

- Accidents happen! When they happen to your child, someone must pay the bills.
- Here are Accident only insurance plans to help cover your child either 24 hours a day (24-Hour Plan) or while in school (School-Time Plan).
- These plans provide benefits to help meet the cost of medical and Hospital expense.
- If you have other insurance, these plans can help offset the deductibles and coinsurance for those plans.
- If you have no other insurance, these plans will provide basic coverage.
- Any benefits payable by the Policy as a result of medical, surgical, dental, Hospital or nursing service will be paid directly to the Hospital or person rendering such service unless proof of payment in full is provided.

24-HOUR	SCHOOL TIME	IMPORTANT PROTECTION FACTS
✓	✓	Becomes effective the date premium payment is received by Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company (GTL), its representatives or school officials (but not prior to the opening day of school). Students participating in preschool practice or play for interscholastic sports sanctioned by the Ohio High School Athletic Association will be covered as of the date of actual premium payment but only while engaged in actual practice or game sessions. Other aspects of coverage will not start sooner than the first date of regular school session.
✓	✓	Provides coverage during the hours that school is in regular session.
✓		Provides 24-Hour-A-Day protection.
✓	✓	Provides coverage during the time necessary for travel between the insured's home and the beginning or end of regular school sessions.
✓	✓	Provides coverage while participating in (or attending) activities organized, sponsored and supervised by the school. Coverage is also provided for travel directly to and from such activities in a Designated Vehicle furnished by the school.
	✓	Coverage expires at the close of the regular school term. (Coverage will be extended while attending academic classes for credit in the summer, when classroom sessions are exclusively sponsored and solely supervised by the school; however, no coverage will be provided for travel to and from classes).
✓		Coverage continues without interruption all summer until school re-opens for the following term.

**Optional Football Only Accident Coverage** begins on the date of premium receipt by GTL, its representatives or school officials, but not prior to the first official date of practice; and continues through the date of the last official game of the current season including playoffs.

**Football premium covers football only.**

**To file a claim:** Report accidents to the school. Forms will be furnished through the principal's office (during vacation time contact the administrators of the plan). Complete proof of loss and accumulated bills must be received by Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company within 90 days.

## 24-HOUR-A-DAY ACCIDENT COVERAGE

### *24-Hour-A-Day Protection for each Covered Accident*

Helps protect your child for the entire school year and extends **throughout the summer** - right up to the day school opens.

Your child's coverage is good **WORLDWIDE, 24-HOURS-A-DAY**. This includes covered accidents:

- 📍 At home    📍 At play    📍 At school    📍 On vacation    📍 Scouting, camping etc.    📍 During covered travel
- 📍 While engaged in sports, except those specifically excluded or for which optional coverage is required\*

**\*See OPTIONS for available optional sports coverage, if any.**

## SCHOOL-TIME ACCIDENT COVERAGE

Helps protect your child while attending regular school sessions. Includes coverage for travel directly to and from your residence to attend regular school sessions for travel time required, but not more than one hour before or after regular classes. Travel time on the school bus is extended for any additional time needed. In addition, coverage is provided while participating in (or attending) covered activities exclusively organized, sponsored and solely supervised by the school and school employees, including travel directly to and from the activity in a Designated Vehicle furnished by the school and supervised solely by school employees. Optional coverage may be required for interscholastic sports. See **OPTIONS** for available optional sports coverage, if any.

Blanket Accident insurance products are issued on Form Series GP-2030, GP-2020 or GP-1200 by Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company, Glenview, IL. These products and their features are subject to state availability and may vary by state. Certain exclusions and limitations may apply. The exact provisions governing the insurance are contained in the Policy issued to the Policyholder and certain provisions may be administered to conform to state requirements. The Policy shall control in the event of any conflict between the Policy and this brochure. For complete details of coverage please contact the agent administering the program.

