

**DENTAL MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT  
MSA-881763**

This master services agreement (“Agreement”) between AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Connecticut corporation located at 151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut (“Aetna”), and Lee County Board of County Commissioners, located at 2115 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Fort Myers, FL 33901 (“Customer”) is effective as of January 1, 2025 (“Effective Date”).

The Customer has established one or more self-funded employee benefits plans, described in Exhibit 1, (the “Plan(s)”), for certain covered persons, as defined in the Plan(s) (the “Plan Participants”).

The Customer wants to make available to Plan Participants one or more products and administrative services (“Services”) offered by Aetna, as specified in the attached schedules, and Aetna wants to provide those Services to the Customer for the compensation described herein.

The parties therefore agree as follows:

**1. TERM**

The initial term of this Agreement will be three years beginning on the Effective Date. The County reserves the right to renew the control for up to two additional one-year periods. The fees are guaranteed for the first one-year initial period. The initial term and each successive one year renewal shall be considered an “Agreement Period”. The schedules may provide for different start and end dates for certain Services.

**2. SERVICES**

Aetna shall provide the Services described in the attached schedules.

**3. STANDARD OF CARE**

Aetna and the Customer will discharge their obligations under this Agreement with that level of reasonable care which a similarly situated services provider or plan administrator, respectively, would exercise under similar circumstances. If the Customer delegates claim fiduciary duties to Aetna pursuant to the applicable schedule, Aetna shall observe the standard of care and diligence required of a fiduciary under applicable state law.

**4. SERVICE FEES**

The Customer shall pay Aetna the fees according to the Service and Fee Schedule(s) (“Service Fees”). Aetna may change the Services and the Service Fees annually by giving the Customer 30 days’ notice before the changes take effect. Changes will take effect on the anniversary of the Effective Date unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Service and Fee Schedule(s).

Aetna shall provide the Customer with a monthly statement indicating the Service Fees owed for that month. The Customer shall pay Aetna the Service Fees no later than 31 calendar days after the first calendar day of the month in which the Services are provided (the “Payment Due Date”). The Customer shall provide with their payment either a copy of the Aetna invoice, modified to reflect current eligibility, or a copy of a pre-approved invoice which meets Aetna’s billing requirements. The Customer shall also reimburse Aetna for certain additional expenses, as stated in the Service and Fee Schedule(s).

All overdue amounts are subject to the late charges outlined in the Service and Fee Schedule(s).

Aetna shall prepare and submit to the Customer an annual report showing the Service Fees paid.

## **5. BENEFIT FUNDING**

The Customer shall choose one of the banking facilities offered by Aetna through which Plan benefit payments, Service Fees and Plan benefit related charges will be made. All such amounts will be paid through the banking facility by check, electronic funds transfer or other reasonable transfer methods. The Customer shall reimburse the banking facility for all such payments on the day of the request. All such reimbursements will be made by wire transfer in federal funds using the instructions provided by Aetna, or by another transfer method agreed upon by both parties.

Since funding is provided on a checks cleared basis, Aetna is not required to act on outstanding benefit checks (checks which have not been presented for payment) unless directed to do so by the Customer. The Customer may elect escheat or stop pay services under a separate contract, to which additional fees may apply. In the absence of an escheat or stop pay contract, checks will be voided when they age five years, which does not eliminate the Customer's potential escheat liability.

After termination of the Agreement, in the absence of an escheat or stop pay contract, Aetna may place stop payment orders on all of the Customer's outstanding benefit checks after either:

- (i) One year has elapsed since Aetna completed its runoff obligations; or
- (ii) Aetna has exercised its right to suspend claim payments or terminate this Agreement as stated in section 17(B) (Termination)

At the end of any runoff service period, the Customer may also request Aetna to perform escheat services on outstanding benefit checks for an additional charge.

## **6. FIDUCIARY DUTY**

It is understood and agreed that the Customer, as plan administrator, retains complete authority and responsibility for the Plan, its operation, and the benefits provided there under, and that Aetna is empowered to act on behalf of the Customer in connection with the Plan only to the extent expressly stated in this Agreement or as agreed to in writing by Aetna and the Customer.

The Customer has the sole and complete authority to determine eligibility of persons to participate in the Plan.

Claim fiduciary responsibility is identified in the applicable Schedule.

## 7. CUSTOMER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- (A) **Eligibility** – The Customer shall supply Aetna, by electronic medium acceptable to Aetna, with all relevant information identifying Plan Participants and shall notify Aetna by the tenth day of the month following any changes in Plan participation. Aetna is not required to honor a notification of termination of a Plan Participant's eligibility which Aetna receives more than 60 days after termination of such Plan Participant. Aetna has no responsibility for determining whether an individual meets the eligibility requirements of the Plan.
- (B) **Plan Document Review** – The Customer shall provide Aetna with all Plan documents at least 30 days prior to the Effective Date. Aetna will review the Plan documents to determine any potential differences that may exist among such Plan documents and Aetna's claim processing systems and internal policies and procedures. Aetna does NOT review the Customer's Summary of Benefits and Coverage ("**SBC**"), Summary Plan Description ("**SPD**") or other Plan documents for compliance with applicable law. The Customer also agrees that it is responsible for satisfying any and all Plan reporting and disclosure requirements imposed by law, including updating the SBC or SPD and other Plan documents and issuing any necessary summaries of material modifications to reflect any changes in benefits.
- (C) **Notice of Plan or Benefit Change** – The Customer shall notify Aetna in writing of any changes in Plan documents or Plan benefits (including changes in eligibility requirements) at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such changes. Aetna will have 30 days following receipt of such notice to inform the Customer whether Aetna will agree to administer the proposed changes. If the proposed changes increase Aetna's costs, alter Aetna's ability to meet any performance standards or otherwise impose substantial operational challenges, Aetna may require an adjustment to the Service Fees or other financial terms.
- (D) **Employee Notices** – The Customer shall furnish each employee covered by the Plan written notice that the Customer has complete financial liability for the payment of Plan benefits. The Customer shall inform its Plan Participants, in a manner that satisfies applicable law, that confidential information relating to their benefit claims may be disclosed to third parties in connection with Plan administration.
- (E) **Miscellaneous** – The Customer shall promptly provide Aetna with such information regarding administration of the Plan as required by Aetna to perform its obligations and as Aetna may otherwise reasonably request from time to time. Such information shall include, at no cost to Aetna, all relevant medical records, lab and pharmacy data, claim and other information pertaining to Plan Participants and/or Employees. Aetna is entitled to rely on the information most recently supplied by the Customer in connection with the Services and Aetna's other obligations under the Agreement. Aetna is not responsible for any delay or error caused by the Customer's failure to furnish correct information in a timely manner. Aetna is not responsible for responding to Plan Participant requests for copies of Plan documents. The Customer shall be liable for all Plan benefit payments made by Aetna, including those payments made following the termination date or which are outstanding on the termination date.

