

This is Your

**EXCLUSIVE PROVIDER ORGANIZATION  
CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE**

Issued by

**MVP Health Services Corp.**

This Certificate of Coverage ("Certificate") explains the benefits available to You under a Group Contract between MVP Health Services Corp. (hereinafter referred to as "We", "Us" or "Our") and the Group listed in the Group Contract. This Certificate is not a contract between You and Us. Amendments, riders or endorsements may be delivered with the Certificate or added thereafter.

This Certificate offers You the option to receive Covered Services on two benefit levels:

- 1. In-Network Preferred Benefits.** In-network preferred benefits are the higher level of coverage available. In-network preferred benefits apply when Your care is provided by Preferred Providers in Our Preferred Provider Network. You should always consider receiving health services first through Our Preferred Providers in Our Preferred Provider Network.
- 2. In-Network Benefits.** In-network benefits are the lower level of coverage available. In-network benefits apply when Your care is provided by Participating Providers that are not Preferred Providers and are in Our EPO Network or Our affiliate's Cigna National Network and Participating Pharmacies in Our EPO Network. You should always consider receiving services first through Preferred Providers and then from Participating Providers that are not Preferred Providers.

**READ THIS ENTIRE CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY. IT DESCRIBES THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE UNDER THE GROUP CONTRACT. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THIS CERTIFICATE.**

This Certificate is governed by the laws of New York State.

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Del Vecchio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher Del Vecchio,  
Chief Executive Officer  
MVP Health Services Corp.

If You need foreign language assistance to understand this Certificate, You may call Us at the number on Your Member ID card.

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## SECTION I. Definitions

Defined terms will appear capitalized throughout this Certificate.

**Acute:** The onset of disease or injury, or a change in the Member's condition that would require prompt medical attention.

**Allowed Amount:** The maximum amount on which Our payment is based for Covered Services. See the Cost-Sharing Expenses and Allowed Amount section of this Certificate for a description of how the Allowed Amount is calculated.

**Ambulatory Surgical Center:** A Facility currently licensed by the appropriate state regulatory agency for the provision of surgical and related medical services on an outpatient basis.

**Appeal:** A request for Us to review a Utilization Review decision or a Grievance again.

**Balance Billing:** When a Non-Participating Provider bills You for the difference between the Non-Participating Provider's charge and the Allowed Amount. A Participating Provider may not Balance Bill You for Covered Services.

**Certificate:** This Certificate issued by MVP Health Services Corp., including the Schedule of Benefits and any attached riders.

**Child, Children:** The Subscriber's Children, including any natural, adopted or step-children, unmarried disabled Children, newborn Children, or any other Children as described in the Who is Covered section of this Certificate.

**Co-insurance:** Your share of the costs of a Covered Service, calculated as a percent of the Allowed Amount for the service that You are required to pay to a Provider. The amount can vary by the type of Covered Service.

**Co-payment:** A fixed amount You pay directly to a Provider for a Covered Service when You receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of Covered Service.

**Cost-Sharing:** Amounts You must pay for Covered Services, expressed as Co-payments, Deductibles and/or Co-insurance.

**Cover, Covered or Covered Services:** The Medically Necessary services paid for, arranged, or authorized for You by Us under the terms and conditions of this Certificate.

**Deductible:** The amount You owe before We begin to pay for Covered Services. The Deductible applies before any Co-payments or Co-insurance are applied. The Deductible may not apply to all Covered Services. You may also have a Deductible that applies to a specific

Covered Service (e.g., a Prescription Drug Deductible) that You owe before We begin to pay for a particular Covered Service.

**Dependents:** The Subscriber's Spouse and Children.

**Durable Medical Equipment ("DME"):** Equipment which is:

- Designed and intended for repeated use;
- Primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose;
- Generally not useful to a person in the absence of disease or injury; and
- Appropriate for use in the home.

**Emergency Condition:** A medical or behavioral condition that manifests itself by Acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, such that a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in:

- Placing the health of the person afflicted with such condition or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child in serious jeopardy, or in the case of a behavioral condition, placing the health of such person or others in serious jeopardy;
- Serious impairment to such person's bodily functions;
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part of such person; or
- Serious disfigurement of such person.

**Emergency Department Care:** Emergency Services You get in a Hospital emergency department.

**Emergency Services:** A medical screening examination which is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such Emergency Condition; and within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital, such further medical examination and treatment as are required to stabilize the patient. "To stabilize" is to provide such medical treatment of an Emergency Condition as may be necessary to assure that, within reasonable medical probability, no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the patient from a Facility, or to deliver a newborn child (including the placenta).

**Exclusions:** Health care services that We do not pay for or Cover.

**External Appeal Agent:** An entity that has been certified by the New York State Department of Financial Services to perform external appeals in accordance with New York law.

**Facility:** A Hospital; Ambulatory Surgical Center; birthing center; dialysis center; rehabilitation Facility; Skilled Nursing Facility; hospice; Home Health Agency or home care services agency certified or licensed New York Public Health Law Article 36; a comprehensive care center for eating disorders pursuant to New York Mental Hygiene Law Article 30; and a Facility defined in

New York Mental Hygiene Law Section 1.03, certified by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports, or certified under New York Public Health Law Article 28 (or, in other states, a similarly licensed or certified Facility). If You receive treatment for substance use disorder outside of New York State, a Facility also includes one which is accredited by the Joint Commission to provide a substance use disorder treatment program.

