# **Global Health Options**

# CIGNA CLOSE CARE<sup>SM</sup> POLICY RULES

Terms, General Exclusions, and Definitions relating to your plan.

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# **POLICY RULES**

Please read the Policy Rules along with your application, your Certificate of Insurance and your Customer Guide as they all form part of your contract between you and us.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



The *insurance* will be provided by:

Cigna Life Insurance Company of Europe S.A.–N.V. 52 Avenue de Cortenbergh 1000 Brussels Belgium

This policy is only offered to expatriates. Therefore, the policy will only cover the costs of treatment in a beneficiary's country of nationality in circumstances where the beneficiary is temporarily resident in their country of nationality. Such circumstances may not exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days in aggregate per period of cover, and the country of nationality must be within the area of coverage. See clause 17 for full details.

The area of coverage for this policy is restricted to your country of nationality and your country of habitual residence only, unless covered under the Out of Area Emergency cover *benefit*. See clause 10.6 for more details.

Please ensure *you* read through these terms, the *Customer Guide* and if necessary seek expert advice should *you* need to determine if this *policy* is appropriate for *you*.

If *you* do not fully understand the terms and conditions of this *policy*, then *you* should contact *us* within fourteen (14) days of the *start date* shown on *your Certificate of Insurance*. Please contact *our* Customer Care Team on +44 (0) 1475 788 182 who will be happy to answer any questions *you* have in relation to *your policy*.

You have a statutory right to cancel your policy within fourteen (14) days from the date of purchase or renewal of this policy, or from the date on which you receive these Policy Rules and your Customer Guide, if that date is later.

If *you* wish to cancel this *policy* and *we* have not paid a claim or made a *guarantee of payment, you* will receive a full refund of *your* premium. Alternatively, if *we* have paid a claim, or made a *guarantee of payment, we* will not refund any premium which has been paid. To cancel this *policy* within this fourteen (14) day period, please contact *our* Customer Care Team on +44 (0) 1475 788 182.

If *you* do not exercise *your* right to cancel this *policy*, it will continue in force and *you* will be required to make any premium payments that are due to *us*.

For *your* cancellation rights outside of the fourteen (14) day statutory cooling off period, please refer to clause 14 of this *policy*. Words and phrases in *itali*cs have the meanings given to them in section 3, 'Definitions'.

This *policy* does not replace any state health insurance scheme. *You* may wish to take appropriate advice before stopping contributions to any state health insurance scheme of which *you* are a member.

# SECTION 1: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS



# 1. Scope of cover

Subject to the terms, conditions, limits and exclusions set out in this *policy, Cigna* shall reimburse medical and related expenses relating to *treatment* provided within the *area of coverage* for *injury* and *sickness*. The *treatment* must occur during the *period of cover* and *deductibles, cost shares* and limits of cover may apply.

Please note, this *policy* is subject to a *Condition* limit. Please refer to clause 9.6 for full details.

# 2. Policy documents

These Policy Rules, your Certificate of Insurance and the Customer Guide constitute the entire contract between you and us. You should read these documents carefully.

# 3. Policy eligibility

*You* must be eighteen (18) years old or over to purchase this *policy*.

# 4. When does the cover begin?

#### 4.1

The cover will begin on the *start date* shown on the first *Certificate of Insurance* which *we* send to *you*. The renewal date will fall on this date each year.

# 4.2

If you choose to buy cover for any additional *beneficiaries*, their cover will begin on the *start date* shown on the first *Certificate of Insurance* on which they are listed.

# 4.3

Where there is a delay between your application and the initial start date of your policy and any information that you provided to us in your application changes during the period of delay, you must let us know. We reserve the right to cancel the policy or apply additional premiums or exclusions as a result of any material change to your state of health notified to us before the initial start date of the policy. If you fail to inform us of any change to your state of health during the period of delay, we may treat this as a misrepresentation, which could affect coverage under your policy or payment of claims.

# 5. When does the cover end?

# 5.1

This *policy* is an annual contract. This means that, unless it is terminated earlier or renewed, the cover will end one (1) year after the *start date*. For example, if the *start date* is 1 January, the final day of cover will be 31 December.

# 5.2

Cover will automatically end for any *beneficiary* if:

# 5.2.1

the *beneficiary* dies; or

# 5.2.2

the *policy* is terminated. The circumstances in which *you* or *we* can terminate the *policy* are explained in clause 14.

# 5.3

If you die, cover will end for all beneficiaries. If this happens, we will try to contact any other beneficiaries who are covered under this policy, and offer them the opportunity to continue the cover until the end date, with one of them taking over as policyholder. If the beneficiary does wish to continue the cover, they must respond, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date on which they receive our offer of cover, to confirm their acceptance. If they do not do so, all cover will end, and we will not make any payments in relation to treatment or services which are received on or after the date on which the cover ends.

#### 5.4

Except in the case of fraud, if this *policy* ends before the *end date* any premium which has been paid in relation to the period after cover has ended will be refunded to the extent that it does not relate to a period of time in which *we* have provided cover, so long as *we* have not paid any claim, or made any *guarantee of payment* during the *period of cover*.

If the *policy* ends before the *end date* and *we* have paid a claim or made a *guarantee of payment* during the *period of cover*, *you* will be liable for the remainder of any premiums in respect of the *policy* which are unpaid.

#### 6. How is the policy renewed?

#### 6.1

We may or may not offer you the opportunity to renew your policy. If we offer you the opportunity to renew your policy, we will write to you at least one (1) calendar month before the end date and ask you whether you want to renew the cover you currently have. We will also inform you of any changes to the premiums, definitions, benefits and terms and conditions which will apply on renewal.

# 6.2

If *you* choose to renew, *you* do not need to do anything, and *your* cover will be renewed

automatically for another twelve (12) months.

If you do not want to renew your cover, you must let us know at least seven (7) days before your policy end date. Renewal is subject to the definitions, benefits and terms and conditions of the Policy Rules in force at the time of renewal. If we are unable to renew your cover for the reasons detailed in clause 14.1, we will give you notice as described in clause 14.5. Any decision by Cigna not to renew shall not be based on your claims history or any condition suffered by any beneficiary.

# 6.3

If you do not renew your cover, any beneficiaries who have been covered under the policy can apply for their own cover. We will consider their applications individually, and inform them whether, and on what terms, we are willing to offer them such cover.

# 7. Additional beneficiaries

#### 7.1

You have the opportunity to include additional persons (e.g. family members) as *beneficiaries* to your *policy*. Please note that any additional *beneficiaries* will only be added at *our* absolute discretion.

# 7.2

In order for any additional *beneficiary* to be considered by *us* for inclusion in *your policy*, *you* must include those persons in *your application*. If *we* agree to cover them, *we* will include their names on *your Certificate of Insurance*. An additional premium may be payable and special exclusions in relation to the *policy* may be applied.