## 8. RECORDS

Aetna, its affiliates and authorized agents shall use all Plan-related documents, records and reports received or created by Aetna in the course of delivering the Services ("**Plan Records**") in compliance with applicable privacy laws and regulations. Aetna may de-identify Plan Records and use them for quality improvement, statistical analyses, product development and other lawful, non-Plan related purposes. Such Plan Records will

be kept by Aetna for a minimum of seven years, unless Aetna turns such documentation over to the Customer or a designee of the Customer.

Aetna agrees in accordance with Florida Statute Section 119.0701 to comply with public records laws including the following:

- a. Keep and maintain public records required by the Customer in order to perform the Scope of Services identified herein.
- b. Provide the public with access to public on the same terms and conditions that the Customer would provide the records and at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes or as otherwise provided by law.
- c. Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law.
- d. Meet all requirements for retaining public records and transfer, at no cost, to the Customer, all public records in possession of Aetna upon termination of the Agreement and destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. All records stored electronically must be provided to the Customer in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the Customer.

**IF AETNA HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO AETNA'S DUTY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, CONTACT THE CUSTOMER'S CUSTODIAN OF PUBLIC RECORDS AT 239- 533-2221, 2115 SECOND STREET, FORT MYERS, FL 33901, [publicrecords@leegov.com](mailto:publicrecords@leegov.com); <http://www.leegov.com/publicrecords>.**

## 9. CONFIDENTIALITY

**Business Confidential Information** - Neither party may use "Business Confidential Information" (as defined below) of the other party for its own purpose, nor disclose any Business Confidential Information to any third party. However, a party may disclose Business Confidential Information to that party's representatives who have a need to know such information in relation to the administration of the Plan, but only if such representatives are informed of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement and agree to abide by them. The Customer shall not disclose Aetna's provider discount or payment information to any third party, including the Customer's representatives, without Aetna's prior written consent and until each recipient has executed a confidentiality agreement reasonably satisfactory to Aetna.

The term "**Business Confidential Information**" as it relates to the Customer means the Customer identifiable business proprietary data, procedures, materials, lists and systems, but does not include Protected Health Information ("PHI") as defined by HIPAA or other claims-related information.

The term "**Business Confidential Information**" as it relates to Aetna means the Aetna identifiable business proprietary data, rates, fees, provider discount or payment information, procedures, materials, lists and systems.

- (A) Plan Participant Information** - Each party will maintain the confidentiality of Plan Participant-identifiable information, in accordance with applicable law and, as appropriate, the terms of the HIPAA business associate agreement associated with this Agreement. The Customer may identify, in writing, certain Customer employees or third parties, who the Plan has authorized to receive Plan Participant-identifiable information from Aetna in connection with Plan administration. Subject to more restrictive state and federal law, Aetna will disclose Plan Participant-identifiable information to the Customer designated employees or third parties. In the case of a third party, Aetna may require execution by the third party of a non-disclosure agreement reasonably acceptable to Aetna. The Customer agrees that it will only request disclosure of PHI to a third party or to designated employees if: (i) it has amended its Plan documents, in accordance with 45 CFR 164.314(b) and 164.504(f)(2), so as to allow the Customer designated employees or third parties to receive PHI, has certified such to the Plan in accordance with 45 CFR 164.504(f)(2)(ii), and will provide a copy of such certification to Aetna upon request; and (ii) the Plan has determined, through its own policies and procedures and in compliance with HIPAA, that the PHI that it requests from Aetna is the minimum information necessary for the purpose for which it was requested.
- (B) Upon Termination** - Upon termination of the Agreement, each party, upon the request of the other, will return or destroy all copies of all of the other's Business Confidential Information in its possession or control except to the extent such Business Confidential Information must be retained pursuant to applicable law or cannot be disaggregated from Aetna's databases. Aetna may retain copies of any such Business Confidential Information it deems necessary for the defense of litigation concerning the Services it provided under this Agreement, for use in the processing of runoff claims for Plan benefits, and for regulatory purposes.

## 10. AUDIT RIGHTS

The Customer may, at its own expense, audit Plan claim transactions upon reasonable notice to Aetna. The Customer may conduct one audit per year and the audit must be completed within two years of the end of the time period being audited. Audits of any performance guarantees, if applicable, must be completed in the year following the period to which the performance guarantee results apply. Audits must be performed at the location where the Customer's claims are processed.

The Customer may select its own representative to conduct an audit, provided that the representative must be qualified by appropriate training and experience for such work and must perform the audit in accordance with published administrative safeguards or procedures and applicable law. In addition, the representative must not be subject to an Auditor Conflict of Interest which would prevent the representative from performing an independent audit. An "Auditor Conflict of Interest" means any situation in which the designated representative (i) is employed by an entity which is a competitor of Aetna, (ii) has terminated from Aetna or any of its affiliates within the past 12 months, or (iii) is affiliated with a vendor subcontracted by Aetna to adjudicate claims. If the audit firm is not licensed or a member of a national professional group, or if the audit firm has a financial interest in audit findings or results, the audit agent must agree to meet Aetna's standards for professionalism by signing Aetna's Agent Code of Conduct prior to performing the audit. Neither the Customer nor its representative may make or retain any record of provider negotiated rates or information concerning treatment of drug or alcohol abuse, mental/nervous, HIV/AIDs or genetic markers.

The Customer shall provide reasonable advance notice of its intent to audit and shall complete an Audit Request Form providing information reasonably requested by Aetna. No audit may commence until the Audit Request Form is completed and executed by the Customer, the auditor and Aetna. Further, the Customer or its representative shall provide Aetna with a complete listing of the claims chosen for audit at least four weeks prior to the on-site portion of the audit.

