



## Cigna Global Health Options







Please read these *Policy Rules* along with *your Certificate of Insurance, your* Customer Guide and *your application* as they all form part of *your* contract between *you* and *us.* If necessary seek expert advice should *you* need to determine if this *policy* is appropriate for *you*.

Words and phrases in italics have the meanings given to them in Section 3, 'Definitions'.

Please see below where to find all of the important information in relation to *your* Cigna Global Health Options plan.

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## **LEGAL AND REGULATORY INFORMATION**

This insurance is provided by

**Cigna Worldwide General Insurance Company Limited** 16/F International Trade Tower 348 Kwun Tong Road **Kwun Tong** Kowloon **Hong Kong SAR** 

Cigna is an authorised insurer regulated by the Insurance Authority for the conduct of general insurance business in Hong Kong.

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.



## **COMPLAINTS**

Any complaint should in the first instance be sent to us at the address in the 'How to contact us' section below.

If the complaint is not resolved, the complaint may be referred to the Insurance Complaints Bureau (ICB) and the Insurance Authority (IA) respectively. Contact details of the ICB and IA are as follows:

**The Insurance Complaints Bureau Insurance Authority - North Point Office** 29th Floor, Sunshine Plaza 23rd Floor

**353 Lockhart Road** 625 King's Road Wan Chai **North Point** 

**Hong Kong Hong Kong** 

Fax: 25201967 Email: icb.enquiry@icb.org.hk Fax: (852) 3753 3812 Email: complaints@ia.org.hk

This policy is governed by, and will be interpreted in accordance with, Hong Kong law.

Any disputes about this policy, including disputes about its validity, formation and termination, will be determined in the courts of Hong Kong.



## **HOW TO CONTACT US**

To cancel this policy, please email us at: cignaglobal\_customer.care@cigna.com.

For full details, please see clause 6.5 of these Policy Rules. You will need to provide your policy number, full name and email address used in the application form.

You can also write to us at the following address:

**Cigna Worldwide General Insurance Company Limited Cigna Global Health Options, Head of Customer Service** 16/F International Trade Tower 348 Kwun Tong Road **Kwun Tong** Kowloon **Hong Kong SAR** 

In other circumstances you can call our Customer Care Team 24/7 on:

+44 (0) 1475 788 182

Inside Hong Kong on: 2297 5210 or Inside the USA on: 800 835 7677.

## **SECTION 1: GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

## 1. Scope of cover and policy eligibility

#### 1.1

This policy is only offered to beneficiaries who are Hong Kong citizens and expatriates residing in Hong Kong. For expatriates 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 selected area of coverage (see clause 11 for full details).

For the avoidance of any doubt a Hong Kong citizen shall not be subject to the one hundred and eighty (180) days rule during any period of time when they are habitually resident in Hong Kong, however if at any time a Hong Kong citizen is considered as an expatriate then this limitation will apply.

#### 1.2

Subject to the terms, conditions, limits, exclusions (and special exclusions as detailed in your Certificate of Insurance, if applicable) of this policy, Cigna will cover you for medical and related expenses relating to medically necessary treatment which is recommended by a *medical* practitioner, and provided within the selected 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. In some circumstances we may, at our absolute discretion, agree to remove an exclusion if you pay an additional premium. This will be agreed at the time you purchase your policy.

#### 1.3

You must be eighteen (18) years old or over at the time of purchase in order to purchase this policy.

#### 1.4

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

#### 1.5

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).

### 2. When does cover begin and end

#### 2.1

This policy is an annual contract. This means that, unless it is terminated earlier, the cover will end one (1) year after the start date.

#### 2.2

If this *policy* ends before the normal *end* date, any premium and levy which has been paid in relation to the period after cover has ended will be refunded on a pro rata basis. so long as no claims have been made or yet to be submitted and no guarantees of payment have been put in place during the period of cover.