**What's Covered? Up to \$25,000.00 as described under Coverage and Benefits for:**

- ACCIDENTS OCCURRING WHILE COVERAGE IS IN FORCE
- LOSS FROM ACCIDENTAL BODILY INJURY RESULTING DIRECTLY AND INDEPENDENTLY OF ALL OTHER CAUSES
- COVERED MEDICAL EXPENSE WHICH BEGINS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ACCIDENT AND IS INCURRED WITHIN 52 WEEKS OF THE ACCIDENT

**COVERAGE AND BENEFITS**

BENEFITS ARE PAYABLE UP TO THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS SPECIFIED BELOW

BENEFITS PER INJURY		LOW OPTION	HIGH OPTION	BENEFITS PER INJURY		LOW OPTION	HIGH OPTION
HOSPITAL ROOM AND BOARD AND GENERAL NURSING CARE	Per day	\$150	\$300	IMAGING PROCEDURES	Including X-rays and interpretation	\$100	\$200
HOSPITAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE		\$1,000	\$2,000	MRI/CAT Scan		\$125	\$250
HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE		\$150	\$300	ORTHOPEDIC APPLIANCES	Furnished by the Hospital	\$100	\$200
DOCTOR'S FEES FOR SURGERY	Per Unit Unit Value determined by the Surgical Schedule	\$80	\$160	DENTAL TREATMENT	For Injury to Sound, Natural Teeth, per tooth Up to a maximum of	\$200 \$600	\$400 \$1,200
ANESTHESIA SERVICES	Percent of Surgical Schedule Allowance	25%	25%	ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT  Only one of these benefits, the largest, will be payable in addition to other benefits shown	Caused by an Injury and occurring within 365 days of the covered Accident		
AMBULANCE EXPENSE		\$100	\$200		ACCIDENTAL DEATH	\$2,000	
DOCTORS' VISITS Non-surgical Including Physical Therapy	Per visit	\$25	\$50		DISMEMBERMENT	\$1,000	
	Physical Therapy, per visit	\$25	\$50		Loss of One Hand or One foot	\$1,000	
	Maximum number of visits per Injury	3	3		Loss of the Entire Sight of Both Eyes	\$1,000	
					Loss of Both Hands or Feet	\$10,000	

Injury means bodily Injury due to an Accident which results directly and independently of disease, bodily infirmity, or any other causes; solely, directly and independently of all other causes, results in medical expense; occurs after the effective date of the Insured's coverage under the Policy; and occurs while the Policy is in force. All injuries sustained in any one Accident, including all related conditions and recurrent symptoms of these injuries, are considered a single Injury.

**EXCLUSIONS**

THE POLICY DOES NOT COVER: (1) Treatment, services or supplies which are not Medically Necessary; are not prescribed by a Doctor as necessary to treat an Injury; are Experimental/Investigational in nature; are received without charge or legal obligation to pay; are received from persons employed or retained by the Policyholder or any Family Member, unless otherwise specified; or are not specifically listed as Covered Charges in the Policy; (2) Intentionally self-inflicted Injury; (3) Injury sustained while violating or attempting to violate any duly enacted law; (4) Injury by acts of war, whether declared or not; (5) Injury received while traveling or flying by air, except as a fare paying passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial airline; (6) Injury covered by Worker's Compensation or the Occupational Disease Law; (7) Treatment of illness, disease or infections, except infections which result from an accidental Injury or infections which result from accidental, involuntary or an unintentional ingestion of a contaminated substance; (8) Hernia, any type; (9) Injury sustained fighting or brawling, except in self-defense; (10) Suicide or attempted suicide; (11) Any penalty imposed by Other Valid and Collectible Insurance or Plan for failure to follow plan procedures; (12) Loss resulting from the use of any drug or agent classified as a narcotic, psycholytic, psychedelic, hallucinogenic, or having a similar classification or effect, unless prescribed by a Doctor; (13) Injury sustained while operating, riding in or upon, mounting or alighting from, any two, three or four- wheeled recreational motor/engine driven vehicle, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle (ATV); (14) Injury sustained while participating in or practicing for senior high interscholastic tackle football including grade 9 if playing with grade 10 or above, including travel, unless optional coverage has been purchased; (15) Cosmetic or plastic surgery, except for reconstructive surgery on an injured part of the body; (16) Treatment in any Veteran's Administration or federal Hospital, except if there is a legal obligation to pay; (17) Loss resulting from being legally intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol as defined by the laws of the state in which the Injury occurs; (18) Dental treatment, except as specifically stated; (19) Services of an assistant surgeon or Doctor when surgery is performed; (20) Eyeglasses, contact lenses, routine eye exams or prescriptions therefore; (21) Prescription Drugs, crutches, braces, artificial limbs, etc., except as specifically stated.