The Customer's auditors shall provide their draft audit findings to Aetna, prior to issuing the final report. This draft will provide the basis for discussions between Aetna and the auditors to resolve and finalize any open issues. Aetna shall have a right to review the auditor's final audit report, and include a supplementary statement containing information and material that Aetna considers pertinent to the audit.

Additional guidelines related to the scope of the audit are included in the applicable schedules.

## 11. RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS

Aetna shall reprocess any identified errors in Plan benefit payments (other than errors Aetna reasonably determines to be *de minimis*) and seek to recover any resulting overpayment by attempting to contact the party receiving the overpayment twice by letter, phone, or email. The Customer may direct Aetna not to seek recovery of overpayments from Plan Participants, in which event Aetna will have no further responsibility with respect to those overpayments. The Customer shall reasonably cooperate with Aetna in recovering all overpayments of Plan benefits.

**If Aetna elects to use a third party recovery vendor, collection agency, or attorney to pursue the recovery, the overpayment recoveries will be credited to the Customer net of fees charged by Aetna or those entities.**

Any requested payment from Aetna relating to an overpayment must be based upon documented findings or direct proof of specific claims, agreed to by both parties, and must be due to Aetna's actions or inactions. Indirect or inferential methods of proof – such as statistical sampling, extrapolation of error rate to the population, etc. – may not be used to determine overpayments. In addition, use of software or other review processes that analyze a claim in a manner different from the claim determination and payment procedures and standards used by Aetna shall not be used to determine overpayments.

When seeking recovery of overpayments from a provider, Aetna has established the following process: if it is unable to recover the overpayment through other means, Aetna may offset one or more future payments to that provider for services rendered to Plan Participants by an amount equal to the prior overpayment. Aetna may reduce future payments to the provider (including payments made to that provider involving the same or other health and welfare plans that are administered by Aetna) by the amount of the overpayment, and Aetna will credit the recovered amount to the plan that overpaid the provider. By entering into this Agreement, the Customer is agreeing that its right to recover overpayments shall be governed by this process and that it has no right to recover any specific overpayment unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement.

The Customer may not seek recovery of overpayments from network providers, but the Customer may seek recovery of overpayments from other third parties once the Customer has provided Aetna notice that it will seek such recovery and Aetna has been afforded a reasonable opportunity to recover such amounts. Aetna has no duty to initiate litigation to pursue any overpayment recovery.

## 12. INDEMNIFICATION

- (A) Aetna shall indemnify the Customer, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, and employees (only as employees, not as Plan Participants) for that portion of any loss, liability, damage, expense, settlement, cost or obligation (including reasonable attorneys' fees) ("Losses") caused directly by (i) any material breach of this Agreement by Aetna, including a failure to comply with the standard of care in section 3; (ii) Aetna's negligence, willful misconduct, fraud, or breach of fiduciary responsibility; or (iii) Aetna's infringement of any U.S. intellectual property right of a third party, arising out of the Services provided under this Agreement.
- (B) Subject to any applicable limitations of Florida Statutes section 768.28, the Customer shall indemnify Aetna, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, and employees for that portion of any Losses caused directly by (i) any material breach of this Agreement by the Customer including a failure to comply with the standard of care in section 3; (ii) the Customer's negligence, willful misconduct, fraud, or breach of fiduciary responsibility; (iii) the release or transfer of Plan Participant-identifiable information to the Customer or its designee, or the use or further disclosure of such information by the Customer or such designee; or (iv) in connection with the design or administration of the Plan by the Customer or any acts or omissions of the Customer as an employer or Plan Sponsor.
- (C) The party seeking indemnification under this Agreement must notify the indemnifying party within 20 days in writing of any actual or threatened action, to which it claims such indemnification applies. Failure to so notify the indemnifying party will not be deemed a waiver of the right to seek indemnification, unless the actions of the indemnifying party have been prejudiced by the failure of the other party to provide notice as indicated above.
- The indemnifying party may join the party seeking indemnification as a party to such proceeding; however the indemnifying party shall provide and control the defense and settlement with respect to claims to which this section applies.
- (D) The Customer and Aetna agree that: (i) health care providers are not the agents or employees of the Customer or Aetna and neither party renders medical services or treatments to Plan Participants; (ii) health care providers are solely responsible for the health care they deliver to Plan Participants, and neither the Customer nor Aetna is responsible for the health care that is delivered by health care providers; and (iii) the indemnification obligations of (A) or (B) above do not apply to any portion of any loss relating to the acts or omissions of health care providers with respect to Plan Participants.
- (E) These indemnification obligations above shall not apply to any claims caused by (i) an act, or failure to act, by one party at the direction of the other, or (ii) with respect to intellectual property infringement, the Customer's modification or use of the Services or materials that are not contemplated by this Agreement, unless directed by Aetna, including the combination of such Services or materials with services, materials or processes not provided by Aetna where the combination is the basis for the claim of infringement. For purposes of the exclusions in this paragraph, the term "Customer" includes any person or entity acting on the Customer's behalf or at the Customer's direction. For purposes of (A) and (B) above, the standard of care to be applied in determining whether either party is "negligent" in performing any duties or obligations under this Agreement shall be the standard of care set forth in section 3.

### 13. DEFENSE OF CLAIM LITIGATION

In the event of a legal, administrative or other action arising out of the administration, processing or determination of a claim for Plan benefits, the party designated in this document as the fiduciary which rendered the decision in the appeal last exercised by the Plan Participant which is being appealed to the court ("appropriate named fiduciary") shall undertake the defense of such action at its expense and settle such action when in its reasonable judgment it appears expedient to do so. If the other party is also named as a party to such action, the appropriate named fiduciary will defend the other party PROVIDED the action relates solely and directly to actions or failure to act by the appropriate named fiduciary and there is no conflict of interest between the parties. The Customer agrees to pay the amount of Plan benefits included in any judgment or settlement in such action. The other party shall not be liable for any other part of such judgment or settlement, including but not limited to legal expenses and punitive damages, except to the extent provided in section 12 (Indemnification).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section 13, in any multi-claim litigation (including arbitration) disputing reimbursement for benefits for more than one Plan Sponsor, the Customer authorizes Aetna to defend and reasonably settle the Customer's benefit claims in such litigation.

### 14. REMEDIES

Other than in an action between the parties for third party indemnification, neither party shall be liable to the other for any consequential, incidental or punitive damages whatsoever.

### 15. BINDING ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN DISPUTES

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach, termination, or validity thereof, except for temporary, preliminary, or permanent injunctive relief or any other form of equitable relief, shall be brought in a federal court in the State of Florida.