If the *policy* ends before the normal *end* date and you have made claims under it or you have received treatment not reimbursed yet, you will be liable for the remainder of any premium in respect of the policy which are unpaid.

#### 2.3

If you die, cover will end for all beneficiaries unless a *beneficiary* contacts *us* within thirty (30) days of the date of death as shown in the Death Certificate. If any of the beneficiaries would like to continue coverage by becoming the policyholder, and subject to our policy terms, they must inform us within thirty (30) days and must provide us with a copy of the Death Certificate. If a beneficiary does not wish to continue coverage as the policyholder, 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.

## 3. 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 determine on reasonable grounds 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 provide 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
- terminate in accordance with 6.2.

We will notify you in writing if any of the above circumstances occur.

If you become aware that information you have given us is inaccurate, you must inform us as soon as possible using one of the

options in the 'How to contact us' section on page 3 of these Policy Rules.

## 4. Free look period

You have a right to cancel your policy within twenty one (21) days from the date you receive this *policy*. If you wish to cancel this *policy* and *we* have not paid a claim or issued a guarantee of payment, you will receive a full refund of your premium and levy. Alternatively, if we have paid a claim, or issued a *guarantee of payment*, we will not refund any premium which has been paid. To cancel this *policy*, please contact *us* using one of the options in the 'How to contact us' section on page 3 of these Policy Rules.

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 twenty one (21) day cooling off period, please refer to clause 6 of this policy.

### 5. Premium and other charges

### 5.1

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.

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

#### 5.2

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 10 of the Customer Guide for the details of how we will calculate any reduction in the value of your claim. A list of Cigna's network of hospitals, clinics and *medical practitioners* is available in *your* secure online Customer Area.

Please note, we may, at our sole discretion and without notification, make changes to the Cigna network from time to time by adding and / or removing hospitals, clinics, medical practitioners and pharmacies.

### 5.3

If you do not pay premium and/or any 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 after 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.

#### 5.4

Subject to clause 13, we will inform you of the premium and any other charges which will apply during the next period of cover.

The premium and/or other charges will change each period of cover.

## 6. Termination

#### 6.1

Subject to any conflicting legal or regulatory requirements we will terminate this policy immediately if:

## 6.1.1

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;

#### 6.1.2

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

#### 6.1.3

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.

#### 6.2

Subject to clause 3, we will terminate this policy with immediate effect if, we, at our sole discretion determine, on reasonable grounds, that you have, in the course of applying for the *policy* or when making any claim under it, withheld information or 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, including medical information.

## 6.3

Subject to clause 11, we may terminate this policy if any beneficiary ceases to be an expatriate whether as a result of a change to a beneficiary's country of nationality or country of habitual residence.

#### 6.4

If we are no longer in the market to sell the *policy* or suitable alternative in *your* geographical area, we will notify you at least one (1) month before the end date to advise you that the policy will be terminated (and therefore unable to be renewed) with effect from the end date.

#### 6.5

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 fourteen (14) days' notice in writing. Termination of your policy will take effect fourteen (14) days after you, the policyholder, notifies us of the request by using one of the options in the 'How to contact us' section on page 3 of these *Policy Rules*.

#### 6.5.1

If the *policy* is terminated in accordance with clause 6.5, before the end date, and we have paid a claim, covered a treatment or issued 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. If your annual premium is collected at intervals throughout the policy year, you will be responsible for making these payments for the remainder of the *period of cover* or alternatively, settle the outstanding premium amount.

#### 6.6

In relation to the period after your cover has ended, unless your policy is terminated in accordance with clause 6.2 and/or clause 7, then any premium and levy 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 issued any guarantee of payment during the period of cover.

#### 6.7

If treatment has been authorised, we will not be held responsible for any treatment costs if the *policy* ends or a *beneficiary* leaves the policy before treatment has taken place.

#### 7. Fraud

#### 7.1

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

are not liable to pay the claim;

- ii. may recover from the beneficiary any sums paid by us in respect of the claim; and
- iii. may give notice to the beneficiary and treat the contract as having been terminated with effect from the time of the fraudulent act.