# 8. Can I add or remove beneficiaries part way through the period of cover?

# 8.1

Unless there has been a relevant *qualifying life event, you* may add or remove a *beneficiary* only when *you* are renewing the cover at the end of an annual *period of cover*. For example, if the *start date* shown on *your Certificate of Insurance* is 1 January, *you* may only add or remove a new *beneficiary* with effect from 1 January the following year.

# 8.2

If there has been a relevant *qualifying life event, you* may add or remove the other person involved in that *qualifying life event* as a *beneficiary* part way through the *period of cover*. If *you* would like to add a new *beneficiary* on this basis, *you* must send *us* a completed *application* for that person.

We will then tell you whether we will offer cover to that person and, if so, any special conditions or exclusions and any additional premium which would apply. Cover for the new *beneficiary* will begin from the date on which you confirm your acceptance.

We will send you an updated Certificate of Insurance to confirm that the new beneficiary has been added.

The *beneficiary's area of coverage* must be the same as the *policyholder's*, otherwise the *beneficiary* must take out a separate *policy*, or an alternative *Cigna* plan.

# 8.3

If a *beneficiary* gives birth, *you* may apply to add the newborn as a *beneficiary* to *your* existing plan. The newborn will be subject to full medical underwriting and an additional premium will be due. We will tell *you* whether we will offer cover to the new *beneficiary*, and if so, any special conditions and exclusions which would apply. If *you* accept the offered terms, cover will begin when we confirm receipt of the *application*. We will send *you* an updated *Certificate*  of Insurance confirming that the new *beneficiary* has been added.

# 9. What is covered?

# 9.1

This *policy* covers certain costs of services or supplies which are recommended by a *medical practitioner*, and which are *medically necessary* for the care and *treatment* of an *injury* or *sickness*, as determined by *us*.

# 9.2

The costs which are covered are set out in the *Customer Guide*. These costs are subject to the limits and exclusions which are set out in these *Policy Rules*, the *Customer Guide*, and *your Certificate of Insurance*.

# 9.3

Special exclusions, imposed on an individual basis, may apply. Details of these special exclusions will be shown on *your Certificate of Insurance.* 

# 9.4

Any claim is subject to the applicable deductible, cost share and limits of cover set out in these Policy Rules, the Customer Guide, and your Certificate of Insurance.

# 9.5

This *policy* will not cover any costs relating to *treatment* received before the cover starts, or after the cover ends (even if that *treatment* was approved by *us* before the cover ends).

# 9.6

This *policy* is subject to a *Condition* limit as detailed in the *list of benefits*. This is the annual amount *we* will pay towards all costs of *treatment* following the diagnosis of a *condition*. This includes all claims paid across *inpatient*, *daypatient* and *outpatient* in relation to the primary *condition*. This applies to each *beneficiary* per *period of cover*. We will only pay for *outpatient* costs if the Outpatient and Wellness Care option has been selected, with the exception of *benefits* which include *outpatient treatment* as part of *your Core cover*.

We will not pay for any costs that exceed the overall *Condition* limit as detailed in the *list of benefits* in the *Customer Guide*.

# 10. Coverage options

# 10.1

The *Core cove*r is provided to every *beneficiary*. The *benefits* which are available (subject to the applicable terms, conditions, limits and exclusions) are set out in 'Your Benefits in Detail' in the *Customer Guide*.

# 10.2

You may (if you pay additional premium) add to the cover provided under the Core cover by choosing one or more from the following extra coverage options. If you do, the extra coverage will apply to all beneficiaries under your policy.

# 10.2.1

Outpatient and Wellness Care; and

# 10.2.2

Dental Care and Treatment.

# 10.3

Details of the extra coverage options are set out in 'Your Benefits in Detail' in the *Customer Guide.* 

# 10.4

Coverage options cannot be changed at *your* request during the *period of cover*. If *you* want to add or remove coverage options, *you* should let *us* know before the *annual renewal date*.

# 10.5

If you want to add new coverage options, we may ask you (and any relevant beneficiaries if necessary) to provide additional medical information and we may apply new special restrictions or exclusions on the new coverage options.

#### 10.6

Beneficiaries will be covered for emergency treatment on an inpatient or daypatient basis or provided on an outpatient basis (if the Outpatient and Wellness Care additional coverage option has been purchased under your policy) during temporary trips, even if those trips are outside your area of coverage. As with all emergency treatment, if you have not purchased the Outpatient and Wellness Care additional coverage option, your emergency treatment will only be covered if it results in an admission to the *hospital*. Please note, the health check and screenings under the Outpatient and Wellness Care option are not covered under the Out of Area Emergency cover benefit. This cover will be limited to a maximum period of twenty-one (21) days per trip and a maximum of forty-five (45) days per period of cover for all trips combined and up to the overall annual limit of the Out of Area Emergency cover benefit. Any cost shares or deductibles elected on your policy will continue to apply.

To be eligible for this *benefit* the medical *condition* requiring *emergency treatment* must not have existed prior to the travel and the *beneficiary* must have been *treatment-*, symptom- and advice free of the medical *condition* prior to initiating the travel. Receiving medical *treatment* must not have been one of the objectives of the trip. *Emergency treatment* is only applicable if *you* do not already have state-provided healthcare in that country.

Proof of the date of entry into the country outside *your area of coverage* will also be required prior to *benefits* being paid under this cover. This cover will cease once the *treatment* provided results in a stabilised condition.

# 11. Premium and other charges

# 11.1

*Your Certificate of Insurance* sets out the premium and any other charges (such as taxes) which are payable, and states when and how they must be paid.

# 11.2

Payments must be made in the currency and in the manner detailed on *your Certificate of Insurance.* 

# 11.3

If you, or any beneficiaries, do not seek prior approval for treatment or receive treatment in the USA at a hospital, clinic or medical practitioner which is not part of the Cigna network, we may not pay for all of your treatment. Please see 'Your Guide to Getting Treatment' on page 6 of the Customer Guide for the details of how we will calculate any reduction in the value of your claim. A list of Cigna network of hospitals, clinics and medical practitioners is available in your secure online Customer Area.

# 11.4

You are responsible for paying the premium and any other charges as detailed on your Certificate of Insurance, and are also responsible for making sure these payments are made on time.

# 11.5

If you do not pay premium and other charges when they are due, we will notify you by email immediately and suspend your policy i.e. cover for all beneficiaries will be suspended. If payment is made, the policy will be reinstated. We will not approve treatment while the policy is suspended. We will not settle any claim while any payment to us is outstanding until the outstanding amount is paid.

If at thirty (30) days the amount is still outstanding, we will write to you informing you that the policy is cancelled. The cancellation date shall take effect on the date when the first outstanding payment was due.

If *you* settle the outstanding amount within thirty (30) days of when the first outstanding payment was due, *we* will reinstate *your* cover back to that date.

#### 11.6

The premium and/or other charges may vary from year to year. We will write to you before the annual renewal date to tell you about the premium and/or other charges which will apply during the next period of cover.