### 16. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

Aetna shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws including, without limitation, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 ("PPACA"), and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA").

### 17. TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated by Aetna or the Customer as follows:

**(A) Termination by the Customer** – The Customer may terminate this Agreement, or the Services provided under one or more schedules, for any reason, by giving Aetna at least 30 days' prior written notice of when such termination will become effective.

**(B) Termination by Aetna and Suspension of Claim Payments-**

(1) Aetna may terminate this Agreement, or the Services provided under one or more schedules, for any reason, by giving the Customer at least 30 days' prior written notice of when such termination will become effective.



(2) If the Customer fails to fund claim wire requests from Aetna, or fails to pay Service Fees by the Payment Due Date, Aetna has the right to cease paying claims and suspend Services until the requested funds or Service Fees have been provided. Aetna may terminate the Agreement immediately upon notice to the Customer if the Customer fails to fund claim wire requests or pay the applicable Service Fees in full within five business days of written notice by Aetna.

**(C) Legal Prohibition** - If any jurisdiction enacts a law or Aetna reasonably interprets an existing law to prohibit the continuance of the Agreement or some portion thereof, the Agreement or that portion shall terminate automatically as to such jurisdiction on the effective date of such law or interpretation; provided, however, if only a portion of the Agreement is impacted, the Agreement shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision were omitted.

**(D) Responsibilities on Termination –**

Upon termination of the Agreement, for any reason other than default of payment by the Customer, Aetna will continue to process runoff claims for Plan benefits that were incurred prior to the termination date, which are received by Aetna within 12 months following the termination date. The Service Fee for such activity is included in the Service Fees described in the Service and Fee Schedule(s). Runoff claims will be processed and paid in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. New requests for benefit payments received after the 12 month runoff period will be returned to the Customer or to a successor administrator at the Customer's expense. Claims which were pended or disputed prior to the start of the runoff period will be handled to their conclusion by Aetna, as well as provider performance or incentive payments paid for prior period performance pay outs, and Customer agrees to fund such claims or payments when requested by Aetna.

The Customer shall continue to fund Plan benefit payments and agrees to instruct its bank to continue to make funds available until all outstanding Plan benefit payments have been paid or until such time as mutually agreed upon by Aetna and the Customer. The Customer's wire line and bank account from which funds are requested must remain open for one year after runoff processing ends, or two years after termination.

Upon termination of the Agreement and provided all Service Fees have been paid, Aetna will release to the Customer, or its successor administrator, all claim data in Aetna's standard format, within a reasonable time period following the termination date. All costs associated with the release of such data shall be paid by the Customer.

**(E) Non-Appropriation -**

All funds for payment by the Customer under this Agreement are subject to the availability of an annual appropriation for this purpose by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners. In the event of non-appropriation of funds by the County for the services provided under this Agreement, the Customer will terminate the Agreement, without termination charge or other liability, on the last day of the then current fiscal year or when the appropriation made for the then-current year for the services covered by this Agreement is spent, whichever event occurs first. If at any time funds are not appropriated for the continuance of this Agreement, cancellation shall be accepted by Aetna on thirty (30) days' prior written notice, but failure to give such notice shall be of no effect and the Customer shall not be obligated under this Agreement beyond the date of termination.

## 18. GENERAL

- (A) **Relationship of the Parties** - The parties to this Agreement are independent contractors. This Agreement is not intended and shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, agency, joint venture or partnership between the parties or to impose any liability attributable to such a relationship. Each party shall be solely responsible for all wages, taxes, withholding, workers compensation, insurance and any other obligation on behalf of any of its employees, and shall indemnify the other party with respect to any claims by such persons.
- (B) **Intellectual Property** - Aetna represents that it has either the ownership rights or the right to use all of the intellectual property used by Aetna in providing the Services under this Agreement (the "Aetna IP"). Aetna has granted the Customer a nonexclusive, non-assignable, royalty free, limited right to use certain of the Aetna IP for the purposes described in this Agreement. Customer agrees not to modify, create derivative product from, copy, duplicate, decompile, disassemble, reverse engineer or otherwise attempt to perceive the source code from which any software component of the Aetna IP is compiled or interpreted. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to grant any additional ownership rights in , or any right to assign, sublicense, sell, resell, lease, rent or otherwise transfer or convey, the Aetna IP to the Customer.
- (C) **Communications** - Aetna and the Customer may rely upon any communication believed by them to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. For a notice or other communication under this Agreement to be valid, it must be in writing and delivered (i) by hand, (ii) by e-mail or (iii) by fax to a representative of each party as mutually agreed upon. Notices or communications may also be sent by U.S. mail to the address below.

If to Aetna:

Scott Weber

4630 Woodlands Corporate Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33614 .

If to the Customer:

Lee County Board of County Commissioners

1825 Hendry St

Fort Myers, FL 33901

- (D) **Force Majeure** – With the exception of the Customer's obligation to fund benefit payments and Service Fees, neither party shall be deemed to have breached this Agreement, or be held liable for any failure or delay in the performance of any portion of its obligations under this Agreement, including performance guarantees if applicable, if prevented from doing so by a cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the party. Such causes include, but are not limited to: acts of God; acts of terrorism; pandemic; fires; wars; floods; storms; earthquakes; riots; labor disputes or shortages; and governmental laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, or the opinions rendered by any court, whether valid or invalid.
- (E) **Governing Law** - The Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with applicable federal law. To the extent such federal law does not govern, the Agreement shall be governed by Florida law.
- (F) **Financial Sanctions** – If Plan benefits or reimbursements provided under this Agreement violate or will violate any economic or trade sanctions, such Plan benefits or reimbursements are immediately considered invalid. Aetna cannot make payments for claims or Services if it violates a financial sanction regulation. This includes sanctions related to a blocked person or a country under sanction by the United States, unless permitted under a written office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) license.

