medimpact.com/jpia">www.medimpact.com/jpia</a> and select "Formulary Search" from the menu on the left side of the webpage.

#### **Brand Name Medication When a Generic is available**

For all plans administered by MedImpact, there will be a copay penalty applied subject to certain Dispense as Written (DAW) protocols described below:

Member DAW2: When a generic is available but the pharmacy dispenses the brand per the member's request, the plan member will pay the difference in cost between the brand discount and the generic discount. This applies to all retail and mail order prescriptions. The difference between the brand discount and the generic discount does not count toward the member's deductible (if applicable) or the Out-of-Pocket Maximum. The member is still responsible for the difference even after the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is met.

#### **Direct Member Reimbursement**

In the event the covered member does not present his or her identification card to the network pharmacy at the time of purchase, the covered member will be responsible for full payment for the medication(s). The member must then submit a Direct Member Reimbursement (DMR) form as directed by their Plan to request payment reimbursement.

Please contact MedImpact at (888) 728-5056, or log on to <a href="www.medimpact.com/jpia">www.medimpact.com/jpia</a> to obtain the DMR form for submission.

### MedImpact Essential Health Benefit (EHB) Zero Copay Medications

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), commonly known as healthcare reform, was signed into federal law in 2010. The PPACA established a package of items and services known as essential health benefits, which includes preventive services and medications. As of 2014, certain health plans are required to cover recommended preventive services and medications without charging a copayment, coinsurance or deductible at in network providers. MedImpact has developed a list of medications and coverage criteria to support preventive medication requirements based on the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to be covered under the pharmacy benefit.

Recommendations from USPSTF and the CDC can occur at any time and health plans have specified timelines to implement these recommendations to be compliant with federal law. Plans that meet the definition of a



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"grandfathered" plan are not subject to PPACA's Essential Health Benefit requirements. Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), plans are required to cover USPSTF preventive recommendations that have an A or B rating. In an on-going effort to remain compliant with healthcare reform requirements under the Affordable Care Act, MedImpact updates the list of medications and coverage criteria for preventive medications to be covered at zero-copay under the pharmacy benefit as needed.



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### **Out of Pocket Expenses**

There are two phases that your Plan will experience throughout the year as determined by reaching predetermined thresholds in your medical and pharmacy spending:

• Copayment phase: Once you have met your deductible, you pay the copayment amounts listed in the Copay Grid.

| PLAN                            | IN-NETWORK DEDUCTIBLE  | OUT-OF_NETWORK Retail DMR DED  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Anthem Classic PPO              | N/A  | N/A  |
| Anthem Advantage PPO            | N/A  | N/A  |
| Consumer Driven Health<br>Plan* | \$1,500 per member (Medical + Rx)<br>\$3,000 per family (Medical + Rx) | \$1,500 per member (Medical + Rx)<br>\$3,000 per family (Medical + Rx) |

| PLAN                           | IN-NETWORK OOP   | OUT-OF_NETWORK Retail DMR OOP  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Anthem Classic PPO             | \$5,350 per member (Rx Only)<br>\$10,200 per family (Rx Only)          | None   |
| Anthem Advantage PPO           | \$3,600 per member (Rx Only)<br>\$7,200 per family (Rx Only)           | None   |
| Consumer Driven Health<br>Plan | \$2,500 per member (Medical + Rx)<br>\$4,000 per family (Medical + Rx) | \$2,500 per member (Medical + Rx)<br>\$4,000 per family (Medical + Rx) |

• **100% Coverage Phase:** Once you have reached your medical and pharmacy out-of-pocket maximums your Plan pays 100% of eligible medical and prescription drug expenses for the rest of the benefit year.

<sup>\*</sup> Certain drugs on the MedImpact Safe Harbor Drug List may be purchased at the applicable tier copay without being subject to the plan deductible. Visit <a href="https://www.medimpact.com/jpia">www.medimpact.com/jpia</a> for more information.



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### **Website Information**

Access to additional Plan information and tools such as those listed below are accessible by visiting <a href="https://www.medimpact.com/jpia">www.medimpact.com/jpia</a>, or utilizing the MedImpact mobile app.