Administered by: **STUDENT PROTECTIVE AGENCY**, 300 Coshocton Ave., Mount Vernon, OH 43050 • (800) 278-2544

Underwritten and claims paid by: **GUARANTEE TRUST LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (GTL)**, 1275 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, IL 60025 • (800) 622-1993



**Notice Concerning Coverage  
Limitations and Exclusions Under the Ohio  
Life and Health Insurance Guaranty  
Association Act**

Residents of Ohio who purchase life insurance, annuities or health insurance should know that the insurance companies licensed in this state to write these types of insurance are members of the Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. The purpose of this association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the guaranty association will assess its other member insurance companies for the money to pay the claims of insured persons who live in this state and, in some cases, to keep coverage in force. The valuable extra protection provided by these insurers through the guaranty association is not unlimited, however. And, as noted in the box below, this protection is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting companies that are well-managed and financially stable.

**The Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association may not provide coverage for this policy. If coverage is provided, it may be subject to substantial limitations or exclusions, and require continued residency in Ohio. You should not rely on coverage by the Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.**

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**Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. However, insurance companies and their agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the guaranty association to induce you to purchase any kind of insurance policy.**

**Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association  
1840 Mackenzie Drive  
Columbus, Ohio 43220**

**Ohio Department of Insurance  
50 W. Town Street  
Third Floor, Suite 300  
Columbus, Ohio 43215**

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However, persons holding such policies are not protected by this association if:

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The association does **not** provide coverage for:

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- employers' plans to the extent they are self-funded (that is, not insured by an insurance company, even if an insurance company administers them).

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# **NOTE: PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE SUBMITTING A CLAIM**

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT AN ACCIDENT MEDICAL CLAIM FORM**

- The claim form must be completed and signed by the Organization **and** the injured Member (if the member is a minor, then the Member's parents or guardian should complete and sign the claim form). Please indicate your Group or Association name on the claim form. Also, the "Authorization To Permit Use and Disclosure of Health Information" must be signed.
- Your Accident Medical plan requires that treatment must be sought within a specific time frame. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits in your policy for the "Initial Treatment Period".
- **PROOF OF LOSS (COMPLETED CLAIM FORM AND ITEMIZED BILLS) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE ACCIDENT. ADDITIONAL BILLS RELATED TO THE ACCIDENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF TREATMENT.**
- Please attach itemized bills to the claim form. A balanced due bill from your provider is **not** sufficient. An itemized bill is a statement that indicates:
  - 1) **The date(s) of treatment,**
  - 2) **The type(s) of service,**
  - 3) **The diagnosis,**
  - 4) **The medical provider's name and address**
  - 5) **The individual charge for each expense.**
- If you have other (primary) insurance coverage, please send us a copy of their payment or denial ("Explanation of Benefits") statement. **Please note:** This is not necessary if you have purchased a "Primary" plan through GTL that pays regardless of other insurance payments.
- Return the completed claim form, itemized bills and other insurance payment or denial ("Explanation of Benefits") statements (if applicable) to:

**GUARANTEE TRUST LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**P.O. Box 1148**  
**Glenview, Illinois 60025**

- Please indicate which bills have been paid by you. If you prefer our payment to go directly to the medical provider, please notate this on the bills.
- A claim form needs to be completed only at the beginning of treatment for each accident. Additional bills or follow-up treatment should indicate your name, group or association name and date of accident.
- We suggest you make photocopies of any correspondence sent to our office to keep for your own records.