- (G) Waiver** - No delay or failure of either party in exercising any right under this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of that right.
- (H) Third Party Beneficiaries** - There are no intended third party beneficiaries of this Agreement.
- (I) Severability** – If any provision of this Agreement or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement and all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.
- (J) Entire Agreement; Order of Priority** - This Agreement, and the accompanying HIPAA business associate agreement, constitutes the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes all other agreements, whether oral or written, between the Parties.
- (K) Amendment** – Except as provided for in the Customer’s renewal package, no modification or amendment of this Agreement will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties, except that a change to a party’s address of record as set forth in section 18(C) (Communications) may be made without being countersigned by the other party.
- (L) Taxes** – The Customer shall be responsible for any sales, use, or other similarly assessed and administered tax (and related penalties) incurred by Aetna by reason of Plan benefit payments made or Services performed hereunder, and any interest thereon. Additionally, if Aetna makes a payment to a third party vendor at the request of the Customer, Aetna will assume the tax reporting obligation, such as Form 1099-MISC or other applicable forms.
- (M) Assignment** - This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the written approval of the other party. The duties and obligations of the parties will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, successors, assigns, or merged or consolidated entities of the parties.
- (N) Survival** - Sections 5, 8 through 13 and 17(D) shall survive termination of the Agreement.

The parties are signing this agreement as of the date stated in the introductory clause.

**AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY:**

Signed By: Natalie Gordon Jones  
Name: Natalie Gordon Jones

Title: Director, Sales & Service, Southeast  
July 12, 2024

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

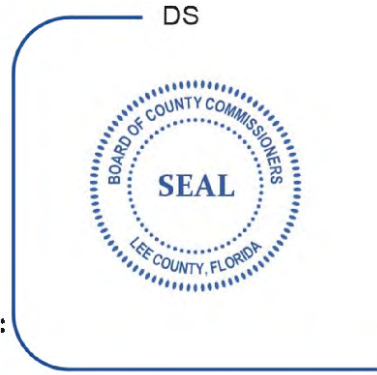
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APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY:

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE  
MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT MSA- 881673  
EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025**

This General Administration Schedule describes certain of the Services to be performed by Aetna for the Customer pursuant to the Agreement. The Services described in this schedule apply generally to any medical, dental, pharmacy and behavioral health Plans that are subject to the Agreement. Terms used but not otherwise defined in this schedule shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Agreement.

**1. CLAIM SERVICES:**

- (A) Aetna shall process claims for Plan benefits incurred on or after the Effective Date using Aetna's normal claim determination, payment and audit procedures and applicable cost control standards in a manner consistent with the terms of the Plan(s), any applicable provider contract, and the Agreement. Aetna shall issue a payment of benefits and related charges on behalf of the Customer in accordance with section 5 of the Agreement, for such benefits and related charges that are determined to be payable under the Plan(s). With respect to any claims that are denied on behalf of the Customer, Aetna shall notify the Plan Participant of the denial and of the Plan Participant's right of review of the denial in accordance with applicable law.
- (B) Where the Plan contains a coordination of benefits clause or antiduplication clause, Aetna shall administer all claims consistent with such provisions and any information concurrently in its possession regarding duplicate or primary coverage. Aetna shall have no obligation to recover sums owed to the Plan by virtue of the Plan's rights to coordinate where the claim was incurred prior to the Effective Date. Aetna has no obligation to bring actions based on subrogation or lien rights, unless the Customer has elected Aetna's subrogation services as indicated in the Service and Fee Schedule.
- (C) In circumstances where Aetna may have a contractual, claim or payment dispute with a provider, the settlement of that dispute with the provider may include a one-time payment in settlement to the provider or to Aetna, or may otherwise impact future payments to providers. Aetna, in its discretion, may apportion the settlement to self-funded customers, either as an additional service fee from, or as a credit to, the Customer, as may be the case, based upon specific applicable claims, proportional membership or some other allocation methodology, after taking into account Aetna's cost of recovery. The Customer shall remain liable after termination of the Agreement, for their portion of any settlement payments arising from claims paid while an active customer.
- (D) If the Customer wishes to participate in Aetna's enhanced customer servicing framework, the program will be indicated as included in the Service and Fee Schedule. This initiative empowers Aetna's customer service representatives to resolve complex Plan Participant inquiries in a limited number of instances, in accordance with documented guidelines that fall within the context of Aetna's standard claims administration payment and audit procedures. The program allows an authorization of a one-time payment of a previously processed claim. The limits and requirements associated with the program are available to the Customer upon request.

**2. MEMBER SERVICES:**

Aetna shall establish and maintain one or more service centers, responsible for handling calls and other correspondence from Plan Participants with respect to questions relating to the Plan and Services under the Agreement.

**3. PLAN SPONSOR SERVICES:**

- (A) Aetna shall assign an experienced Account Management Team to the Customer's account. This team will be available to assist the Customer in connection with the Services provided under the Agreement.
- (B) Aetna shall design and install a benefit-account structure separately by class of employees, division, subsidiary, associated company, or other classification reasonably requested by the Customer.
- (C) Aetna shall assist the Customer in connection with the design of the Customer's Plan, including actuarial and underwriting support reasonably requested by the Customer, provided that the Customer shall have ultimate responsibility for the content of the Plan and compliance with law in connection therewith.
- (D) Aetna shall make employee identification cards available to Plan Participants. Upon request, Aetna will arrange for the custom printing of identification cards, with all costs borne by the Customer.
- (E) Upon request of the Customer, Aetna shall provide the Customer with information reasonably available to Aetna relating to the administration of the Plans which is necessary for the Customer to prepare reports that are required to be filed with the United States Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor.
- (F) Aetna shall provide the following reports to the Customer for no additional charge:
  - (1) Monthly/Quarterly/Annual Reports - Aetna shall prepare the following reports in accordance with the benefit-account structure for use by the Customer in the financial management and administrative control of the Plan benefits:
    - (a) a monthly listing of funds requested and received for payment of Plan benefits;
    - (b) a monthly reconciliation of funds requested to claims paid within the benefit-account structure;
    - (c) a monthly listing of paid benefits;
    - (d) online access to monthly, quarterly and annual standard claim analysis reports; and
    - (e) if applicable, monthly, quarterly, or annual HealthFund product reports for customers with at least 100 enrolled lives in each HealthFund to be used for the financial evaluation and management of each HealthFund plan.
  - (2) Annual Accounting Reports - Aetna shall prepare standard annual accounting reports detailing product specific financial and plan information including enrollment fees and/or rates for each Agreement Period.
  - (3) Annual Renewal Reports – Aetna shall prepare standard annual renewal reports detailing product specific financial and plan information, including enrollment fees and/or rates for each Agreement Period.

Any additional reporting formats and the price for any such reports shall be mutually agreed upon by the Customer and Aetna.