# **12. Deductible**

# 12.1

We will reduce the amount which we will pay towards the cost of *treatment* in respect of each claim which is made under the *Core cover* or Outpatient and Wellness Care option (if applicable) by the amount of any *deductible* until the *deductible* for the *period of cover* is reached. We have outlined how *deductibles* will operate in practice in 'How the *Deductible*, *Cost Share* and *Out of Pocket Maximum* Work' on page 13 of the *Customer Guide*.

# 12.2

You will be responsible for paying the amount of any *deductible* directly to the hospital, clinic or *medical practitioner*. We will let you know what this amount is.

# 12.3

You can request a change to the *deductible* with effect from *your annual renewal date* each year. If *you* wish to remove or reduce *your deductible* on *your* coverage, *we* may require *you* to provide *us* with more detailed medical information (including medical information of any *beneficiaries* if relevant), and *we* may apply new special restrictions or exclusions based on the information *you* provide us with.

# 13. Cost share

# 13.1

If a *cost share* is selected on the *Core cover*, *we* will reduce the amount *we* pay towards the cost of *treatment* by the *cost share*  percentage. The *cost share* percentage results in a proportion of the costs of *treatment* not being covered by *us*; any amount payable by *you* under this *cost share* arrangement will be capped by the *out of pocket maximum you* have chosen for any one (1) *period of cover*.

# 13.2

If a *cost share* is selected on the Outpatient and Wellness Care option, *we* will reduce the amount *we* pay towards the cost of *treatment* by the *cost share* percentage. The *cost share* percentage results in a proportion of costs of *treatment* not being covered by *us*; these costs will be capped by the *out of pocket maximum you* have chosen for any one (1) *period of cover*.

# 13.3

The out of pocket maximum and the cost share apply separately to each beneficiary and each period of cover.

# 13.4

You can choose to have a *cost share* on the Core cover or Outpatient and Wellness Care option. If *you* do so, *your* premium will be lower than it otherwise would be. If *you* would like to apply a *cost share*, *you* should tell *us* so in *your application*. Additionally, if *you* choose to have a *cost share*, *you* also select a corresponding *out of pocket maximum*.

# 13.5

If you select both a *deductible* and a *cost share*, the amount you will need to pay due to the *deductible* is calculated before the amount you will need to pay due to the *cost share*. Refer to clause 12 for more information relating to *deductibles*.

# 13.6

You will be responsible for paying the amount of any cost share directly to the hospital, clinic or medical practitioner. The amount you pay will depend on what percentage of cost share you have chosen and the type of cover you have taken out with us. We have included how cost share will work in 'How the Deductible, *Cost Share* and *Out of Pocket Maximum* Work' on page 13 of the *Customer Guide*. *We* will calculate the final and total amount *you* will be required to pay as part of *cost share* and *we* will confirm this amount to *you* as soon as *we* can.

#### 13.7

You can request a change to the cost share and out of pocket maximum with effect from your annual renewal date each year. If you wish to remove or reduce your cost share or reduce your out of pocket maximum on your coverage, we may require you to provide us with more detailed medical information (including medical information of any beneficiaries if relevant) and we may apply new special restrictions or exclusions based on the information you provide us with.

# 14. Termination of cover

# 14.1

Subject to any conflicting legal or regulatory requirements *we* may terminate this *policy* if:

#### 14.1.1

any premium or other charge (including any relevant tax) is not paid in full within thirty (30) days of the date on which it is due. We will give you written notice if we are going to terminate the policy for this reason;

#### 14.1.2

it becomes unlawful for *us* to provide any of the cover available under this *policy* or *we* are required to terminate the *policy* in any particular jurisdiction or territory at the direction of a regulator or authority with competent jurisdiction; or

#### 14.1.3

any *beneficiary* is identified on any list imposing financial sanctions on targeted individuals or entities maintained by the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, the United States Office of Foreign Assets Control or any other applicable jurisdiction. Furthermore, *we* will not pay claims for services received in sanctioned countries if doing so would violate the requirements of the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or the United States Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control; or

#### 14.1.4

we determine, on reasonable grounds, that you have, in the course of applying for the policy or when making any claim under it, knowingly or recklessly provided information which you know or believe to be untrue or inaccurate or failed to provide information which we have asked for; or

#### 14.1.5

we are no longer in the market to sell the *policy* or a suitable alternative in *your* geographical area. If a *policy* is terminated in accordance with clause 14.1.5 any termination will be effective from the normal *end date* of the *policy*; or

#### 14.1.6

we reserve the right to cancel the policy if we reasonably believe you have travelled to a country outwith your area of coverage for treatment, unless covered under the terms of clause 10.6; or

# 14.1.7

we reserve the right to cancel the *policy* if any *beneficiary* relocates to a country which is not *your country of habitual residence.* 

# 14.2

If *you* want to terminate this *policy* and end cover for all *beneficiaries, you* may do so at any time by giving *us* at least seven (7) days' notice in writing.

#### 14.3

In relation to the period after *your* cover has ended, if *your policy* is terminated in accordance with clause 14.1.4, then clause 5.4 of these *Policy Rules* will not apply and *we* may not refund any premiums *you* have paid or pay any claims *you* have made under *your policy*.

# 14.4

If *treatment* has been authorised, unless *Cigna* has made a *guarantee of payment* for *treatment*, *Cigna* will not be held responsible for any *treatment* costs if the *policy* ends or a *beneficiary* leaves the *policy* before *treatment* has taken place.

# 14.5

If any of the circumstances outlined in this clause 14 arise, we will wherever possible, write to you at least one (1) month before the end date to give you written notice that the policy will not be renewed with effect from the end date.

# 15. The information you give us

In deciding whether to accept this *policy* and in setting the terms and premium, *we* have relied on the information that *you* have given to *us*. *You* must take care when answering any questions that *we* ask by ensuring that all information is accurate and complete.

If *we* establish that *you* deliberately or recklessly provided *us* with false or misleading information, it could adversely affect this *policy* and any claim. For example, *we* may:

- treat this policy as if it had never existed, refuse to pay all claims and return the premium paid. We will only do this if we provided you with insurance cover which we would not otherwise have offered;
- > amend the terms of your insurance. We may apply these amended terms as if they were already in place if a claim

has been adversely impacted by *your* carelessness; or

> cancel your policy.

We will write to you if we:

- intend to treat this policy as if it never existed; or
- > need to amend the terms of *your policy*.

If you become aware that information you have given us is inaccurate, you must inform us as soon as possible using the contact details that we have provided in these Policy Rules.

#### 16. Fraud

#### 16.1

Any *beneficiary* who, knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person: (1) files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information; or (2) conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information which has been asked for, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

# 16.2

#### 16.2.1

If a *beneficiary* makes a fraudulent claim under this *policy*, *we*:

- a) are not liable to pay the claim; and
- b) may recover from the *beneficiary* any sums paid by *us* in respect of the claim; and
- c) may by notice to the *beneficiary* treat the contract as having been terminated with effect from the time of the fraudulent act.