#### 7.2

If we exercise our right under clause 7.1 (iii) above:

- i. 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 submission of a claim, or the notification of a potential claim); and
- ii. we do not need to return any of the premium paid.

#### 7.3

If this *policy* provides cover for any beneficiary other than you, and a fraudulent claim is made under this policy on behalf of a beneficiary other than you, we may exercise the right set out in clause 7.1 above as if there were an individual insurance contract between us and that beneficiary. However, the exercise of any of those rights shall not affect the cover provided under the contract for any other beneficiary.

## 8. Coverage options

#### 8.1

If a *beneficiary* does not have cover under the International Outpatient, International Evacuation & Crisis Assistance Plus™, International Health and Wellbeing or International Vision and Dental options, we will not pay for any of the treatments which are available under those options.

#### 8.2

Coverage options cannot be changed at your request during the period of cover and can only be made upon renewal. If you want to add or remove coverage options,

or reduce *your* deductible, cost share or out of pocket maximum, *we* may ask *you* to complete a new medical history questionnaire, and *we* may apply new special restrictions or exclusions on the new coverage options. *You* should let *us* know in writing at least seven (7) days before the *annual renewal date*.

#### 9. Deductible and Cost Share

#### 9.1

If you have selected a deductible on the International Medical Insurance plan and/ or International Outpatient option (if applicable), you will be responsible for paying the deductible amount directly to the hospital, clinic, medical practitioner or pharmacy. We will let you know what this amount is.

We will reduce the amount which we will pay towards the cost of treatment in respect of each claim which is made under the International Medical Insurance or International Outpatient option (if applicable) by the amount of any deductible until the deductible for the period of cover is reached.

## 9.2

If you have selected a cost share on the International Medical Insurance plan and/ or International Outpatient option (if applicable), we will reduce the amount we pay towards the cost of treatment by that cost share percentage. You will be responsible for paying the cost share directly to the hospital, clinic, medical practitioner or pharmacy. The amounts you pay are subject to the capping effect of the applicable out of pocket maximum.

#### 9.3

Only amounts you pay related to the cost share on the International Medical Insurance and/or International Outpatient option are subject to the capping effect of the out of pocket maximum. The following are not subject to the out of pocket maximum:

Any amounts you pay due to a deductible;

- > Due to exceeding limits of cover;
- For treatment not covered by the International Medical Insurance plan or International Outpatient option; or
- > Due to penalties for not obtaining prior approval or using out of network providers in the *USA*.

Any amounts you pay to the deductible, cost share and out of pocket maximum where applicable, apply separately to each beneficiary, each coverage option and each period of cover.

#### 9.4

No deductible applies to 'Inpatient cash benefit' or 'Newborn Care' benefit.

### 10. Adding or removing beneficiaries

#### 10.1

If you would like to add a new beneficiary during the policy year, you must send us a completed application for that person. Acceptance of any new beneficiary is at our sole discretion. We will advise you of any special conditions or exclusions and any additional premium that will apply to the offer of cover. Cover for any new beneficiary will begin from the date on which you confirm your acceptance. We will send you an updated Certificate of Insurance confirming that the new beneficiary has been added.

#### 10.2

If a *beneficiary* gives birth, *you* may apply to add the newborn as a *beneficiary* to *your* existing plan.

#### 10.2.1

If at least one (1) parent has been covered by the *policy* for a continuous period of twenty-four (24) months or more prior to the newborns birth, we will not require information about the newborn's health or a medical examination if an application is received by us to add the newborn to the *policy* within thirty (30) days of the newborn's date of birth. However, if an application is received by us more than thirty (30) days after the newborn's date of birth,

the newborn will be subject to medical underwriting.

#### 10.2.2

If neither parent has been covered by the *policy* for a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months or more prior to the newborn's birth, the newborn will be subject to medical underwriting, and you can submit an application to add the newborn.