- (G) Upon request of the Customer, for no additional charge, Aetna shall provide either of the following services in support of the preparation of Plan descriptions:

- (1) Prepare an Aetna standard Plan description, including descriptions of benefit revisions; or
- (2) Review the Customer-prepared employee Plan descriptions, subject to the Customer's final and sole authority regarding benefits and provisions in the self-insured portion of the Plan.

If the Customer requires both preparation (1) and review (2), Aetna may require an additional charge.

- (H) Upon request of the Customer, Aetna will arrange for the printing of Plan descriptions, with all costs borne by the Customer.
- (I) Upon request of the Customer, if applicable, Aetna will provide assistance in connection with the preparation of the Customer's draft Summaries of Benefits and Coverage (SBCs). Aetna may charge an additional fee for such request.
- (J) The Customer acknowledges that it has the responsibility to review and approve all Plan documents and SBCs, if applicable, and shall have the final and sole authority regarding the benefits and provisions of the Plan(s), as outlined in the Customer's Plan document. Aetna shall have no responsibility or liability for the content of any of the Customer's Plan documents, or SBC's, if applicable, regardless of the role Aetna may have played in the preparation of such documents.

#### 4. NETWORK ACCESS SERVICES

- (A) Aetna shall provide Plan Participants with access to Aetna's network hospitals, physicians and other health care providers ("Network Providers") who have agreed to provide services at agreed upon rates and who are participating in the applicable Aetna network covering the Plan Participants.
- (B) Aetna has value-based contracting ("VBC") arrangements with Network Providers. These arrangements reward providers based on indicators of value, such as, effective population health management, efficiency and quality care. Contracted rates with Network Providers may be based on fee-for-service rates, case rates, per diems, performance-based contract arrangements, risk-adjustment mechanisms, quality incentives, pay-for-performance and other incentive and adjustment mechanisms. These mechanisms may include payments to physicians, physician groups, health systems and other provider organizations, including but not limited to organizations that may refer to themselves as accountable care organizations and patient-centered medical homes, in the form of periodic payments and incentive arrangements based on performance. Aetna will process any incentive payments attributable to the Plan in accordance with the terms of each VBC arrangement. Each Customer's results will vary. It is possible that incentives paid to a particular provider or health system may be required even if the Customer's own population did not experience the same financial or qualitative improvements. It is also possible that incentives will not be paid to a provider even if the Customer's own population did experience financial and quality improvements. Upon request, Aetna will provide additional information regarding our VBC arrangements.
- (C) Retroactive adjustments are occasionally made to Aetna's contract rates. Retroactive adjustments may occur, for example, when the federal government does not issue cost of living data in sufficient time for an adjustment to be made on a timely basis, or because contract negotiations were not completed by the end of the prior price period or due to contract dispute settlements. In all cases, Aetna shall adjust the Customer's payments accordingly. The Customer's liability for all such adjustments shall survive the termination of the Agreement.
- (D) Aetna may contract with vendors who in turn are responsible for contracting with the providers who perform the health care services, and potentially for certain other services related to those providers such as claims processing, credentialing, and utilization management. Under some of these arrangements, the

vendor bills Aetna directly for those services by its network of providers at the vendor's contracted rate with Aetna, and Aetna pays the vendor for those services. In certain cases, the amount billed by the vendor to Aetna, paid pursuant to the plan, includes an administrative fee for delegated services by the vendor. As a result, the amount the vendor pays to the health care provider through the vendor's contract with the provider may be different than the amount paid pursuant to the Plan because the allowed amount under the Plan will be Aetna's contracted rate with the vendor, and not the contracted amount between the vendor and the health care provider.

- (E) Aetna reserves the right to set a minimum plan benefit design structure for in-area network claims to which the Customer must comply in order to access a particular Aetna network.
- (F) Aetna shall maintain an online directory containing information regarding Network Providers. Upon request and for an additional charge, Aetna shall provide the Customer with paper copies of physician directories.
- (G) Aetna makes no guarantee and disclaims any obligation to make any specific health care providers or any particular number of health care providers available for use by Plan Participants or that any level of discounts or savings will be afforded to or realized by the Customer, the Plan or Plan Participants.



**DENTAL SERVICE AND FEE SCHEDULE  
TO THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT - MSA – 881673  
EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025**

The Service Fees and Services effective for the period beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027 are specified below. They shall be amended for future periods, in accordance with section 4 of the Agreement. Any reference to "Member" shall mean a Plan Participant as defined in the Agreement.

For purposes of this document, Aetna may be referred to using 'we', 'our' or 'us' and Customer may be referred to using 'you' or 'your'.

<b>Administrative Fees Per-Employee, Per-Month (PEPM)</b>	
<b>Initial Contract Period</b> January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025	<b>Dental PPO</b>
<b>Assumed Enrollment</b>	<b>4,413</b>
<b>Total Per-Employee, Per Month</b>	<b>\$2.12</b>
<b>Two 1-Year Renewal Periods</b>	<b>Dental PPO</b>
<b>January 1, 2026, Total Per-Employee, Per-Month</b>	<b>\$2.18</b>
<b>January 1, 2027, Total Per-Employee, Per-Month</b>	<b>\$2.25</b>
<b>Our fees are based on the total number of employees enrolled in Aetna dental product.</b>	
<b>Please refer to the Financial Assumptions for a detailed description of the services, terms, and conditions associated with our self-funded proposal.</b>	
<b>We have provided a three year fee guarantee from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 for the self-insured coverages included in this proposal. The first year fees are guaranteed according to the per employee, per month fees as illustrated on the fee exhibit. The second year fee will increase over the first year fee by 3 percent, the third year fee will increase over the second year fee by 3 percent.</b>	