- Pharmacy Location Services: Find a participating pharmacy using the online pharmacy locator
- Drug Price Check: Identify which drugs are covered by your Plan, get an estimated cost before filling a
  prescription and compare estimated costs between generic and brand-name drugs
- Tracking Deductible: See current remaining Plan balances, up-to-date deductible limits
- Tracking Out-Of-Pocket Expenses: See current remaining Plan balances, up-to-date out-of-pocket expenses and maximum out-of-pocket expense limits

### **Benefit Coverage and Limitations**

The Formulary is a list of medications that are covered by your Plan; however, specific coverage and/or utilization limitations may apply. Members may have specific benefit exclusions, copayments or coverage considerations that are not reflected specifically in the Formulary. The Formulary applies only to outpatient drugs prescribed to members and does not apply to medications used in in-patient settings. The Plan's Formulary is updated periodically and subject to change, including but not limited to additional exclusions of drugs, additional restrictions on covered drugs, and replacement of covered brands drugs with generic drugs. If you have specific questions regarding your coverage or for the most current list of commonly covered drugs please contact MedImpact at (888) 728-5056.

#### **General Covered Drugs, including but not limited to:**

- Federal Legend Drugs
- State Restricted Drugs
- Anti-hemophilia Agents
- Diabetic Supplies
- Needles and Syringes
- Specialty Pharmacy Drugs
- Compounded Medications of which all ingredients are covered by the Plan
- ACA Preventive Medication Drug List (covered at 100%)
- Contraceptives Oral, Injectable, and Topical
- Drugs as required by Federal and State legislations
- Certain immunizations
- Smoking cessation products

**Quantity Limitations:** There may be quantity limits on certain medicines. Quantity limits are based on the FDA's recommended dosing guidelines for each medication and are reviewed regularly by the Plan to ensure clinical appropriateness. Limits are set to ensure safety and efficacy in the treatment of various health conditions. Requests for drug quantities above Plan limits require review and authorization by MedImpact.

**Prior Authorization (PA):** Prior Authorization may be required for certain prescription drugs (or the prescribed quantity of a particular Drug). Prior Authorization helps promote appropriate utilization and enforcement of guidelines for prescription drug benefit coverage. At the time you fill a prescription, the Network pharmacist is informed of the Prior Authorization requirement through the pharmacy's computer system. MedImpact uses pre-



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approved criteria. MedImpact may contact your Provider if additional information is required to determine whether Prior Authorization should be granted. MedImpact communicates the results of the decision to both you and your Provider.

If Prior Authorization is denied, you have the right to appeal. The provider, pharmacist or member may initiate an appeal by calling the phone number listed on the denial communication.

### **Medication Request (Prior Authorization) Process**

Depending upon Plan benefit design a medication request process may apply as follows:

- Coverage Exceptions: Drugs that are listed in the Formulary with associated Prior Authorization (PA) require
  evaluation prior to dispensing at a pharmacy. Each request will be reviewed on an individual member need
  basis. If the request does not meet the guidelines, the request for coverage of the prescription will not be
  approved and alternative therapy may be recommended.
- Obtaining Coverage: Coverage, questions or information about the medication request may be obtained by:
  - Faxing a completed Medication Request Form to MedImpact at (858) 790-7100
  - Contacting MedImpact at (888) 728-5056, and providing all of the necessary information requested.
     MedImpact will provide an authorization number, specific for the prescription drug, for all approved requests. Non-approved requests may be appealed. The prescriber must provide information to support the appeal. Prior Authorization is generally not available for prescription drugs that are specifically excluded by the benefit design

**Step Therapy:** A program in which the member must try one or more prerequisite drugs before the Step Therapy drug will be covered by the Plan. This is designed for people who regularly take prescription drugs to manage ongoing medical conditions.

#### **Example:**

- **Step 1 medications:** Generic drugs that have the same health benefits as higher-cost medications.
- **Step 2 medications:** Brand-name drugs recommended if a Step 1 medication does not work for you. Step 2 medications may cost you and your Plan more than Step 1 medications.