#### 10.2.3

If a beneficiary has a child via a surrogate or an adoption, the newborn can be added as a beneficiary to your existing plan by submitting an application. The newborn will be subject to medical underwriting whereby we may apply special restrictions or exclusions.

#### 10.3

If medical underwriting is required for the newborn, we will then tell you whether we will offer cover to the newborn and, if so, any special conditions and exclusions which would apply. Cover will begin no sooner than the date you accept our offered terms.

We will send you an updated Certificate of Insurance confirming that the new beneficiary has been added. Please refer to the 'Newborn Care' benefit in your Customer Guide for further details.

## 11. Changes to country of habitual residence, address and/or nationality

#### 11.1

If any *beneficiary* changes their *country* of habitual residence you must inform us as soon as practicable and in any event within thirty (30) days. We reserve the right to ask you for further information about a change in your or any other beneficiary's country of habitual residence from time to time. Note that any change to your or any other beneficiary's country of habitual residence may result in an increase to your premium or additional tax becoming payable, meaning you may have to make an additional payment of premium or

your monthly or quarterly payments may increase. If the premium increases, we will give you the right to cancel the policy, in accordance with clause 6.5, in which case clauses 6.5.1, 6.6 and 6.7 will apply. Please note that the insurance may be provided by another Cigna group company.

#### 11.2

For expatriates, we reserve the right to review all claims submitted by beneficiaries in their country of nationality and in circumstances where we know or reasonably believe the beneficiary is or intends to be resident in their country of nationality in excess of one hundred and eighty (180) days in aggregate per *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.

#### 11.3

We reserve the right to terminate this policy in accordance with 6.3.

#### 11.4

If any beneficiary ceases to be an expatriate whether as a result of a change to a beneficiary's country of nationality or country of habitual residence, then you can either:

#### 11.4.1

leave the *policy* in force for the remainder of the *period of cover*. You must inform us upon renewal if you cease to be an expatriate and we will determine if we can offer you an alternative health plan provided by another Cigna group company; or

#### 11.4.2

terminate the *policy* by giving written notice with the effect that cover will end for all beneficiaries. Any premium which has been paid in relation to the period after termination 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 claims or

issued any guarantees of payment during the *period of cover*.

## 12. How we will communicate with you

We will send any communication and notices in relation to this policy electronically to the email address you have provided, and we will place your policy documents in your secure online Customer Area.

#### 13. Policy renewal

#### 13.1

If we determine to renew, we will write to you at least one (1) calendar month before the end date to invite you to renew on the terms we offer you. We will inform you of any changes to the *policy* and premium for the forthcoming period of cover. If local law and/or regulation dictates, we may be required to offer you an alternative health plan.

Subject to clause 7, any decision by Cigna not to renew shall not be based on your claims history or any illness, injury or condition suffered by any beneficiaries.

#### 13.2

If you accept the invitation to renew, please ensure you have read and understood the policy documents for the forthcoming period of cover. Your cover will be renewed for another twelve (12) months.

#### 13.3

If you do not want to renew your cover, you must let us know in writing at least fourteen (14) days before your policy end date.

#### 13.3.1

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.

#### 13.4

If you would like to add or remove coverage options, you must let us know in writing at least seven (7) days before your annual renewal date. We may apply new special restrictions, exclusions and/or adjust premium. If we do so we will send you an updated Certificate of Insurance.

#### 13.5

If any 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. If this is the case, we will show the exclusions review date in the Certificate of Insurance. At such date, we will also review the additional premium (if any) which we may 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) or additional premium will be removed on renewal.

#### 14. Data protection

#### 14.1

Cigna needs to collect, use, disclose and/or process personal and sensitive data relating to you, which includes all identifiable information that relates to you, for example: name, address, date of birth, telephone numbers and details of health information relating to you, for the purposes of administering this policy and providing the insurance. You consent to Cigna collecting and processing all personal and sensitive data relating to you to the extent reasonably necessary for these purposes.