**Programs & Services – ASC**

**Effective Date: January 1, 2025**

<b>Program Summary</b>	<b>Dental PPO</b>
<b>General</b>	
Claim Fiduciary-Option 2 - Plan Sponsor Fiduciary	Yes
Communication Materials	Yes
Customer Team Services	Yes
Designated billing, eligibility, plan set up, underwriting and drafting services	Yes
Eligibility (Standard)	Yes
Experienced Account Management Team	Yes
Review or draft plan documents	Yes
<b>Banking</b>	
Banking Method-Bank Initiated ACH	Yes
Funding Basis-Cleared	Yes
Standard Stockpiling	Yes
<b>Claims and Member Services</b>	
Aetna Voice Advantage® Level 2	Yes
Claim Administration	Yes
Dental Medical Integration (DMI)	Yes
Digital ID Cards	Yes
Member Services	Yes
Special Investigations/Zero Tolerance Fraud Unit	Yes
<b>Network</b>	
Network Access	Yes
Provider Relations	Yes
<b>Web Tools</b>	
Claim Research/forms/Contact us (English & Spanish Version)	Yes
Member Website and Mobile Experience	Yes
<b>Discount Programs</b>	
Aetna Discount Program - at home products, fitness, hearing, LifeMart® shopping website, natural products and services, oral health care, vision, weight management	Yes
<b>Reporting</b>	
Analytic Consultation from Plan Sponsor Insights (5 hours)	Yes

<b>Allowances</b>	
<b>Communication Allowance</b>	<b>Cost</b>

<p>We are including the following allowance(s) for your Aetna plans for the January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 plan year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2025 Only - Communication/Wellness/Audit: \$30,000</li> <li>• 2026 and 2027 - Communication/Wellness/Audit: \$10,000</li> </ul> <p>Annual allowance amounts may be adjusted if actual enrollment changes by 10 percent or more from our enrollment assumptions.</p> <p>Communication/Wellness/Audit allowance can be used for communication/wellness/audit expenses applicable to the plan year for which they are offered. You can use the allowance to offset expenses you incur as a result of implementing your contract with us, promoting our products, programs or services, communicating with our members, and our system front-end charges. Should you terminate your contract with us, the allowance cannot be used to fund communication expenses related to the new carrier's contract.</p> <p>The above referenced fund(s) will be available after your first administrative fee payment has been recorded or after the effective date. Only those expenses performed and billed by a third party are payable; reimbursement for time and materials incurred directly by the plan sponsor (e.g., hours worked by the plan sponsor's own employees) are not eligible. Our preferred method of payment is directly to the vendor. We will pay allowance related expenses directly to the vendor only after you send us proper documentation outlining the expenses you have incurred. On an exception basis, we can reimburse you directly. In the event the exception is granted, we will require you to submit detailed paid receipts from the vendor.</p> <p>All documentation must be submitted no later than 31 days prior to the end of the plan year. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vendor invoice(s) summarizing level of work completed, hourly rate and hours spent; and</li> <li>• Invoices or other documentation summarizing any other miscellaneous expenses incurred</li> </ul> <p>The allowance(s) indicated above are forfeited at the end of the plan year if not fully utilized (they do not get rolled over to the following plan year for a cumulative amount). If you have elected to offer wellness incentives through a product reward site, unredeemed vouchers are forfeited at the end of each plan year.</p> <p>We assume the funding of any allowance dollars is either at the request of your Plan Administrator acting in its fiduciary capacity or for the exclusive benefit of your Plan. You are responsible for determining that your use of allowance dollars is appropriate and legally compliant. With respect to allowance dollars that are used in connection with a wellness program, you are responsible for ensuring that the program and any incentives/rewards comply with applicable laws, including limitations on maximum allowable wellness incentives/rewards. We will pay any allowances in accordance with applicable law. We suggest you seek appropriate accounting and legal counsel for all payments to ensure they comply with applicable accounting principles and laws.</p> <p>If you terminate your dental plan with us in whole or in part (defined as a 50 percent or greater membership reduction from the membership we assumed in this renewal) prior to the end of the multi-year Guarantee Period, you'll be responsible for remitting payment for any allowance amounts used. Payment is due to us within 31 days of the invoice.</p>	<p>Included</p>
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**DENTAL SERVICES SCHEDULE**  
**MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT MSA- 881673**  
**EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025**

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the Services available from Aetna are described below. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, only the Services selected by the Customer in the Service and Fee Schedule (as modified by Aetna from time to time pursuant to section 4 of the Agreement) will be provided by Aetna. Additional Services may be provided at the Customer's written request under the terms of the Agreement. This Schedule shall supersede any previous documents describing the Services.

**I. CLAIM FIDUCIARY**

The Customer and Aetna agree that with respect to applicable state law, Aetna will be the "appropriate named fiduciary" of the Plan for the purpose of reviewing denied claims under the Plan. The Customer understands that the performance of fiduciary duties under applicable state law necessarily involves the exercise of discretion on Aetna's part in the determination and evaluation of facts and evidence presented in support of any claim or appeal. Therefore, and to the extent not already implied as a matter of law, the Customer hereby delegates to Aetna discretionary authority to determine entitlement to benefits under the applicable Plan documents for each claim received, including discretionary authority to determine and evaluate facts and evidence, and discretionary authority to construe the terms of the Plan. It is also agreed that, as between the Customer and Aetna, Aetna's decision on any claim is final and that Aetna has no other fiduciary responsibility.

**II. ADDITIONAL AUDIT GUIDELINES**

Aetna is not responsible for paying the Customers' audit fees or the costs associated with an audit. Aetna will bear its own expenses associated with an audit; provided (i) the on-site portion of the audit is completed within five days, and (ii) the sample size is no more than 250 claims. Aetna will notify the Customer prior to the audit, if an audit request would require an additional payment from the Customer for any audits in excess of the aforementioned thresholds.

**III. DENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES:**

**1. Dental Utilization Management:**

The Dental utilization management program provides for appropriate review, by licensed dentists and other dental professionals, of certain dental claims, as well as of voluntary predeterminations, in order to assist in making coverage determinations based on the necessity and appropriateness of services rendered to treat Plan Participants' dental conditions.

**2. Dental/Medical Integration (DMI) Program:**

The DMI program is designed to educate Plan Participants on the impact of good oral health care on the management of certain diseases and conditions. Plan Participants identified with diabetes, coronary artery disease/cerebrovascular disease or who are pregnant, are sent educational materials explaining the correlation between their disease or condition and periodontal disease. The following programs are included:

- Enhanced Benefit Program for Pregnant Women (offers additional benefits, i.e., an additional cleaning).

- Enhanced Benefit Program for Diabetes and Coronary Artery Disease (offers additional benefits, i.e., an additional cleaning).
- Member Outreach Program (educational materials sent to Plan Participants or outreach phone calls made to Plan Participants encouraging the importance of oral care).