**Grievance:** A complaint that You communicate to Us that does not involve a Utilization Review determination.

**Group:** The employer or party that has entered into an agreement with Us as a contractholder.

**Habilitation Services:** Health care services that help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Habilitation Services include the management of limitations and disabilities, including services or programs that help maintain or prevent deterioration in physical, cognitive, or behavioral function. These services consist of physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

**Health Care Professional:** An appropriately licensed, registered or certified Physician; dentist; optometrist; chiropractor; psychologist; social worker; podiatrist; physical therapist; occupational therapist; midwife; speech-language pathologist; audiologist; pharmacist; behavior analyst; nurse practitioner; or any other licensed, registered or certified Health Care Professional under Title 8 of the New York Education Law (or other comparable state law, if applicable) that the New York Insurance Law requires to be recognized who charges and bills patients for Covered Services. The Health Care Professional's services must be rendered within the lawful scope of practice for that type of Provider in order to be covered under this Certificate.

**Home Health Agency:** An organization currently certified or licensed by the State of New York or the state in which it operates and renders home health care services.

**Hospice Care:** Care to provide comfort and support for persons in the last stages of a terminal illness and their families that are provided by a hospice organization certified pursuant to New York Public Health Law Article 40 or under a similar certification process required by the state in which the hospice organization is located.

**Hospital:** A short term, acute, general Hospital, which:

- Is primarily engaged in providing, by or under the continuous supervision of Physicians, to patients, diagnostic services and therapeutic services for diagnosis, treatment and care of injured or sick persons;
- Has organized departments of medicine and major surgery;
- Has a requirement that every patient must be under the care of a Physician or dentist;
- Provides 24-hour nursing service by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse (R.N.);
- If located in New York State, has in effect a Hospitalization review plan applicable to all patients which meets at least the standards set forth in 42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(k);

- Is duly licensed by the agency responsible for licensing such Hospitals; and
- Is not, other than incidentally, a place of rest, a place primarily for the treatment of tuberculosis, a place for the aged, a place for drug addicts, alcoholics, or a place for convalescent, custodial, educational, or rehabilitative care.

Hospital does not mean health resorts, spas, or infirmaries at schools or camps.

**Hospitalization:** Care in a Hospital that requires admission as an inpatient and usually requires an overnight stay.

**Hospital Outpatient Care:** Care in a Hospital that usually doesn't require an overnight stay.

**Medically Necessary:** See the How Your Coverage Works section of this Certificate for the definition.

**Medicare:** Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended.

**Member:** The Subscriber or a covered Dependent for whom required Premiums have been paid. Whenever a Member is required to provide a notice pursuant to a Grievance or emergency department visit or admission, "Member" also means the Member's designee.

**Network:** The Providers We have contracted with to provide health care services to You.

**Non-Participating Provider:** A Provider who doesn't have a contract with Us to provide health care services to You. The services of Non-Participating Providers are Covered only for Emergency Services, Urgent Care or when authorized by Us.

**Out-of-Pocket Limit:** The most You pay during a Plan Year in Cost-Sharing before We begin to pay 100% of the Allowed Amount for Covered Services. This limit never includes Your Premium, Balance Billing charges or the cost of health care services We do not Cover.

**Participating Provider:** A Provider who has a contract with Us to provide health care services to You. A list of Participating Providers and their locations is available on Our website at [mvphealthcare.com](http://mvphealthcare.com) or upon Your request to Us. The list will be revised from time to time by Us. You will pay higher Cost-Sharing to see a Participating Provider as compared to a Preferred Provider.

**Physician or Physician Services:** Health care services a licensed medical Physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) provides or coordinates.

**Plan Year:** The 12-month period beginning on the effective date of the Certificate or any anniversary date thereafter, during which the Certificate is in effect.

**Preauthorization:** A decision by Us prior to Your receipt of a Covered Service, procedure, treatment plan, device, or Prescription Drug that the Covered Service, procedure, treatment plan,

device or Prescription Drug is Medically Necessary. We indicate which Covered Services require Preauthorization in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate.

**Preferred Provider:** A Provider who has a contract with Us to provide health care services to You at the highest level of coverage available to You. You will pay the least amount of Cost-Sharing to see a Preferred Provider.

**Premium:** The amount that must be paid for Your health insurance coverage.

**Prescription Drugs:** A medication, product or device that has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) and that can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only pursuant to a prescription order or refill and is on Our formulary. A Prescription Drug includes a medication that, due to its characteristics, is appropriate for self-administration or administration by a non-skilled caregiver.

**Primary Care Physician (“PCP”):** A participating nurse practitioner or Physician who typically is an internal medicine, family practice or pediatric Physician and who directly provides or coordinates a range of health care services for You.

**Provider:** A Physician, Health Care Professional, or Facility licensed, registered, certified or accredited as required by state law. A Provider also includes a vendor or dispenser of diabetic equipment and supplies, durable medical equipment, medical supplies, or any other equipment or supplies that are Covered under this Certificate that is licensed, registered, certified or accredited as required by state law.