#### 16.2.2

If *we* exercise *our* right under this clause 16.2.1 (c) above:

- a) we shall not be liable to the beneficiary in respect of a relevant event occurring after the time of the fraudulent act. A relevant event is whatever gives rise to our liability under this policy (such as the occurrence of a loss, the making of a claim, or the notification of a potential claim); and
- b) *we* do not need to return any of the premiums paid.

#### 16.2.3

If this *policy* provides cover for any *beneficiary* other than *you* ("a covered person"), and a fraudulent claim is made under this *policy* on behalf of a covered person, *we* may exercise the right set out in clause 16.2.1 above as if there were an individual *insurance* contract between *us* and that covered person. However, the exercise of any of those rights shall not affect the cover provided under the contract for any other *beneficiary*.

Nothing in this clause 16.2 is intended to vary the position under the Insurance Act 2015.

# **17. Changes to country of habitual residence, address and nationality**

#### 17.1

This *policy* is only offered to *beneficiaries* who are *expatriates*. Therefore, this *policy* will only cover the costs of *treatment* in *your country of nationality* in circumstances where *you* are a temporary resident in *your country of nationality*. Such circumstances may not exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days in aggregate per *period of cover*, and the *country of nationality* must be in the *area of coverage*.

We reserve the right to review all claims submitted by *beneficiaries* in their *country of nationality* and to refuse payment of any claim or issuance of a guarantee of payment if we reasonably believe that the *beneficiary* intends to be resident or has been resident in their *country of nationality* in excess of one hundred and eighty (180) days in aggregate during the *period of cover*.

In such circumstances we may no longer consider that *beneficiary* to be an *expatriate* as they have returned to their *country of nationality* for a sustained period and we may refuse payment of any claim or issuance of a *guarantee of payment*. Please note, the *country of nationality* where *beneficiaries* can obtain *treatment* is the same as the *policyholder's country of nationality*.

# 17.2

If any *beneficiary* ceases to be an *expatriate* (whether as a result of a change of nationality or a change of habitual residence), then *you* may leave the *policy* in force, subject to clause 17.1. Coverage will not be renewed for the *beneficiary* if;

# 17.2.1

*we* terminate the *policy* in accordance with clause 14.2, in which case clauses 14.3 and 14.4 will apply; or

# 17.2.2

if you cease to be a resident in your country of habitual residence as stated on your application, you must inform us immediately and send us proof of your new address in your new country of habitual residence. The proof of address can be in the form of a utility bill (a gas or electricity bill) or bank statement. We will continue to cover you and all beneficiaries if it is lawful for us to do so in that country of habitual residence. Please note, your premium may change.

# 17.3

We will send any communication and notices in relation to this *policy* to the email address *you* have provided. Your policy documents will be available in your secure online Customer Area.

# 17.4

You must tell us if any beneficiaries change their address within the country of habitual residence, or country of nationality.

# 18. Contacting you

If we need to contact you in relation to this policy, or if we need to give you notice that we are going to amend or terminate this policy, we will write to you at the postal address or email address you have given us.

# **19. Contacting us**

#### 19.1

In some circumstances, which are explained in these *Policy Rules, you* may need to contact *us* in writing. If so, *you* should write to *us* at:

Cigna Global Health Options Customer Care Team 1 Knowe Road Greenock Scotland PA15 4RJ

or email *us* at: cignaglobal\_customer.care@cigna.com

*You* can also call *our* Customer Care Team 24/7 on: +44 (0) 1475 788 182 or from inside the USA: 800 835 7677.

# 20. Changes to this policy

# 20.1

No person other than an executive officer of *Cigna* has authority to change this *policy* or to waive any of its provisions on *our* behalf, for example, sales representatives, brokers and other intermediaries cannot vary or extend the terms of the *policy*.

# 20.2

We reserve the right to change this *policy* to comply with any changes to relevant laws and regulations. If this happens, *we* will write and tell *you* of the change.

#### 20.3

We also reserve the right to make changes to the terms of cover on renewal. We will give you at least one (1) calendar months' notice of such changes and the changes will take effect from the *annual renewal date*.

#### 20.4

If special exclusion(s) have been applied to any *beneficiary* there may be occasions when *we* can review them at a future *annual renewal date*, to consider whether *we* are willing to remove the exclusion. At such date, *we* will also review the additional premium (if any) which *we* have applied to cover a condition.

You should contact us upon receipt of the renewal notification, and at least fourteen (14) days before the *annual renewal date* if there is an exclusion which is due for review at that date.

We will then advise you of changes (if any) we have made and, where appropriate, issue an amended Certificate of Insurance. Amendments will be effective from the relevant annual renewal date. We do not guarantee that any special exclusion(s) will be removed on renewal.

#### 21. Who can enforce this policy?

Only *we* and *you* have legal rights in connection with this *policy*. A person who is not a party to this *policy* has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this contract but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

# 22. Our right to recovery from third parties

If a *beneficiary* requires *treatment* as a result of an accident or deliberate act for which a third party is at fault, *we* (or any person or company *we* nominate) will take

on that *beneficiary's* right to recover the cost of that *treatment* from the third party at fault (or their insurance company). If *we* ask *a beneficiary* to do so, he or she must take all steps to include the amount of *benefit* claimed from *us* under this *policy* in any claim against the person at fault (or their insurance company).

The *beneficiary* will need to sign and deliver all documents or papers and take any other steps *we* require to secure *our* rights. The *beneficiary* must not take any action which could damage or affect these rights. *We* can take over and defend or settle any claim, or prosecute any claim, in a *beneficiary's* name for *our* own benefit. *We* will decide how to carry out any proceedings and settlement.

#### 23. Other insurance

If another insurer also provides cover, *we* will negotiate with them as regards to who pays what proportion of any claim.

#### 24. Data protection

#### 24.1

In assessing your application, and administering the policy and the insurance provided to you, we will collect, process and share certain personal information about you. We take your privacy very seriously and we will always process your information in accordance with applicable data protection legislation, including the General Data Protection Regulation (EU 2016/679) and any other applicable legislation and any guidance or codes of practice issued in respect of protection of personal data from time to time. For more information please see our Data Protection Notice, which we may update from time to time.

#### 24.2

*Cigna* will for the purposes of administering any claim, ask a *beneficiary* to provide *special category data* relating to his or her medical condition, previous conditions, state of health and *treatments*.

# 25. Language

All communications in relation to this *policy* will be provided in English.

#### **26. Regulatory information**

*Cigna* is regulated in Belgium by National Bank of Belgium (La Banque Nationale de Belgique/De Nationale Bank van België) for prudential supervision and the Financial Services and Markets Authority (L'Autorité des services et marchés financiers/De Autoriteit voor Financiële Diensten en Markten) for the integrity of the financial markets and fair treatment of financial consumers.