#### **Pharmacy Benefit Exclusions**

- Allergy sera
- Any drugs or medications, services and supplies that are not medically necessary as determined by MedImpact for the diagnosis, care or treatment of the illness or injury involved. This applies even if they are prescribed, recommended or approved by your licensed physician or dentist.
- Biological sera, blood, blood plasma, blood products or substitutes.
- Contraception: Over-the-counter contraceptive supplies including but not limited to: condoms, contraceptive
  foams, jellies and ointments; and Services associated with the prescribing, monitoring and/or administration
  of contraceptives.
- Over the Counter (OTC) medications or their equivalents, unless the individual's pharmacy benefit offers coverage of OTC medications
- Drugs specifically listed as not covered
- Any drug products used for cosmetic purposes
- Experimental drug products or any drug product used in an experimental manner
- Non self-administered injectable drug products unless otherwise specified in the Formulary listing

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- Foreign sourced drugs or drugs not approved by the United States Food & Drug Administration (FDA), except in certain cases of drug shortage, when allowed under the individual's pharmacy benefit
- Drugs provided by, or while the person is an inpatient in, any healthcare facility; or for any drugs provided on an outpatient basis in any such institution to the extent benefits are payable for it
- Drugs used for the purpose of weight gain or reduction, including but not limited to stimulants, preparations, foods or diet supplements, dietary regimens and supplements, food or food supplements, appetite suppressants and other medications.
- Food items: any food item, including infant formulas, nutritional supplements, vitamins, including prescription vitamins, medical foods and other nutritional items, even if it is the sole source of nutrition.
- Genetics: Any treatment, device, drug, or supply to alter the body's genes, genetic make-up, or the expression of the body's genes except for the correction of congenital birth defects.
- Immunization or immunological agents.
- Implantable drugs and associated devices.
- Injectables: Any charges for the administration or injection of prescription drugs or injectable insulin and other injectable drugs covered by MedImpact; Injectable agents, except insulin; Needles and syringes, except for diabetic needles and syringes; Injectable drugs if an alternative oral drug is available; For any refill of a designated self-injectable drug not dispensed by or obtained through the specialty pharmacy network.
- Prescription drugs, medications, injectables or supplies provided through a third party vendor contract with the contract holder.
- Prescription order filled prior to the effective date or after the termination date of coverage under this SPD.
- Prophylactic drugs for travel.
- Refills in excess of the amount specified by the prescription order. Before recognizing charges, MedImpact
  may require a new prescription or evidence as to need, if a prescription or refill appears excessive under
  accepted medical practice standards.
- Refills dispensed more than one year from the date the latest prescription order was written, or as otherwise permitted by applicable law of the jurisdiction in which the drug is dispensed.
- Drugs, services and supplies provided in connection with treatment of an occupational injury or occupational illness.
- Strength and performance: Drugs or preparations, devices and supplies to enhance strength, physical condition, endurance or physical performance, including performance enhancing steroids.
- Test agents except diabetic test agents.

### **Appeals of Adverse Benefit Determinations**

If an adverse benefit determination is rendered, in whole or in part, or a benefit denial is rendered on the member's claim, the member may file an appeal of that determination. The member's appeal of the adverse benefit determination can either be verbal or written and submitted to MedImpact within 180 days after the member receives notice of the adverse benefit determination..

If the adverse benefit determination is rendered with respect to an urgent Prior Authorization (PA) request, a healthcare professional with knowledge of the member's condition is always deemed to act as the member's representative.

If the member does not object to representation by a healthcare professional or authorizes the healthcare professional or another party to represent him/her to the conclusion of the appeal process, the member will have exhausted his/her opportunity to appeal the adverse benefit determination or benefit denial in the future. However, if the member does not authorize the healthcare professional to request an appeal on his/her behalf, the member may reject the representation and withdraw the appeal request.



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Any member representatives must be identified and their authority verified in accordance with MedImpact policy and procedures. There are no fees or costs charged to the member for any level of appeal conducted by MedImpact on behalf of ACWA JPIA.