### **IMPORTANT:**

**Please take note that your claim will result in a processing delays as the result of not providing us with the following: the completed claim forms, the itemized bills from your medical provider and a copy of your other insurance payment or denial ("Explanation of Benefits") statement.**

*If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Department at (800) 622-1993.*

NAME OF SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
POLICY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT! THIS INFORMATION  
MUST BE GIVEN OR CLAIM WILL  
BE RETURNED

GUARANTEE TRUST LIFE INS. CO.  
P.O. Box 1148  
Glenview, IL 60025  
(800) 622-1993

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS:

Dr.: \_\_\_\_\_ Hosp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Addr: \_\_\_\_\_ Addr: \_\_\_\_\_ Addr: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip City State Zip City State Zip

I hereby authorize Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Co. to pay bills in connection with this accident directly to the Doctor, Hospital or Other Payee indicated above.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Claimant - if an ADULT

SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO COMPLETE: PLEASE PRINT (PARENT MUST COMPLETE IF A 24 HR. COVERAGE CLAIM IS INVOLVED)

1. Claimant's FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_
2. Claimant's Address: Street or RFD \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Accident \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_ AM  PM
4. Description of Accident: (A) How and where did in occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
(if more space needed, attach separate sheet)  
(B) Nature of Injury \_\_\_\_\_
5. Description of Activity (What was the Claimant doing at time of injury?) \_\_\_\_\_  
If Athletics, name sport \_\_\_\_\_ Intramural  Interscholastic  Other
6. (A) On date of accident what time did school start for this student? \_\_\_\_\_ AM  PM   
(B) What time was student dismissed from school? \_\_\_\_\_ AM  PM
7. Has a previous claim been filed for this accident? Yes  No
8. (A) Name of School Authority supervising Activity \_\_\_\_\_  
(B) Was Supervisor a witness? Yes  No   
(C) If not, when was accident reported to School Authority? \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF SCHOOL CLAIMANT ATTENDS: Elementary  Jr. High  High  Other

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date of this report \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Official \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT TO COMPLETE (OR CLAIMANT, IF AN ADULT) IN ORDER FOR CLAIM TO BE PROCESSED.

9. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER INSURANCE WHICH WILL OR HAVE COVERED THE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE ABOVE ACCIDENT, SUCH AS GROUP, INDIVIDUAL, AUTOMOBILE MEDICAL, OR LIABILITY?  NO  YES  
IF YES, PLEASE GIVE THE INSURANCE COMPANY'S NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND POLICY NUMBER:

Insurance Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

10. Parents Name: Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Claimant, or Parent if Claimant is a minor)

**Note: Your State Insurance Department requires us to notify you that:** Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

**GUARANTEE TRUST LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
1275 Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025  
1-800-622-1993

**HIPAA AUTHORIZATION**  
To Permit Use and Disclosure of Health Information

**This Authorization was prepared by GTL for purposes of obtaining information necessary to process a claim for benefits.**

Policy/Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_

Upon presentation of the original or a photocopy of this signed Authorization, I authorize, without restriction (except psychotherapy notes), any licensed physician, medical professional, hospital or other medical-care institution, insurance support organization, pharmacy, governmental agency, insurance company, group policyholder, employer or benefit plan administrator to provide Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company (GTL) or an agent, attorney, consumer reporting agency or independent administrator, acting on its behalf, all information concerning advice, care or treatment provided the patient, employee or deceased named below, including all information relating to, mental illness, use of drugs or use of alcohol. This Authorization also includes information provided to our health division for underwriting or claim servicing and information provided to any affiliated insurance company on previous applications. If this Authorization is for someone other than myself, that individual and my authority to act on their behalf is explained below. I understand that I or my authorized representative is entitled to receive a copy of the Authorization upon request.

I understand that I have the right to revoke this Authorization, in writing, at any time by sending written notification to my (our) agent or to the Company at the above address. I understand that a revocation will not be effective to the extent the Company has relied on the use or disclosure of the protected health information or if my Authorization was obtained as a condition to determine my eligibility for benefits. Revocation requests must be sent in writing to the attention of the Claim Department Manager.

I understand that Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company may condition payment of a claim upon my signing this Authorization, if the disclosure of information is necessary to determine the level or validity of the claim payment. I also understand once information is disclosed to us pursuant to this Authorization, the information will remain protected by GTL in accordance with federal or state law.