# 27. Complaints

# 27.1

Any complaint should in the first instance be sent to *us* at:

Cigna Global Health Options Customer Care Team 1 Knowe Road Greenock Scotland PA15 4RJ

# 27.2

If the complaint is not resolved, you may complain to one of the following complaints bodies:

Ombudsman des Assurances Square de Meeûs 35, boîte 6 1000 Bruxelles

Ombudsman van de Verzekeringen de Meeûssquare 35, bus 6 1000 Brussel Telephone: +32 (2) 547 58 71 Fax: +32 (2) 547 59 75 Email: **info@ombudsman.as** 

The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 0 234 567 or outside of the UK: +44 (0) 2079 640 500 Email: **complaint.info@financialombudsman.org.uk** 

# 27.3

The Financial Ombudsman Service can adjudicate most (but not all) complaints. Its decision is binding on *us* but the person making the complaint may reject it without affecting their legal rights (including their right to bring court proceedings).

#### 28. Applicable law and jurisdiction

#### 28.1

Unless specifically agreed to the contrary, this *policy* is governed by, and will be interpreted in accordance with, the law of England and Wales.

#### 28.2

Any disputes about this *policy*, including disputes about its validity, formation and termination, will be determined exclusively in the courts of England and Wales.

# SECTION 2: GENERAL EXCLUSIONS



These are *your* General Exclusions. Please also refer to the *list of benefits* detailed in the *Customer Guide*, including the notes section for any further restrictions and exclusions that apply, in addition to the General Exclusions. Please also refer to *your Certificate of Insurance* for any special exclusions that may apply.

# 1.

Cover under this policy is subject to the following general exclusions:

# 1.1

We will not offer cover or pay claims when it is illegal for *us* to do so under applicable laws. Examples include but are not limited to, exchange controls, local licensing regulations or trade embargo.

# 1.2

We will not cover you or pay claims when doing so would violate applicable trade restrictions, including but not limited to restrictions imposed by the United States Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control, the European Union Commission or the United Nations Security Council Sanctions Committees.

# 1.3

We will not pay a claim which we have reasonable grounds to suppose has been made fraudulently. Please see clause 16 for further details.

# 1.4

We cannot be held responsible for any loss, damage, illness and/or *injury* that may occur as a result of receiving medical *treatment at* a *hospital* or from a *medical practitioner*, even when *we* have approved the *treatment* as being covered.

# 1.5

If a *beneficiary* does not have cover under the Outpatient and Wellness Care, or Dental Care and Treatment options, *we* will not pay for any of the *treatments* or other *benefits* which are available under those options.

# 1.6

The following exclusions apply to *your policy*. Where, in the exclusions which are set out below, *we* have stated that *we* will pay for *treatment* in some circumstances, this is subject to the *beneficiary* having cover under the appropriate coverage option or options.

# 1.7

We will not pay for:

# 1.7.1

Life support *treatment* (such as mechanical ventilation) unless such *treatment* has a reasonable prospect of resulting in the *beneficiary's* recovery, or restoring the *beneficiary* to his or her previous state of health.

# 1.7.2

Treatment for:

- a) a pre-existing condition; or
- b) any *condition* or symptoms which result from, or are related to, a *pre-existing condition*.

We will not pay for *treatment* for a *pre-existing condition* of which the *policyholder* was (or should reasonably have been) aware at the date cover commenced, and in respect of which *we* have not expressly agreed to provide cover.

# 1.7.3

*Treatment* for a *condition* which is the subject of a special exclusion. Special exclusions are set out in *your Certificate of Insurance.* 

# 1.7.4

Non-medical admissions or stays in *hospital* which include:

- treatment that could take place on a daypatient or outpatient basis;
- time spent recovering from an illness or medical *treatment* (except where stated explicitly in this *policy*);
- admissions and stays for social or domestic reasons such as washing, dressing and bathing.

# 1.7.5

Costs of *hospital* accommodation for a deluxe, executive or VIP suite.

# 1.7.6

Donor organs:

- a) mechanical or animal organs, except where a mechanical appliance is temporarily used to maintain bodily function whilst awaiting transplant;
- b) purchase of a donor organ from any source; or
- c) harvesting and storage of stem cells, when a preventative measure against possible future disease.

# 1.7.7

Footcare by a Chiropodist or Podiatrist.

# 1.7.8

Sleep disorders unless there are indications that the *beneficiary* is suffering from severe sleep apnoea. In these circumstances, *we* will only pay for:

- > one (1) sleep study; and
- > the hire of equipment such as a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine (only if the *beneficiary* has cover under the Outpatient and Wellness Care option).

If it is *medically necessary, we* will pay for *surgery*.

# 1.7.9

Treatment which is provided by:

- a medical practitioner who is not recognised by the relevant authorities in the country where the treatment is received as having specialist knowledge of, or expertise in, the treatment of the disease, illness or injury being treated;
- b) a medical practitioner, therapist, hospital, clinic, or facility to whom we have given written notice that we no longer recognise them as a treatment provider. Details of individuals, institutions and organisations to whom we have given such notice may be obtained by calling our Customer Care Team; or
- c) a *medical practitioner, therapist, hospital, clinic,* or facility which, in *our* reasonable opinion, is either not properly qualified or authorised to provide *treatment,* or is not competent to provide *treatment.*

# 1.7.10

*Treatment* which is provided by anyone who lives at the same address as the *beneficiary*, or who is a member of the *beneficiary's* family.

# 1.7.11

*Treatment* for, or in connection with, smoking cessation.

# 1.7.12

*Treatment* which is necessary as a result of conflict or disaster including but not limited to:

- a) nuclear or chemical contamination;
- b) war, invasion, acts of terrorism, rebellion (whether or not war is declared), civil war, commotion, military coup or other usurpation of power, martial law, riot, or the act of any unlawfully constituted authority;
- c) any other conflict or disaster events;

where the *beneficiary* has:

- > put him or herself in danger by entering a known area of conflict (as identified by a Government in *your Country of nationality*, for example the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office);
- > actively participated in the conflict; or
- displayed a blatant disregard for their own safety.

#### 1.7.13

*Treatment* that arises from, or is in any way connected with attempted suicide, or any *injury* or illness that the *beneficiary* inflicts upon him or herself.

# 1.7.14

*Treatment* for or in connection with speech therapy that is not restorative in nature, or if such therapy is:

- a) used to improve speech skills that have not fully developed;
- b) can be considered educational; or
- c) is intended to maintain speech communication.

# 1.7.15

Developmental problems including:

- a) learning difficulties such as dyslexia;
- b) autism or attention deficit disorder (ADHD);

c) physical development problems such as short height.

#### 1.7.16

Disorders of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ).

#### 1.7.17

*Treatment* for obesity, or which is necessary because of obesity. This includes, but is not limited to, slimming classes, aids and drugs.