#### 14.2

Telephone calls to and from Cigna may be recorded, for quality control.

Under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, Cap. 486, Laws of Hong Kong ("PDPO") and applicable national laws, we act as the data user for the personal and sensitive information we hold.

This data will be processed by us to carry out our obligations, and we may need to share it with authorised third parties for the purpose of providing insurance or related services relating to this policy, which may mean in certain instances we need to transfer data outside Hong Kong; such authorised third parties include (but not limited to) hospitals, doctors, medical evacuation services and invoice clearing houses, agents, contractors or service providers who provide administrative, data processing, customer service, call center, telecommunications, technology, fund management, debt collection, payment, anti-money laundering and other regulatory screenings, marketing, research, mailing, printing or other services to us.

Such processing is subject to contractual restrictions with regard to confidentiality and security in addition to the obligations imposed by the PDPO.

If you would like a copy of the information we hold about you, please write to us quoting your policy number. Please note that we may charge a reasonable fee to provide this information.

#### 14.3

To help us detect and prevent fraud, we may need to share information with other insurers or organisations. If we need to share information for this reason, we will only share information which is required to enable the prevention or detection of fraud or attempted fraud, and will not share information about any beneficiary which is not necessary for these purposes.

### 15. Who can enforce this policy

Only we and you have legal rights in connection with this insurance. This means that only we or you may enforce the agreement (although we will allow anyone who is covered under this *policy* to use *our* complaints process) and no person other than we and you may enforce the agreement by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance (Cap.623, Laws of Hong Kong).

## 16. 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.

#### 17. Other Insurance

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

## 18. Changes to this policy

#### 18.1

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.

#### 18.2

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

#### 19. Sanctions

It is Cigna's global corporate policy to comply with the economic sanctions rules related to individuals, entities, and countries applicable to its global business operations, including but not limited to those imposed by the United Nations, the European Commission, the United States, and Canada. Therefore, Cigna will not offer coverage or pay benefits to or on behalf of, any beneficiaries if doing so would violate these sanctions rules. In the event that Cigna learns that a sanctioned individual or entity is enrolled under the *policy*, or that a beneficiary becomes sanctioned, Cigna will take all appropriate action, which could include blocking, reporting, and terminating coverage. Cigna is under no obligation to notify the *beneficiary* in advance of taking these actions, or to obtain licenses from any government to enable the extension of coverage in compliance with sanctions laws.

In addition, restrictions will apply to claims incurred in sanctioned countries where there is no relevant, approved license from the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control. Among the restrictions, Cigna will not cover: (1) elective or pre-scheduled treatment in sanctioned countries; or (2) beneficiaries considered "ordinarily resident" in a sanctioned country. Beneficiaries are considered ordinarily resident if they visit a sanctioned country for a period of longer than six (6) weeks over the course of any twelve (12) month period.

## 20. Pandemics, Epidemics and **Infectious Illnesses**

#### 20.1

We will cover medically necessary treatment for disease or illness resulting from a pandemic, epidemic or outbreak of infectious illness, as defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The medically necessary treatment and related medical conditions will be covered on an inpatient, daypatient and outpatient (if the International *Outpatient* option has been selected) basis as per the benefits of the plan selected and according to the terms of the *policy*. Where prescribed drugs cannot be accessed in the beneficiary's current location as a result of a pandemic, epidemic or outbreak of infectious illness, we will cover the shipment cost in addition to the cost of the prescribed drugs under the terms of the prescribed drugs and dressings outpatient benefit.

#### 20.2

We will cover medically necessary testing for pandemic, epidemic or outbreak of infectious illness, on an outpatient basis, in line with *policy* coverage for diagnostics for other illnesses, and according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines.

#### 20.3

When an approved vaccine becomes available in a location through the local social security programmes or governmental agency, we recommend that local government advice is followed and the local health system or government programme is accessed where available.