**Referral:** An authorization given to one Participating Provider from another Participating Provider (usually from a PCP to a participating Specialist) in order to arrange for additional care for a Member. A Referral can be transmitted electronically or by Your Provider completing a paper Referral form. Except as provided in the Access to Care and Transitional Care section of this Certificate or as otherwise authorized by Us, a Referral will not be made to a Non-Participating Provider.

**Rehabilitation Services:** Health care services that help a person keep, get back, or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt, or disabled. These services consist of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy in an inpatient and/or outpatient setting.

**Schedule of Benefits:** The section of this Certificate that describes the Co-payments, Deductibles, Co-insurance, Out-of-Pocket Limits, and other limits on Covered Services.

**Service Area:** The geographical area, designated by Us and approved by the State of New York, in which We provide coverage. Our Service Area consists of: all counties in New York, except Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond, Nassau and Suffolk.



**Skilled Nursing Facility:** An institution or a distinct part of an institution that is currently licensed or approved under state or local law; primarily engaged in providing skilled nursing care and related services as a Skilled Nursing Facility, extended care Facility, or nursing care Facility approved by the Joint Commission, or the Bureau of Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association, or as a Skilled Nursing Facility under Medicare; or as otherwise determined by Us to meet the standards of any of these authorities.

**Specialist:** A Physician who focuses on a specific area of medicine or a group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions.

**Spouse:** The person to whom the Subscriber is legally married, including a same sex Spouse. Spouse also includes a domestic partner.

**Subscriber:** The person to whom this Certificate is issued.

**UCR (Usual, Customary and Reasonable):** The amount paid for a medical service in a geographic area based on what Providers in the area usually charge for the same or similar medical service.

**Urgent Care:** Medical care for an illness, injury or condition serious enough that a reasonable person would seek care right away, but not so severe as to require Emergency Department Care. Urgent Care may be rendered in a Physician's office or Urgent Care Center.

**Urgent Care Center:** A licensed Facility (other than a Hospital) that provides Urgent Care.

**Us, We, Our:** MVP Health Services Corp. and anyone to whom We legally delegate performance, on Our behalf, under this Certificate.

**Utilization Review:** The review to determine whether services are or were Medically Necessary or experimental or investigational (i.e., treatment for a rare disease or a clinical trial).

**You, Your:** The Member.

## SECTION II. How Your Coverage Works

### A. Your Coverage Under this Certificate.

Your employer (referred to as the "Group") has purchased a Group health insurance Contract from Us. We will provide the benefits described in this Certificate to covered Members of the Group, that is, to employees of the Group and their covered Dependents. However, this Certificate is not a contract between You and Us. You should keep this Certificate with Your other important papers so that it is available for Your future reference.

### B. Covered Services.

You will receive Covered Services under the terms and conditions of this Certificate only when the Covered Service is:

- Medically Necessary;
- Provided by a Preferred or Participating Provider;
- Listed as a Covered Service;
- Not in excess of any benefit limitations described in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate; and
- Received while Your Certificate is in force.

When You are outside Our Service Area, Medically Necessary coverage is available via Our affiliate's Cigna National network. Also, when you are outside Our Service Area Emergency Services, Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services and ambulance services are provided from any provider to treat Your Emergency Condition and Urgent Care.

### C. Participating Providers.

To find out if a Provider is a Preferred or Participating Provider:

- Check Our Provider directory, available at Your request;
- Call the number on Your Member ID card; or
- Visit Our website at **[mvphealthcare.com](http://mvphealthcare.com)**.

The Provider directory will give You the following information about Our Participating Providers:

- Name, address, and telephone number
- Specialty;
- Board certification (if applicable);
- Language spoken;
- Whether the Provider is a Preferred Provider; and
- Whether the Participating Provider is accepting new patients.

You are only responsible for any Cost-Sharing that would apply to the Covered Services if You receive Covered Services from a Provider who is not a Participating Provider in the following situations:

- The Provider is listed as a Participating Provider in Our online Provider directory;
- Our paper Provider directory listing the Provider as a Participating Provider is incorrect as of the date of publication;

- We give You written notice that the Provider is a Participating Provider in response to Your telephone request for network status information about the Provider; or
- We do not provide You with a written notice within one (1) business day of Your telephone request for network status information.

In these situations, if a Provider bills You for more than Your Cost-Sharing and You pay the bill, You are entitled to a refund from the Provider, plus interest.

#### **D. Preferred Providers.**

Some Participating Providers are also Preferred Providers. Certain services may be obtained from Preferred Providers. If You receive Covered Services from Preferred Providers, Your Cost-Sharing may be lower than if You received the services from Participating Providers. See the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate for coverage of Preferred Provider services.

#### **E. The Role of Primary Care Physicians.**

This Certificate does not have a gatekeeper, usually known as a Primary Care Physician (“PCP”). Although You are encouraged to receive care from Your PCP, You do not need a written Referral from a PCP before receiving certain Specialist Care.

For purposes of Cost-Sharing, if You seek services from a PCP (or a Physician covering for a PCP) who has a primary or secondary specialty other than general practice, family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and OB/GYN, You must pay the specialty office visit Cost-Sharing in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate when the services provided are related to specialty care.

#### **F. Access to Providers and Changing Providers.**

Sometimes Providers in Our Provider directory are not available. You should call the Provider to make sure he or she is a Participating Provider and is accepting new patients.