We will only pay for gastric banding or gastric bypass *surgery* if a *beneficiary*:

- has a body mass index (BMI) of forty (40) or over and has been diagnosed as being morbidly obese;
- can provide documented evidence of other methods of weight loss which have been tried over the past twenty-four (24) months; and
- has been through a psychological assessment which has confirmed that it is appropriate for them to undergo the procedure.

# 1.7.18

*Treatment* in nature cure *clinics*, health spas, nursing homes, or other facilities which are not *hospitals* or recognised medical *treatment* providers.

# 1.7.19

Charges for residential stays in *hospital* which are arranged wholly or partly for domestic reasons or where *treatment* is not required or where the *hospital* has effectively become the place of domicile or permanent abode.

# 1.7.20

*Treatment* for a related *condition* resulting from addictive *conditions* and disorders.

# 1.7.21

*Treatment* for a related *condition* resulting from any kind of substance or alcohol use or misuse.

# 1.7.22

*Treatment* needed because of, or relating to, male or female birth control, including but not limited to:

- a) surgical contraception, namely:
  - > vasectomy, sterilisation or implants;
- b) non surgical contraception, namely:
  - > pills or condoms;
- c) family planning, namely:
  - meeting a *doctor* to discuss becoming pregnant or contraception.

# 1.7.23

*Treatment* relating to infertility (other than investigation to the point of diagnosis), fertility *treatment* of any sort, or *treatment* of complications arising as a result of such *treatment*. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a) in-vitro fertilisation (IVF);
- b) gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT);
- c) zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT);
- d) artificial insemination (AI);
- e) prescribed drug treatment;
- f) embryo transportation (from one physical location to another); or
- g) ovum and/or semen donation and related costs.

*We* will pay for investigations into the cause of infertility if:

- a) the *specialist* wishes to rule out any medical cause;
- b) the *beneficiary* has been covered under this *policy* for two (2) consecutive years before the investigations have commenced; and
- c) the *beneficiary* was unaware of the existence of any infertility problem, and had not suffered any symptoms, when their cover under this *policy* commenced.

# 1.7.24

Foetal surgery, i.e. *treatment* or *surgery* undertaken in the womb before birth or *treatment* by way of the intentional termination of pregnancy, unless the pregnancy endangers a *beneficiary's* life or mental stability, and any other maternity *treatments* including complications arising from maternity.

# 1.7.25

Treatment directly related to surrogacy.

# 1.7.26

*Treatment* for more than ninety (90) continuous days for a *beneficiary* who has suffered permanent neurological damage and/or is in a *persistent vegetative state* (PVS).

# 1.7.27

*Treatment* for personality and/or character disorders, including but not limited to:

- a) affective personality disorder;
- b) schizoid personality disorder; or
- c) histrionic personality disorder.

# 1.7.28

Preventative *treatment*, including but not limited to health screening, routine health checks and vaccinations (unless that *treatment* is available under one of the options under which a *beneficiary* has cover). We will pay for preventative *surgery* when a *beneficiary*:

- a) has a significant family history of a disease which is part of a hereditary *cancer* syndrome (such as ovarian *cancer*); and
- b) has undergone genetic testing which has established the presence of a hereditary *cancer* syndrome. (Please note that *we* will not pay for the genetic testing).

# 1.7.29

*Treatment* for sexual dysfunction disorders (such as impotence) or other sexual problems regardless of the underlying cause.

#### 1.7.30

*Treatment* in the USA, unless the *beneficiary*'s *area of coverage* includes the USA, or the *treatment* can be covered under the Out of Area Emergency cover *benefit* as detailed in clause 10.6.

#### 1.7.31

*Treatment* which is intended to change the refraction of one or both eyes, including but not limited to laser *treatment*, refractive keratotomy and photorefractive keratectomy.

We will pay for *treatment* to correct or restore eyesight if it is needed as a result of a disease, illness or *injury* (such as cataracts or a detached retina).

# 1.7.32

Any treatment outside your country of habitual residence or country of nationality (area of coverage), unless the treatment can be covered under the Out of Area Emergency cover conditions.

# 1.7.33

Travel costs for *treatment* including any fares such as taxis or buses, unless otherwise specified, and expenses such as petrol or parking fees.

#### 1.7.34

Any expenses in relation to international emergency medical evacuation or repatriation services.

#### 1.7.35

Any expenses for ship-to-shore evacuations.

#### 1.7.36

Gender reassignment *surgery*, including elective procedures and any medical or psychological counselling in preparation for, or subsequent to, any such *surgery*.

#### 1.7.37

*Treatment* which is necessary because of, or is any way connected with, any *injury* or *sickness* suffered by a *beneficiary* as a result of:

- a) taking part in a sporting activity on a professional basis;
- b) solo scuba-diving; or
- c) scuba-diving at a depth of more than thirty (30) metres unless the *beneficiary* is appropriately qualified (namely PADI or equivalent) to scuba-dive at that depth.

#### 1.7.38

*Treatment* which (in *our* reasonable opinion) is experimental, is not *orthodox*, or has not been proven to be effective. This includes but is not limited to:

- a) *treatment* which is provided as part of a clinical trial;
- b) treatment which has not been approved by the relevant public health authority in the country in which it is received; or
- c) any drug or medicine which is prescribed for a purpose for which it has not been licensed or approved in the country in which is prescribed.

# 1.7.39

Any form of plastic, *cosmetic* or reconstructive *treatment*, the purpose of which is to alter or improve appearance even for psychological reasons, unless that *treatment* is *medically necessary* and is a direct result of an illness or an *injury* suffered by the *beneficiary*, or as a result of *surgery*. This includes but is not limited to:

- a) facelifts (rhytidectomy);
- b) nose reshaping (rhinoplasty);
- c) liposuction and other procedures which remove fat tissue;
- d) hair transplants; and
- e) *surgery* to change the shape of, enhance or reduce breasts (other than breast reconstruction following *treatment* for *cancer*).

We will only pay for plastic, cosmetic or reconstructive treatment if the illness, injury or surgery as a result of which the treatment is required took place during the beneficiary's current continuous period of cover and is itself covered under the policy.

# 1.7.40

Appliances, including but not limited to hearing aids and spectacles (unless the Dental Care and Treatment option is selected) which do not fall within *our* definition of *surgical appliances* and/or *medical appliances*.

# 1.7.41

Incidental costs including newspapers, taxi fares, telephone calls, guests' meals and hotel accommodation.

# 1.7.42

Costs or fees for filling in a claim form or other administration charges.

#### 1.7.43

Costs that have been or can be paid by another insurance company, person, organisation or public programme. If a *beneficiary* is covered by other insurance, *we* may only pay part of the cost of *treatment*. If another person, organisation or public programme is responsible for paying the costs of *treatment*, *we* may claim back any of the costs *we* have paid.

#### 1.7.44

*Treatment* that is in any way caused by, or necessary because of, a *beneficiary* carrying out an illegal act.