The member's appeal should include the following information:

- Name of the person filing the appeal
- Pharmacy benefit identification number
- Date of birth
- Written statement of the issue(s) being appealed
- Drug name(s) being requested, and
- Written comments, documents, records or other information relating to the claim.

The member's appeal and supporting documentation may be mailed or faxed to:

MedImpact HealthCare Systems, Inc. Attn: Appeals Coordinator 10181 Scripps Gateway Ct. San Diego, CA 92131

OR

Fax: 858-790-6060

### **MedImpact's Review**

The review of a member's claim or appeal of an adverse benefit determination on behalf of ACWA JPIA will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines ACWA JPIA's pharmacy benefit plan and any related laws.

### Review of Adverse Benefit Determinations of Pre-Service Clinical Prior Authorizations

MedImpact will provide the first-level review of appeals of adverse benefit determination for pre-service clinical Prior Authorizations (PA). Such claims will be reviewed against pre-determined clinical criteria relevant to the drug or benefit being requested under ACWA JPIA's pharmacy benefit plan. If the member's first-level appeal is denied, the member may appeal the decision and request an additional second-level review. The second-level review will be conducted by an Independent Review Organization (IRO).

#### **Review of Administrative Denials**

MedImpact provides a single level of appeal for administrative denials. Upon receipt of such an appeal, MedImpact will review the member's request for a particular drug or benefit against the terms of the Plan, including preferred drug lists or formularies selected by the Plan.

### **Timing of Review**

Pre-Service Clinical Prior Authorization – MedImpact will make a decision on a first-level appeal of an adverse benefit determination rendered on a pre-service clinical Prior Authorization claim within 15 days after it receives the member's appeal. If MedImpact renders an adverse benefit determination on the first-level appeal of the pre-service clinical Prior Authorization claim, the member may appeal that decision by providing the information described above. A decision on the member's second-level appeal of the adverse benefit determination will be made (by the IRO) 45 days after the new appeal is received. If the member appeals an adverse benefit determination of an urgent care claim, a decision on such appeal will be made not more than 72 hours after the appeal request is received.



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- Administrative Denial Appeal MedImpact will make a decision on an appeal of an adverse benefit determination rendered on an administrative denial within 15 days after it receives such appeal
- Post Service Claim Appeal MedImpact will make a decision on an appeal of an adverse benefit determination rendered on a post-service claim within 30 days after it receives such appeal

### **Scope of Review**

During its pre-authorization review, first-level review of the appeal of a pre-service clinical Prior Authorization claim, or review of a post-service claim or administrative denial, MedImpact shall:

- Take into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the member relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination on the claim
- Follow reasonable procedures to verify the benefits determination is made in accordance with applicable Plan documents
- Follow reasonable procedures to ensure that the applicable Plan provisions are applied to the member in a manner consistent with how such provisions have been applied to other similarly situated members, and
- Provide a review that does not afford deference to the initial adverse benefit determination and is conducted by an individual other than the individual who made the initial adverse benefit determination (or a subordinate of such individual)

If a member appeals MedImpact's denial of a pre-service clinical claim and requests an additional second-level review by an IRO, the IRO shall:

- Consult with an appropriate healthcare professional who was not consulted in connection with the initial adverse benefit determination (nor a subordinate of such individual)
- Identify the healthcare professional, if any, whose advice was obtained on behalf of the Plan in connection with the adverse benefit determination, and
- Provide for an expedited review process for urgent care claims

### **Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination**

Following the review of a member's claim, MedImpact will notify the member of any adverse benefit determination in writing. (Decisions on urgent care claims will also be communicated by telephone.) This notice will include:

- The specific reason(s) for the adverse benefit determination
- References to pertinent Plan provisions on which the adverse benefit determination was based
- A statement that the member is entitled to receive, upon written request, free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim
- If an internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination, either a copy of the specific rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion will be provided free of charge upon written request, and
- If the adverse benefit determination is upheld by the IRO, either the IRO's explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the IRO's determination, applying the terms of the Plan to the member's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon written request.