To see a Provider, call his or her office and tell the Provider that You are an MVP Health Services Corp. Preferred Provider Network Member, and explain the reason for Your visit. Have Your Member ID card available. The Provider’s office may ask You for Your Group or Member ID number. When You go to the Provider’s office, bring Your Member ID card with You.

To contact Your Provider after normal business hours, call the Provider’s office. You will be directed to Your Provider, an answering machine with directions on how to obtain services, or another Provider. If You have an Emergency Condition, seek immediate care at the nearest Hospital emergency department or call 911.

If We do not have a Participating Provider for certain provider types in the county in which You live or in a bordering county that is within approved time and distance standards, We will approve an Authorization to a specific Non-Participating Provider until You no longer need the care or We have a Participating Provider in Our Network that meets the time and distance standards and Your care has been transitioned to that Participating Provider. Covered Services

rendered by the Non-Participating Provider will be paid as if they were provided by a Participating Provider. You will be responsible only for any applicable In-Network Cost-Sharing.

**G. Services Subject to Preauthorization.**

Our Preauthorization is required before You receive certain Covered Services. Your Participating Provider is responsible for requesting Preauthorization for in-network services and You are responsible for requesting Preauthorization for the out-of-network services listed in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate.

**H. Preauthorization / Notification Procedure.**

If You seek coverage for services that require Preauthorization or notification, Your Provider must call Us at the number on Your Member ID card.

Your Provider must contact Us to request Preauthorization as follows:

- At least two (2) weeks prior to a planned admission or surgery when Your Provider recommends inpatient Hospitalization. If that is not possible, then as soon as reasonably possible during regular business hours prior to the admission.
- At least two (2) weeks prior to ambulatory surgery or any ambulatory care procedure when Your Provider recommends the surgery or procedure be performed in an ambulatory surgical unit of a Hospital or in an Ambulatory Surgical Center. If that is not possible, then as soon as reasonably possible during regular business hours prior to the surgery or procedure.
- Before air ambulance services are rendered for a non-Emergency Condition.

You must contact Us to provide notification as follows:

- As soon as reasonably possible when air ambulance services are rendered for an Emergency Condition.
- If You are hospitalized in cases of an Emergency Condition, You must call Us within 48 hours after Your admission or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible.

After receiving a request for approval, We will review the reasons for Your planned treatment and determine if benefits are available. Criteria will be based on multiple sources which may include medical policy, clinical guidelines, and pharmacy and therapeutic guidelines.

**I. Medical Management.**

The benefits available to You under this Certificate are subject to pre-service, concurrent and retrospective reviews to determine when services should be Covered by Us. The purpose of these reviews is to promote the delivery of cost-effective medical care by reviewing the use of procedures and, where appropriate, the setting or place the services are performed. Covered Services must be Medically Necessary for benefits to be provided.

## **J. Medical Necessity.**

We Cover benefits described in this Certificate as long as the health care service, procedure, treatment, test, device, Prescription Drug or supply (collectively, "service") is Medically Necessary. The fact that a Provider has furnished, prescribed, ordered, recommended, or approved the service does not make it Medically Necessary or mean that We have to Cover it.

We may base Our decision on a review of:

- Your medical records;
- Our medical policies and clinical guidelines;
- Medical opinions of a professional society, peer review committee or other groups of Physicians;
- Reports in peer-reviewed medical literature;
- Reports and guidelines published by nationally-recognized health care organizations that include supporting scientific data;
- Professional standards of safety and effectiveness, which are generally-recognized in the United States for diagnosis, care, or treatment;
- The opinion of Health Care Professionals in the generally-recognized health specialty involved;
- The opinion of the attending Providers, which have credence but do not overrule contrary opinions.

Services will be deemed Medically Necessary only if:

- They are clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site, and duration, and considered effective for Your illness, injury, or disease;
- They are required for the direct care and treatment or management of that condition;
- Your condition would be adversely affected if the services were not provided;
- They are provided in accordance with generally-accepted standards of medical practice;
- They are not primarily for the convenience of You, Your family, or Your Provider;
- They are not more costly than an alternative service or sequence of services, that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results;
- When setting or place of service is part of the review, services that can be safely provided to You in a lower cost setting will not be Medically Necessary if they are performed in a higher cost setting. For example, We will not provide coverage for an inpatient admission for surgery if the surgery could have been performed on an outpatient basis or an infusion or injection of a specialty drug provided in the outpatient department of a Hospital if the drug could be provided in a Physician's office or the home setting.

See the Utilization Review and External Appeal sections of this Certificate for Your right to an internal Appeal and external appeal of Our determination that a service is not Medically Necessary.

## **K. Protection from Surprise Bills.**

**1. Surprise Bills.** A surprise bill is a bill You receive for Covered Services in the following circumstances:

- For services performed by a non-participating Provider at a participating Hospital or Ambulatory Surgical Center, when:
  - A participating Provider is unavailable at the time the health care services are performed;
  - A non-participating Provider performs services without Your knowledge; or
  - Unforeseen medical issues or services arise at the time the health care services are performed.

A surprise bill does not include a bill for health care services when a participating Provider is available and You elected to receive services from a non-participating Provider.