# **SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS**



The words and phrases set out below have the meanings specified. Where those words and phrases are used with those meanings, they will appear in italics in these *Policy Rules*, and in the *Customer Guide*, including the *list of benefits*.

Unless otherwise provided, the singular includes the plural and the masculine includes the feminine and vice versa.

**'Appropriate age intervals'** - birth, two (2) months, four (4) months, six (6) months, nine (9) months, twelve (12) months, fifteen (15) months, eighteen (18) months, two (2) years, three (3) years, four (4) years, five (5) years and six (6) years.

**'Area of coverage'** - your country of habitual residence and your country of nationality. For the avoidance of doubt this is the policyholder's country of habitual residence and country of nationality.



**'Active treatment'** - treatment which is intended to shrink a *cancer*, stabilise it or slow down the spread of the disease. This excludes treatment given solely to relieve symptoms.

**'Acute'** - disease, illness or *injury* that is likely to respond quickly to *treatment* which aims to return the *beneficiary* to the state of health he or she was in immediately before suffering the disease, illness or *injury*, or which leads to his or her full recovery.

**'Annual renewal date'** - the anniversary of the *start date*.

**'Application'** - the *policyholder's* application (whether they have sent in a form directly to *us* or through a broker or applied online or through *our* telemarketers), and any declarations that they made during their enrolment for them and any *beneficiaries* included in the application. B

**'Beneficiaries ', 'beneficiary'** - anybody named on *your Certificate of Insurance* as being covered under this *policy* and any newborn children automatically covered under the *policy* under clause 8.3.

**'Benefit(s)'** - any *benefit(s)* shown in the *list of benefits.* 



**'Cancer'** - a malignant tumour, tissues or cells, characterised by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells and invasion of tissue.

#### 'Certificate of Insurance' - the

certificate issued to the *policyholder*. This shows the policy number, *start date*, the *deductible* amount (if selected), the *cost share* amount (if selected), the *out of pocket maximum* (if applicable), details of who is covered, and any special exclusions and *benefits* which apply.

**'Cigna', 'we', 'us', 'our', 'the insurer'** -See 'Important Information' section on page 3 of these *Policy Rules* for details of the *Cigna* insurer providing *your policy*.

**'Clinic(s)'** - a health care facility which is registered or licensed in the country in which it is located, primarily to provide care for *outpatients* and where care or supervision is by a *medical practitioner*.

'Complementary therapist' - an

acupuncturist, homeopath or practitioner of Chinese medicine who is appropriately qualified and entitled to practise in the country where *treatment* is given.

**'Condition'** - any disease, illness or *injury* a *beneficiary* is diagnosed with.

**'Core cover'** - includes all aspects of *inpatient* and *daypatient treatment* included in the *list of benefits.* This does not include the optional modules which *you* may choose.

'Cost share after deductible', 'cost

**share(s)'** - is the percentage of each claim which a *beneficiary* must pay themselves after any *deductible* has been paid. A separate cost share may apply to the *Core cover* and the Outpatient and Wellness Care option. These will be shown in the *Certificate of Insurance* if selected. **'Cosmetic'** - services, procedures or items that are supplied primarily for aesthetic purposes and which are not necessary in order to maintain an acceptable standard of health.

**'Country of habitual residence'** - the country where all *beneficiaries* habitually reside, as stated on *your application*.

**'Country of nationality'** - the country of which *you are* a citizen, national or subject, as stated on *your application*.

**'Customer Guide'** - contains the *list of benefits* and claiming information and forms part of the *policy*.

D

**'Daypatient treatment'** - care involving admission to *hospital* and using a bed but not staying overnight. In respect of *USA* based admissions, this also includes surgical procedures carried out in the *doctor's* surgery.

**'Daypatient'** - a patient who is admitted to a *hospital* or *daypatient* unit or other medical facility for *treatment* or because they need a period of medically supervised recovery, but who does not occupy a bed overnight.

**'Deductible(s)'** - is the amount of any claim which a *beneficiary* must pay themselves. This will be shown in the *Certificate of Insurance* if selected.

**'Dental emergency'** - where either severe pain which is not amenable to relief by painkillers or facial swelling or uncontrollable bleeding after an extraction is being suffered and it is either outside the business hours of a *beneficiary's* usual *dentist* or the *beneficiary* is staying at a place which is away from the dental practice he or she usually visits. The *treatment* covered in such an instance is to purely stabilise the problem and relieve severe pain.

**'Dental injury'** - *injury* to a *sound natural tooth* caused by extra-oral impact. *Treatment* for dental implants, crowns or dentures is not covered unless *you* have purchased the Dental Care and Treatment option and subject to the conditions outlined in the *policy*.

**'Dental treatment'** - any dental procedure or service which:

- > is needed for continued oral health; and
- is carried out or personally controlled by a *dentist*, including procedures provided by a hygienist; and
- is included in the *list of benefits*, or, though not included in the *list* of benefits, is accepted by us as a procedure or service meeting common dental standards as upheld by a respectable, responsible and substantial body of dental opinion, experienced in the particular field of dentistry.

**'Dentist'** - a dentist, dental surgeon or dental practitioner who is registered or licensed as such under the laws of the country, state or other regulated area in which the *treatment* is provided.

**'Diagnostic tests'** - investigations such as x-rays or blood tests to find or to help to find the cause of the *beneficiary's* symptoms.

**'Doctor'** - a medical professional who holds an appropriate doctoral degree, is registered and licensed under the laws of the country, state or regulated area to practice medicine in the country in which the *treatment* is provided.



**'Emergency treatment'** - treatment which is medically necessary to prevent the immediate and significant effects of illnesses, injuries or conditions which, if left untreated, could result in a significant deterioration in health. Only medical treatment through a physician, medical practitioner and hospitalisation that commences within twenty-four (24) hours of the emergency event will be covered.

**'End date'** - the date on which cover under this *policy* ends, as shown in the *Certificate of Insurance*.

# 'Evidence-based treatment' -

*treatment* which has been researched, reviewed and recognised by:

- the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence; or
- > the Cigna Medical Team; or
- another source recognised by the Cigna Medical Team.

**'Expatriate'** - means a *beneficiary* residing outside the country of which they are a national, in the *country of habitual residence* as stated on *your application*.

**'Guarantee of payment'** - a binding guarantee made by *us* to pay agreed costs associated with particular *treatment* which *we* may give to a *beneficiary* or a *hospital*, *clinic* or *medical practitioner*. Н

**'Hospital'** - any organisation or institution which is registered or licensed as a medical or surgical hospital in the country in which it is located and where the *beneficiary* is under the daily care or supervision of a *medical practitioner* or *qualified nurse*.

**'Initial start date'** - the first day the *beneficiary's* cover commenced on the *Core cover*.

'Injury' - a physical injury.

**'Inpatient'** - a patient who is admitted to *hospital* and who occupies a bed overnight or longer, for medical reasons.