If the vaccine needs to be delivered in an authorised private setting, and your selected plan includes coverage for clinically appropriate vaccines, then the vaccine will be covered on an *outpatient* basis according to the terms of the policy, and subject to the appropriate local regulatory authorities deeming the vaccine to be safe and efficient in the country where it will be administered.

We cannot guarantee the availability of a vaccine in any location and Cigna cannot control how or when any vaccine is distributed.

# **SECTION 2: GENERAL EXCLUSIONS**

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.

In accordance with clause 19, we will not cover any beneficiaries or pay claims in jurisdictions 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.

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.

The following exclusions apply to the International Medical Insurance plan and to all of the extra coverage options. 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.** *Treatment* which is provided by:
- a) 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.
- **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.

**3.** Preventative *treatment*, including but not limited to health screening, routine health checks and vaccinations (unless that treatment is available under the International Medical Insurance plan or one of the options for which a beneficiary has cover).

Under the International Medical Insurance plan, the limits of cover for preventative surgery in respect of congenital conditions will apply, other than for cancer.

- 4. 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.
- 5. 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:

- i) 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);
- ii) actively participated in the conflict; or
- iii) displayed a blatant disregard for their own safety.
- 6. Any treatment outside your selected area of coverage, unless the treatment can be covered under the 'Out of Area Emergency Hospitalisation Cover' conditions.
- **7.** Travel costs for *treatment* including any fares such as taxis or buses, unless otherwise specified, and expenses such as petrol or parking fees.
- 8. Any expenses for ship to shore evacuations.
- 9. Treatment in nature cure clinics, health spas, nursing homes, or other facilities which are not hospitals or recognised medical treatment providers.
- **10.** 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.
- 11. Costs of hospital accommodation for a deluxe, executive or VIP suite.
- 12. Any prosthetic device or appliance, including but not limited to hearing aids and spectacles (unless the International Vision & Dental module is selected) which is not medically necessary and/or does not fall within our definition of *prosthetic device(s)*.
- 13. Incidental costs including newspapers, telephone calls, guests' meals and hotel accommodation.

- 14. Costs or fees for filling in a claim form or other administration charges.
- 15. Non-medical admissions or stays in hospital which include:
- a) treatment that could take place on a daypatient or outpatient basis;
- b) convalescence;
- c) admissions and stays for social or domestic reasons e.g. washing, dressing and bathing.
- **16.** 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.
- **17.** Foetal *surgery*, i.e. *treatment* or *surgery* undertaken in the womb before birth, unless this is resulting from complications arising through maternity and shall be subject to the limits detailed in the Complications from Maternity benefit under the International Medical Insurance plan.
- **18.** Footcare by a Chiropodist or Podiatrist.
- **19.** *Treatment* for, or in connection with, smoking cessation.
- **20.** *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.
- **21.** Developmental problems, *treatment* for personality and/or character disorders, including but not limited to:
- a) learning difficulties such as dyslexia;
- b) physical development problems such as short height;
- c) affective personality disorder;
- d) schizoid personality disorder; or
- e) histronic personality disorder.
- 22. Disorders of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ).

- 23. Treatment for a related condition resulting from addictive conditions and disorders.
- **24.** *Treatment* for a related condition resulting from any kind of substance or alcohol use or misuse.
- 25. 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.
- **26.** *Treatment* by way of the intentional termination of pregnancy, unless the pregnancy endangers a beneficiary's life or mental stability.
- **27.** *Treatment* for sexual dysfunction disorders (such as impotence) or other sexual problems regardless of the underlying cause.
- 28. 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. Note that 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).
- 29. Gender reassignment surgery, including elective procedures and any medical or psychological counselling in preparation for, or subsequent to, any such surgery, unless state or federal law requires such coverage. We will cover medically necessary behavioural health services, including but not limited to, counselling for gender dysphoria and related psychiatric conditions (such as anxiety and depression) and medically necessary hormonal therapy.