- You were referred by a participating Physician to a Non-Participating Provider without Your explicit written consent acknowledging that the referral is to a Non-Participating Provider and it may result in costs not covered by Us. For a surprise bill, a referral to a Non-Participating Provider means:
  - Covered Services are performed by a Non-Participating Provider in the participating Physician's office or practice during the same visit;
  - The participating Physician sends a specimen taken from You in the participating Physician's office to a non-participating laboratory or pathologist; or
  - For any other Covered Services performed by a Non-Participating Provider at the participating Physician's request, when Referrals are required under Your Certificate.

You will be held harmless for any Non-Participating Provider charges for the surprise bill that exceed Your Cost-Sharing. The Non-Participating Provider may only bill You for Your Cost-Sharing. You can sign a form to notify Us and the Non-Participating Provider that You received a surprise bill.

The form for surprise bills is available at [www.dfs.ny.gov](http://www.dfs.ny.gov) or You can visit Our website at **mvphealthcare.com** for a copy of the form. You need to mail a copy of the form to Us at the address on Our website; on Your Member ID card; for Surprise Bill Certification of Benefits form in the Important Telephone Numbers and Addresses paragraph below and to Your Provider.

**2. Independent Dispute Resolution Process.** Either We or a Provider may submit a dispute involving a surprise bill to an independent dispute resolution entity ("IDRE") assigned by the state. The IDRE will determine whether Our payment or the Provider's charge is reasonable within 30 days of receiving the dispute.

#### **L. Delivery of Covered Services Using Telehealth.**

If Your Provider offers Covered Services using telehealth, We will not deny the Covered Services because they are delivered using telehealth. Covered Services delivered using telehealth may be subject to utilization review and quality assurance requirements and other terms and conditions of the Certificate that are at least as favorable as those requirements for the same service when not delivered using telehealth. "Telehealth" means the use of electronic information and communication technologies, including telephone or video using smart phones or other devices, by a Provider to deliver Covered Services to You while Your location is different than Your Provider's location.

#### **M. Case Management.**

Case management helps coordinate services for Members with health care needs due to serious, complex, and/or chronic health conditions. Our programs coordinate benefits and educate Members who agree to take part in the case management program to help meet their health-related needs.

Our case management programs are confidential and voluntary. These programs are given at no extra cost to You and do not change Covered Services. If You meet program criteria and agree to take part, We will help You meet Your identified health care needs. This is reached through contact and teamwork with You and/or Your authorized representative, treating Physician(s), and other Providers. In addition, We may assist in coordinating care with existing community-based programs and services to meet Your needs, which may include giving You information about external agencies and community-based programs and services.

As part of our hospital discharge program you will be offered meals following an inpatient hospital discharge. MVP will contact you and offer you the option to receive 14 nutritious meals during a 7 day period to help you meet your nutritional needs and recover. If you choose to receive the meals, they will be delivered to your home by our partner Mom's Meals.

#### **N. Important Telephone Numbers and Addresses.**

- CLAIMS  
MVP Health Care - Claim Department  
P.O. Box 2207  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
  
submitclaims@mvphealthcare.com  
(Submit electronic claim forms to this e-mail address)
- COMPLAINTS, GRIEVANCES AND UTILIZATION REVIEW APPEALS  
1-888-687-6277
- SURPRISE BILL CERTIFICATION FORM  
MVP Health Care

P.O. Box 2207  
Schenectady, New York 12305  
(Submit surprise bill certification forms to this address)

- CUSTOMER CARE CENTER  
1-888-687-6277  
(Customer Care Representatives are available Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
- PREAUTHORIZATION  
1-888-687-6277
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES  
Call the number on Your Member ID card
- OUR WEBSITE  
**[mvphealthcare.com](http://mvphealthcare.com)**
- MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND URGENT CARE  
1-888-687-6277  
(Customer Care Representatives are available Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)



### **SECTION III. Access to Care and Transitional Care**

#### **A. Authorization to a Non-Participating Provider.**

If We determine that We do not have a Participating Provider that has the appropriate training and experience to treat Your condition, We will approve an authorization to an appropriate Non-Participating Provider. Your Participating Provider must request prior approval of the authorization to a specific Non-Participating Provider. Approvals of authorizations to Non-Participating Providers will not be made for the convenience of You or another treating Provider and may not necessarily be to the specific Non-Participating Provider You requested. If We approve the authorization, all services performed by the Non-Participating Provider are subject to a treatment plan approved by Us in consultation with Your PCP, the Non-Participating Provider and You. Covered Services rendered by the Non-Participating Provider will be covered as if they were provided by a Participating Provider. You will be responsible only for any applicable In-Network Cost-Sharing. In the event an authorization is not approved, any services rendered by a Non-Participating Provider will not be Covered.

#### **B. When Your Provider Leaves the Network.**

If You are in an ongoing course of treatment when Your Provider leaves Our network, then You may continue to receive Covered Services for the ongoing treatment from the former Participating Provider for up to 90 days from the date Your Provider's contractual obligation to provide services to You terminates. If You are pregnant, You may continue care with a former Participating Provider through delivery and any postpartum care directly related to the delivery.

The Provider must accept as payment the negotiated fee that was in effect just prior to the termination of Our relationship with the Provider. The Provider must also provide Us necessary medical information related to Your care and adhere to our policies and procedures, including those for assuring quality of care, obtaining Preauthorization, authorizations, and a treatment plan approved by Us. You will receive the Covered Services as if they were being provided by a Participating Provider. You will be responsible only for any applicable Cost-Sharing. Please note that if the Provider was terminated by Us due to fraud, imminent harm to patients or final disciplinary action by a state board or agency that impairs the Provider's ability to practice, continued treatment with that Provider is not available.