#### IV. TECHNOLOGY/WEB TOOLS

##### 1. DocFind®

Aetna's online participating provider directory--updated daily -- that anyone can use to locate network physicians and other health care providers such as dentists, optometrists, hospitals and pharmacies.

##### 2. Aetna Online Secure Member Portal

Aetna's online secure member portal is a secure Employee website that can be used as an online resource for personalized health and financial information.

#### V. ID CARDS

Dental ID cards are not required to obtain dental services; therefore Aetna does not mail ID cards to Plan Participants. However, Plan Participants can print their card by going to their secure website at [www.aetna.com](http://www.aetna.com).

Upon the Customer's request, Aetna will include third party vendor information on Plan Participant identification cards. In such event, the Customer shall indemnify Aetna, its affiliates and their respective directors, officers, and employees from that portion of any actual third party loss (including reasonable attorney's fees) resulting from the inclusion of such third party vendor information on identification cards.

#### VI. DENTAL SAVINGS PROGRAMS

##### 1. Available Programs

###### A. DENTAL PPO II NETWORK PROGRAM (PPO II).

PPO II dental Providers are considered participating providers in the Customer's Plan, and Covered Services rendered by such Providers will be paid as in-network services in accordance with the terms of the Customer's Plan. When available, the Contracted Rates with PPO II Providers may result in savings for the Customer and Plan Participants. Aetna contracts with one or more third-party network vendors to access their Contracted Rates with Providers. The Providers have agreed to accept the Contracted Rate and not to balance bill Plan Participants.

###### B. DENTAL OUT OF NETWORK SAVINGS PROGRAM.

The Dental Out of Network Savings Program provides access to reduced rates for many dental claims paid under non-network standalone dental Indemnity plans and the out-of-network portion of standalone dental PPO plans. Aetna contracts with one or more third-party network vendors to access their Contracted Rates with Providers, and in some cases may contract directly with these Providers. The Providers have agreed to accept the Contracted Rate and not to balance bill Plan Participants for covered services. Dental Out of Network Savings Program dental Providers are *not* considered participating provider's in the Customer's Plan.

## 2. Terms and Conditions Applicable to Both Programs

### A. Customer Charges For Provider Payments

For Plan benefits rendered by a Provider for which Aetna has accessed a Contracted Rate, the Customer shall be charged the amount paid to the Provider, less any applicable coinsurance and/or deductible owed by the Plan Participant under the Plan.

### B. Access Fees

(i) As compensation for the services provided by Aetna under either program for Savings achieved, the Customer shall pay an Access Fee to Aetna as described in the Service and Fee Schedule (excluding Savings with respect to claims for which Aetna is liable for funding, e.g., claims in excess of an individual or aggregate stop loss point).

(ii) Aetna shall provide a quarterly report of Savings and Access Fees. Access Fees may be included with claims in other reports.

### C. Plan Participant Information Regarding the Programs

The Customer is responsible for informing Plan Participants of the availability of the programs. For the Dental Out of Network Savings Program, a Customer's summary plan description must define Recognized Charge in a way that conforms to Aetna's requirements and must clearly indicate that Plan benefits under the program are covered at the benefit level for out-of-network (non-preferred) providers.

### D. Definitions

As used in this section VI:

**"Access Fee"** means the amount to be paid by the Customer to Aetna for access to the Savings provided under the program, as indicated in the Service and Fee Schedule.

**"Contracted Rate"** means the amount the Provider has agreed to accept as payment under the Provider's contract with a third party network vendor.

**"Provider"** means those dentists and other dental care providers who have agreed pursuant to a contract with a third-party network vendor to provide Plan benefits at a Contracted Rate under the program.

**"Recognized Charge"** is defined in the Customer's Plan. Where a similar term (such as "reasonable charge amount") is used in the Customer's Plan instead of "recognized charge", it will have the same meaning as Recognized Charge.

**"Savings"** means: (i) for the PPOII Program, the difference between the average charges for the area as identified in the FAIR Health claims database and the Contracted Rate; (ii) for the DONS Program, the difference between the Recognized Charge for each Plan benefit, and the Contracted Rate for the Plan benefit under the program. For any Plan benefit where the Recognized Charge is lower than the Contracted Rate, the Savings will be zero.

The Customer acknowledges that:

(i) Aetna does not credential, monitor or oversee those Providers who participate through third party contracts, or in the Dental Out of Network Savings Program. Providers in either program may not necessarily be available or convenient.

(ii) For the Dental PPO II Network Program, information about participating PPO II Providers can be

found on DocFind®, Aetna's online provider listing, on our website at [www.Aetna.com](http://www.Aetna.com) or by other comparable means. PPO II Providers listed on DocFind may not necessarily be available or convenient.

(iii) For the Dental Out of Network Savings Program, Aetna does not publish a directory of Providers that have agreed to provide Plan benefits at Contracted Rates under their contract with a third party network vendor.

(iv) The following claim situations may not be eligible for either program:

- Claims involving Medicare when Aetna is the secondary payer
- Claims involving coordination of benefits (COB) when Aetna is the secondary payer

#### E. General Provisions

(i) Aetna's only liability to the Customer for any loss of access to a discount arising under or related to either program, regardless of the form of action, shall be limited to the Access Fees actually paid to Aetna by the Customer for services rendered; provided, however, this limitation will not apply to or affect any performance standards set forth in the Agreement.

(ii). The terms and conditions of either program shall remain in effect for any claims incurred prior to the termination date that are administered by Aetna after the termination date.

**TEMPORARY EXHIBIT 1-HEALTH COVERAGE  
PLAN OF BENEFITS  
TO THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT  
EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025**

The Plan(s) described in this Temporary Exhibit are benefit plans of the Customer. These benefits are not insured with Aetna but will be paid from the Customer's funds. Until this Temporary Exhibit is otherwise modified or replaced in its entirety by agreement between Aetna and the Customer:

1. Aetna will provide certain administrative services to the Plan as outlined in the Letter of Understanding signed by Aetna.
2. Aetna will use the description of covered benefits, services and programs outlined in the Plan Design(s), including any subsequent changes agreed to by Aetna and the Customer, in the administration of the Plan(s).
3. Further, in the administration of the Plan(s), Aetna will use Aetna's standard plan General Exclusions and standard Glossary definitions of terms.

The terms of this Temporary Exhibit control until superseded by a subsequent Plan document or Summary Plan Description, for any specific benefits applicable to any class(es) of employees, as indicated therein.