- **30.** *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 at a professional level;
- b) taking part in a hazardous sporting activity or hobby, including but not limited to off-piste winter sports, base jumping, tombstoning or cliff jumping, mountaineering or rock climbing, potholing, motorsports, equestrian sports (for instance horse racing or jumping, polo, or hunting), bull riding or bull running, parkour;
- c) solo scuba-diving; or
- d) 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.
- **31.** *Treatment* which (in *our* reasonable opinion) is experimental, 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 it is prescribed.
- **32.** Any form of *cosmetic* or reconstructive treatment and any complication thereof, 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.
- 33. 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.

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.

Appropriate age intervals - child and adolescence age schedule up to age seventeen years old as set out by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Beneficiaries, beneficiary - anybody named in your Certificate of Insurance as being covered under this *policy*, including newborn children.

Certificate of Insurance - the certificate issued to the policyholder. This shows the policy number, the annual premium, the 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, any special exclusions or exclusions that have been removed at an additional premium and the health plan and selected options (if applicable) which apply.

Cigna, we, us, our, the insurer - see 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.

Congenital condition(s) - any abnormality, deformity, disease, illness or injury present at birth, whether diagnosed or not.

**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 a beneficiary habitually resides, as stated in your application.

**Country of nationality** - any country of which a beneficiary is a citizen, national or subject, as stated in your application.

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. This also includes surgical procedures carried out in a doctor's surgery.

**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.

**Doctor** - a medical professional who 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
- > International Clinical Guidelines.

**Expatriate** - means a beneficiary residing outside of their country of nationality.

Formulary drugs list - A prescription drugs list applicable to all pharmacy claims in the USA. This list is developed by Cigna with assistance from our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and is updated twice a year. All the medications included in our formulary drugs list are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Over-the-counter (OTC) medicines (those that do not require a prescription), except insulin, are excluded from our formulary drugs list, unless state or federal law requires coverage of such medicines. We will notify you of any change that affects the coverage of a medication that you are taking at the time of any update.

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

**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 International Medical Insurance plan.

**Injury** - a physical injury.

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

Medical assistance service - a service which provides medical advice, evacuation. assistance and repatriation in accordance with International Clinical Guidelines. This service can be multi-lingual and assistance is available twenty four (24) hours per day.

Medically necessary/ medical necessity medically necessary covered services and supplies are those determined in accordance with International Clinical Guidelines 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 registered or licensed to practice medicine under the laws of the country, state or other regulated area in which the treatment is provided, and who is not covered under this *policy*, or a family member of someone covered under this policy.

Outpatient - a patient who attends a hospital, consulting room, or outpatient clinic for treatment and is not admitted as a daypatient or an inpatient.

Period of cover - the twelve (12) months continuous period during which the

beneficiaries are covered under this policy, being the period from the start date to the end date as noted in the Certificate of Insurance or earlier if terminated in accordance with the Policy Rules.

Policy - the policy comprising these Policy Rules, the Customer Guide (which contains the list of benefits and claiming information), your application 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 and your Cigna ID Card.

Policyholder - a person who is aged 18 years or older 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, general exclusions and defined terms that govern this policy.

**Pre-existing condition** - any disease, illness or *injury*, or symptoms present before the initial start date 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.

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

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.

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

**Selected area of coverage - means either:** 

- > Worldwide, including USA; or
- > Worldwide, excluding USA.

**Spouse** - a *beneficiary's* legal husband or wife, or unmarried or civil partner who we have accepted for cover under this policy.

**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.

**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.

**USA** - the United States of America and US territories.

Worldwide including USA - every country throughout the world, excluding any country with whom, at the date of commencement of treatment, the Federal Government of the USA has prohibited trade to the extent that payments are illegal under applicable law.

Worldwide excluding USA - worldwide, with the exception of the USA.

You, your - the policyholder.

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