#### **C. New Members In a Course of Treatment.**

If You are in an ongoing course of treatment with a Non-Participating Provider when Your coverage under this Certificate becomes effective, You may be able to receive Covered Services for the ongoing treatment from the Non-Participating Provider for up to 60 days from the effective date of Your coverage under this Certificate. This course of treatment must be for a life-threatening disease or condition or a degenerative and disabling condition or disease. You may also continue care with a Non-Participating Provider if You are in the second or third trimester of a pregnancy when Your coverage under this Certificate becomes effective. You may continue care through delivery and any post-partum services directly related to the delivery.

In order for You to continue to receive Covered Services for up to 60 days or through pregnancy, the Non-Participating Provider must agree to accept as payment Our fees for such services. The Provider must also agree to provide Us necessary medical information related to Your care and to adhere to Our policies and procedures including those for assuring quality of care, obtaining Preauthorization, Referrals, and a treatment plan approved by Us. If the Provider agrees to these conditions, You will receive the Covered Services as if they were being provided by a Participating Provider. You will be responsible only for any applicable In-Network Cost-Sharing.

## **SECTION IV. Cost-Sharing Expenses and Allowed Amount**

### **A. Deductible.**

Except where stated otherwise, You must pay the amount in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate for Covered Services during each Plan Year before We provide coverage. If You have other than individual coverage, You must pay the family Deductible in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate for Covered Services under this Certificate during each Plan Year before We provide coverage for any person covered under this Certificate. However, after Deductible payments for persons covered under this Certificate collectively total the family Deductible amount in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate in a Plan Year, no further Deductible will be required for any person covered under this Certificate for that Plan Year.

The Deductibles for Preferred Providers and Participating Providers apply to Covered in-network Services. In-network Cost-Sharing amounts to which a Deductible applies accumulates toward both the Deductibles for Preferred Providers and for Participating Providers.

### **B. Co-payments.**

Except where stated otherwise, after You have satisfied the Deductible as described above, You must pay the Co-payments, or fixed amounts, in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate for Covered Services. However, when the Allowed Amount for a service is less than the Co-payment, You are responsible for the lesser amount.

### **C. Co-insurance.**

Except where stated otherwise, after You have satisfied the Deductible as described above, You must pay a percentage of the Allowed Amount for Covered Services. We will pay the remaining percentage of the Allowed Amount as Your benefit as shown in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate.

### **D. Out-of-Pocket Limit.**

When You have met Your Out-of-Pocket Limit in payment of Cost-Sharing for a Plan Year in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate, We will provide coverage for 100% of the Allowed Amount for Covered Services for the remainder of that Plan Year. If You have other than individual coverage, once a person within a family meets the individual Out-of-Pocket Limit in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate, We will provide coverage for 100% of the Allowed Amount for the rest of that Plan Year for that person. If other than individual coverage applies, when persons in the same family covered under this Certificate have collectively met the family Out-of-Pocket Limit in payment of Cost-Sharing for a Plan Year in the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate, We will provide coverage for 100% of the Allowed Amount for the rest of that Plan Year for the entire family. There are different Out-of-Pocket Limits for services provided by Preferred Providers and Participating Providers. The Out-of-Pocket Limits for Preferred Providers and Participating Providers apply to Covered in-network Services. In-network Cost-Sharing amounts to which an Out-of-Pocket Limit applies will accumulate toward both the Out-of-Pocket Limits for Preferred Providers and for Participating Providers.

The Out-of-Pocket Limits for Preferred Providers and Participating Providers apply to Covered in-network Services. In-network Cost-Sharing amounts to which an Out-of-Pocket Limit applies will accumulate toward both the Out-of-Pocket Limits for Preferred Providers and for Participating Providers.

Cost-Sharing for out-of-network services, except for Emergency Services, out-of-network services approved by Us as an in-network exception and out-of-network dialysis does not apply toward Your Out-of-Pocket Limit.

**E. Allowed Amount.**

“Allowed Amount” means the maximum amount We will pay for the services or supplies Covered under this Certificate, before any applicable Co-payment, Deductible and Co-insurance amounts are subtracted. We determine Our Allowed Amount as follows:

The Allowed Amount for Participating Providers will be the amount We have negotiated with the Participating Provider.

See the Emergency Services and Urgent Care section of this Certificate for the Allowed Amount for Emergency Services rendered by Non-Participating Providers. See the Ambulance and Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services section of this Certificate for the Allowed Amount for Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Services rendered by Non-Participating Providers.

## SECTION V. Who is Covered

### A. Who is Covered Under this Certificate.

You, the Subscriber to whom this Certificate is issued, are covered under this Certificate. You must live, work, or reside in Our Service Area to be covered under this Certificate. Members of Your family may also be covered depending on the type of coverage You selected.

### B. Types of Coverage.

We offer the following types of coverage:

- 1. Individual.** If You selected individual coverage, then You are covered.
- 2. Individual and Spouse.** If You selected individual and Spouse coverage, then You and Your Spouse are covered.
- 3. Parent and Child/Children.** If You selected parent and child/children coverage, then You and Your Child or Children, as described below, are covered.
- 4. Family.** If You selected family coverage, then You and Your Spouse and Your Child or Children, as described below, are covered.