**'Insurance'** - the coverage which is provided by *us* to the *beneficiaries* subject to the terms, conditions, limits and exclusions set out in these *Policy Rules*, the *Customer Guide*, and *your Certificate of Insurance*.

**'Intensive care'** - a specialised department in a *hospital* that provides intensive care *treatment*, for example an intensive care unit, critical care unit, intensive therapy unit, or intensive *treatment* unit.

M

# 'Medically necessary/ medical

**necessity'** - medically necessary covered services and supplies are those determined by the *medical team* to be:

- required to diagnose or treat an illness, injury, disease or its symptoms;
- orthodox, and in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
- clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration;
- not primarily for the convenience of the beneficiary, physician or other hospital, clinic or medical practitioner; and
- rendered in the least intensive setting that is appropriate for the delivery of the services and supplies.

Where applicable, the *medical team* may compare the cost effectiveness of alternative services, settings or supplies when determining what the least intensive setting is.

**'Medical practitioner'** - a *doctor* or *specialist* who is not covered under this *policy*, or a family member of a *beneficiary*.

'Medical team' -means our clinical team.

**'List of benefits'** - the list of *benefits* detailed in *your Customer Guide*, including any notes.

**'Operation(s)'** - any procedure described as an operation in the *schedule of surgical procedures*.

**'Oral health'** - for a patient, a reasonable standard of *oral health* of the teeth, their supporting structures and other tissues of the mouth, and of dental efficiency, according to a standard acceptable to a *dentist* of ordinary competence and skill in the patient's *country of habitual residence* which will safeguard his or her general health.

**'Orthodox'** - when used in relation to a procedure or *treatment*, 'orthodox' means that the procedure or *treatment* in question is medically accepted in the country where it takes place at the time of the commencement of the procedure or *treatment*, that complies with a respectable, responsible and substantial body of medical opinion, held and expressed by *medical practitioners* experienced in the particular field of medicine in question.

**'Out of pocket maximum'** - is the maximum amount of *cost share* under the *Core cover* or Outpatient and Wellness Care option any *beneficiary* must pay per *period of cover*. This will be shown in the *Certificate of Insurance* if applicable. This applies only to amounts paid relating to *cost share* on the *Core cover* or Outpatient and Wellness Care option.

Any amounts paid due to a *deductible*; due to exceeding limits of cover; for *treatment* not covered by *your* plan; or due to penalties for not obtaining proper pre-authorisation or using out of network providers in the USA, are not subject to the *out of pocket maximum*. **'Outpatient'** - a patient who attends a *hospital,* consulting room, or outpatient *clinic* for *treatment* and is not admitted as a *daypatient* or an *inpatient*.

P

**'Palliative care'** - *treatment* that does not cure or substantially improve a *condition* but is given in order to alleviate symptoms.

**'Period of cover'** - the twelve (12) month continuous period during which the *beneficiaries* are covered under this *policy*, being the period from the *start date* to the *end date* as noted on the *Certificate of Insurance* or earlier if terminated in accordance with the *Policy Rules*.

#### 'Persistent vegetative state' - a

*beneficiary* who is in a vegetative state for at least ninety (90) consecutive days. A persistent vegetative state means a *condition* caused by *injury*, disease or illness in which the *beneficiary* has suffered a loss of consciousness, with no behavioural evidence of awareness of self or surroundings, other than reflex activity of muscles and nerves for low level conditioned response, and from which to a reasonable degree of medical probability, there can be no recovery.

**'Personal Data'** - any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person.

**'Policy'** - the policy comprising these *Policy Rules*, the *Customer Guide* (which contains the *list of benefits* and claiming information), and *your Certificate of Insurance*.

**'Policy documents'** - the documentation relating to the *policy*, comprising of these *Policy Rules*, the *Customer Guide*, *your* 

*Certificate of Insurance*, the *Cigna* claim form, and *your Cigna* ID Card.

**'Policyholder'** - a person who has made an *application* to *us* which has been accepted in writing by *us*, and who pays the premium under the *policy*.

**'Policy Rules'** - the terms and conditions governing the *policy*, detailing 'General Exclusions' and 'Definitions'.

**'Pre-existing condition'** - any disease, illness or *injury*, or symptoms linked to such disease, illness or *injury* for which:

- > medical advice or *treatment* has been sought or received; or
- the beneficiary knew about and did not seek medical advice or treatment;

before the *initial start date*.

G

**'Qualified nurse'** - a nurse who is registered or licensed as such under the laws of the country, state or other regulated area in which the *treatment* is provided.

# 'Qualifying life event' means:

- > marriage or civil partnership;
- > commencing cohabitation with a partner;
- divorce or separation;
- birth of a child;
- > legal adoption of a child; or
- > death of a spouse, partner or child.

*We* may require evidence of the above event.



**'Rehabilitation'** - physical, speech and occupational therapy for the purpose of *treatment* aimed at restoring the *beneficiary* to their previous state of health after an *acute* event.



# 'Schedule of surgical procedures' -

the current schedule of surgical procedures approved by *our* chief medical officer.

**'Short-term'** - means a period of time consistent with the recuperation time required for the *treatment* and as prescribed by the treating *medical practitioner* with the approval of *our* medical director.

**'Sickness'** - a physical or mental illness, including illness resulting from or relating to pregnancy.

**'Sound natural tooth/teeth'** - a tooth that functions normally for chewing and speech purposes and that is not a dental implant. Such natural tooth/teeth should not have experienced any of the following:

- > decay or filling;
- > gum disease associated with bone loss;
- > root canal *treatment*.

**'Special category data'** - *personal data* revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs or trade union membership, genetic data, biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health and data concerning a person's sex life or sexual orientation.

**'Specialist'** - a *doctor* who is recognised, registered or licensed as such under the laws of the country, state or other regulated area in which the *treatment* is provided and only for the *treatment* which is being recommended.

**'Start date'** - the date on which coverage under this *policy* starts, as shown in the *Certificate of Insurance.* 

**'Surgery'** - the branch of medicine that treats diseases, injuries, and deformities by operative methods which involves an incision into the body.

'Surgical appliance(s)', 'Medical appliance(s)' - means either:

- an artificial limb, prosthesis or device which is required for the purpose of or in connection with *surgery*; or
- > an artificial device or prosthesis which is a necessary part of the *treatment* immediately following *surgery* for as long as required by *medical necessity*; or
- a prosthesis or appliance which is medically necessary and is part of the recuperation process on a short-term basis.

**'Therapist'** - a speech therapist, dietician or orthoptist who is suitably qualified and holds the appropriate license to practice in the country where *treatment* is received. **'Treatment'** - any surgical or medical treatment controlled by a *medical practitioner* that is medically necessary to diagnose, cure or substantially relieve disease, illness or *injury*.

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'USA' - the United States of America.

'You, your' - the policyholder.





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