### C. Children Covered Under this Certificate.

If You selected parent and child/children or family coverage, Children covered under this Certificate include Your natural Children, legally adopted Children, step Children, and Children for whom You are the proposed adoptive parent without regard to financial dependence, residency with You, student status or employment. A proposed adopted Child is eligible for coverage on the same basis as a natural Child during any waiting period prior to the finalization of the Child's adoption. Coverage lasts until the end of the month in which the Child turns 26 years of age. Coverage also includes Children for whom You are a legal guardian if the Children are chiefly dependent upon You for support and You have been appointed the legal guardian by a court order. Foster children and grandchildren are not covered.

Any unmarried dependent Child, regardless of age, who is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental illness, developmental disability, mental retardation (as defined in the New York Mental Hygiene Law), or physical handicap and who became so incapable prior to attainment of the age at which the Child's coverage would otherwise terminate and who is chiefly dependent upon You for support and maintenance, will remain covered while Your insurance remains in force and Your Child remains in such condition. You have 31 days from the date of Your Child's attainment of the termination age to submit an application to request that the Child be included in Your coverage and proof of the Child's incapacity. We have the right to check whether a Child qualifies and continues to qualify under this section.

We have the right to request and be furnished with such proof as may be needed to determine eligibility status of a prospective or covered Subscriber and all other prospective or covered Members in relation to eligibility for coverage under this Certificate at any time.

#### **D. When Coverage Begins.**

Coverage under this Certificate will begin as follows:

1. If You, the Subscriber, elect coverage before becoming eligible, or within 30 days of becoming eligible for other than a special enrollment period, coverage begins on the date You become eligible, or on the date determined by Your Group. Groups cannot impose waiting periods that exceed 90 days.
2. If You, the Subscriber, do not elect coverage upon becoming eligible or within 30 days of becoming eligible for other than a special enrollment period, You must wait until the Group's next open enrollment period to enroll, except as provided below.
3. If You, the Subscriber, marry while covered, and We receive notice of such marriage and any Premium payment within 30 days thereafter, coverage for Your Spouse and Child starts on the first day of the month after We receive Your application. If We do not receive notice within 30 days of the marriage, You must wait until the Group's next open enrollment period to add Your Spouse or Child.
4. If You, the Subscriber, have a newborn or adopted newborn Child and We receive notice of such birth within 30 days thereafter, coverage for Your newborn starts at the moment of birth; otherwise, coverage begins on the date on which We receive notice. Your adopted newborn Child will be covered from the moment of birth if You take physical custody of the infant as soon as the infant is released from the Hospital after birth and You file a petition pursuant to Section 115-c of the New York Domestic Relations Law within 30 days of the infant's birth; and provided further that no notice of revocation to the adoption has been filed pursuant to Section 115-b of the New York Domestic Relations Law, and consent to the adoption has not been revoked. However, We will not provide Hospital benefits for the adopted newborn's initial Hospital stay if one of the infant's natural parents has coverage for the newborn's initial Hospital stay. If You have individual or individual and Spouse coverage, You must also notify Us of Your desire to switch to parent and child/children or family coverage and pay any additional Premium within 30 days of the birth or adoption in order for coverage to start at the moment of birth. Otherwise, coverage begins on the date on which We receive notice, provided that You pay any additional Premium when due.

#### **E. Special Enrollment Periods.**

You, Your Spouse or Child can also enroll for coverage within 30 days of the loss of coverage in another group health plan if coverage was terminated because You, Your Spouse or Child are no longer eligible for coverage under the other group health plan due to:

1. Termination of employment;
2. Termination of the other group health plan;
3. Death of the Spouse;
4. Legal separation, divorce or annulment;
5. Reduction of hours of employment;

6. Employer contributions toward the group health plan were terminated for You or Your Dependents' coverage; or
7. A Child no longer qualifies for coverage as a Child under the other group health plan.

You, Your Spouse or Child can also enroll 30 days from exhaustion of Your COBRA or continuation coverage or if You gain a Dependent or become a Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

We must receive notice and Premium payment within 30 days of one of these events. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the following month after We receive Your application. If You gain a Dependent or become a Dependent due to a birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, Your coverage will begin on the date of the birth, adoption or placement for adoption.

In addition, You, Your Spouse or Child, can also enroll for coverage within 60 days of the occurrence of one of the following events:

1. You or Your Spouse or Child loses eligibility for Medicaid or Child Health Plus; or
2. You or Your Spouse or Child becomes eligible for Medicaid or Child Health Plus.

We must receive notice and Premium payment within 60 days of one of these events. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the following month after We receive Your application.

## SECTION VI. Preventive Care

Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits section of this Certificate for Cost-Sharing requirements, day or visit limits, and any Preauthorization or Referral requirements that apply to these benefits.

### **Preventive Care.**

We Cover the following services for the purpose of promoting good health and early detection of disease. Preventive services are not subject to Cost-Sharing (Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance) when performed by a Participating Provider and provided in accordance with the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration ("HRSA"), or if the items or services have an "A" or "B" rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force ("USPSTF"), or if the immunizations are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ("ACIP"). However, Cost-Sharing may apply to services provided during the same visit as the preventive services. Also, if a preventive service is provided during an office visit wherein the preventive service is not the primary purpose of the visit, the Cost-Sharing amount that would otherwise apply to the office visit will still apply. You may contact Us at the number on Your Member ID card or visit Our website at **mvphealthcare.com** for a copy of the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA, items or services with an "A" or "B" rating from USPSTF, and immunizations recommended by ACIP.

- A. Well-Baby and Well-Child Care.** We Cover well-baby and well-child care which consists of routine physical examinations including vision screenings and hearing screenings, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, and laboratory tests ordered at the time of the visit as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. We also Cover preventive care and screenings as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA and items or services with an "A" or "B" rating from USPSTF. If the schedule of well-child visits referenced above permits one (1) well-child visit per Plan year, We will not deny a well-child visit if 365 days have not passed since the previous well-child visit. Immunizations and boosters as recommended by ACIP are also Covered. This benefit is provided to Members from birth through attainment of age 19 and is not subject to Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance.
- B. Adult Annual Physical Examinations.** We Cover adult annual physical examinations and preventive care and screenings as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA and items or services with an "A" or "B" rating from USPSTF.

Examples of items or services with an "A" or "B" rating from USPSTF include, but are not limited to, blood pressure screening for adults, lung cancer screening, colorectal cancer screening, alcohol misuse screening, depression screening, and diabetes screening. A complete list of the Covered preventive Services is available on Our website at **mvphealthcare.com**, or will be mailed to You upon request.



You are eligible for a physical examination once every Plan year, regardless of whether or not 365 days have passed since the previous physical examination visit. Vision screenings do not include refractions.

This benefit is not subject to Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance when provided in accordance with the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA and items or services with an "A" or "B" rating from USPSTF.

**C. Adult Immunizations.** We Cover adult immunizations as recommended by ACIP. This benefit is not subject to Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance when provided in accordance with the recommendations of ACIP.

**D. Well-Woman Examinations.** We Cover well-woman examinations which consist of a routine gynecological examination, breast examination and annual screening for cervical cancer, including laboratory and diagnostic services in connection with evaluating cervical cancer screening tests. We also Cover preventive care and screenings as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA and items or services with an "A" or "B" rating from USPSTF. A complete list of the Covered preventive Services is available on Our website at [mvphealthcare.com](http://mvphealthcare.com), or will be mailed to You upon request. This benefit is not subject to Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance when provided in accordance with the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA and items or services with an "A" or "B" rating from USPSTF, which may be less frequent than described above.

**E. Mammograms, Screening and Diagnostic Imaging for the Detection of Breast Cancer.** We Cover mammograms, which may be provided by breast tomosynthesis (i.e., 3D mammograms), for the screening of breast cancer as follows:

- One (1) baseline screening mammogram for Members age 35 through 39;
- Upon the recommendation of the Member's provider, an annual screening mammogram for Members age 35-39, if Medically Necessary; and
- One (1) screening mammogram annually for Members age 40 and over.

If a Member of any age has a history of breast cancer or a first degree relative has a history of breast cancer, We Cover mammograms as recommended by the Member's Provider. However, in no event will more than one (1) preventive screening per Plan Year be Covered.

Mammograms for the screening of breast cancer are not subject to Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance.

We also Cover additional screening and diagnostic imaging for the detection of breast cancer, including diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds and MRIs. Screening and diagnostic imaging for the detection of breast cancer, including diagnostic

mammograms, breast ultrasounds and MRIs are not subject to Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance.

**F. Family Planning and Reproductive Health Services.** We Cover family planning services which consist of: FDA-approved contraceptive methods prescribed by a Provider not otherwise Covered under the Prescription Drug Coverage section of this Certificate; patient education and counseling on use of contraceptives and related topics; follow-up services related to contraceptive methods, including management of side effects, counseling for continued adherence, and device insertion and removal; and sterilization procedures for women. Such services are not subject to Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance.

We also Cover vasectomies subject to Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance.

We do not Cover services related to the reversal of elective sterilizations.

**G. Bone Mineral Density Measurements or Testing.** We Cover bone mineral density measurements or tests, and Prescription Drugs and devices approved by the FDA or generic equivalents as approved substitutes. Coverage of Prescription Drugs is subject to the Prescription Drug Coverage section of this Certificate. Bone mineral density measurements or tests, drugs or devices shall include those covered under the federal Medicare program or those in accordance with the criteria of the National Institutes of Health. You will qualify for Coverage if You meet the criteria under the federal Medicare program or the criteria of the National Institutes of Health or if You meet any of the following:

- Previously diagnosed as having osteoporosis or having a family history of osteoporosis;
- With symptoms or conditions indicative of the presence or significant risk of osteoporosis;
- On a prescribed drug regimen posing a significant risk of osteoporosis;
- With lifestyle factors to a degree as posing a significant risk of osteoporosis; or
- With such age, gender, and/or other physiological characteristics which pose a significant risk for osteoporosis.

We also Cover osteoporosis screening as provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA and items or services with an "A" or "B" rating from USPSTF.

This benefit is not subject to Co-payments, Deductibles or Co-insurance when provided by a Participating Provider and in accordance with the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA and items or services with an "A" or "B" rating from USPSTF, which may not include all of the above services such as drugs and devices.





















































































































































