This authorization shall remain in force and in effect until two (2) years from the date this authorization is signed at which time this authorization will expire.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Please) Name of Patient Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Patient Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print) Name of Authorized Representative, or Next of Kin

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship of Authorized Representative or Next of Kin to Patient

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Representative or Next of Kin Date

## NOTICE OF GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

If You are aggrieved by a claim decision of Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company up to 4 levels of appeals may be pursued. Levels I, II, and III form the Internal Grievance Review process conducted by Us. The Level IV appeal is the Ohio External Review process. This Ohio External Review process is available for appeals regarding a denial of coverage due to lack of medical necessity and may be used after the completion of the internal appeal process.

**LEVEL 1:** You may request an appeal of an action or decision of within 90 days of the event giving rise to the appeal. The appeal request should be submitted in writing to Us at the address and telephone number listed on Your coverage identification card. The request for an appeal should include:

- a statement that this is a request for an appeal;
- the name and relationship of the person making the appeal;
- the reason for the appeal;
- any information that might help resolve the issue;
- the date of the service or claim; and
- if possible, a copy of the Explanation of Benefits.

We will review all materials, make a decision, and respond to You in writing within 30 days of receipt of the completed information needed to respond to the appeal.

**LEVEL 2:** If you are dissatisfied with the results of the Level 1 review of Your grievance, You, Your medical provider or Your personal representative, on Your behalf, may request a 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Grievance Review within 90 days of receiving the Level 1 decision.

The request for an appeal should include:

- a statement that this is a request for a Level 2 appeal and the date of the Level 1 determination;
- the name and relationship of the person making the appeal;
- the reason for the Level 2 appeal, including any substantive additional information not previously submitted

A decision will be made by a Supervisor within 30 calendar days after receiving your second level Grievance Review request. We will advise You of Our decision.

**Level 3:** If you are dissatisfied with the results of the Level 2 review of Your grievance, You, Your medical provider or Your personal representative, on Your behalf, may request a 3<sup>rd</sup> level Grievance Review within 90 days of receiving the Level 2 decision.

The request for an appeal should include:

- a statement that this is a request for a Level 3 appeal and the date of the Level 2 determination;
- the name and relationship of the person making the appeal;
- the reason for the Level 3 appeal, including any substantive additional information not previously submitted

A decision will be made by a Claim Manager and/or Vice-President of Claims within 30 calendar days after receiving your second level Grievance Review request. We will advise You of Our final decision.

### **Administrator Contact Information:**

You may submit Your appeal request for formal Grievance Review to the following address:

Ms. Tina Tobias  
Manager, Claims Department  
Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company  
1275 Milwaukee Avenue  
Glenview, IL 60025  
800-338-7452

## OHIO EXTERNAL REVIEW

### GENERAL EXTERNAL REVIEW

You or Your authorized representative may request an external review of a coverage denial if both of the following are the case:

- We have denied, reduced, or terminated coverage for what would be a covered health care service except that We have determined that the health care service is not medically necessary.
- Except in the case of an expedited review, the proposed service, plus any ancillary services and follow-up care, will cost You more than five hundred dollars (\$500) if the proposed service is not covered by Us.

If You have a terminal condition, We will follow the External Review for Experimental or Investigative Treatment procedures detailed in such section of these Procedures.

A request for a General External Review will not be granted in any of the following circumstances:

- You have failed to exhaust Our internal review process.
- You have previously been afforded an external review for the same denial of coverage, and no new clinical information has been submitted to Us.

We will deny a request for a General External Review if it is requested later than 60 days after notice has been sent regarding a final determination of the internal appeal process. A General External Review may be requested by You, an authorized person, Your provider, or a health care facility rendering health care service to You. You may request a review without the approval of the provider or the health care facility rendering the health care service. The provider or health care facility may not request a review without Your prior consent.

A General External Review must be requested in writing, except that if You have a condition that requires Expedited Review, the review may be requested orally or by electronic means. When an oral or electronic request for review is made, written confirmation of the request must be submitted to Us not later than 5 days after the request is made.

A request for a General External Review must be accompanied by written certification from Your provider or the health care facility rendering the health care service to You that the proposed service, plus any ancillary services and follow-up care, will cost You more than \$500 dollars if the proposed service is not covered.

Except in the case of an expedited review, the independent review organization will issue a written decision not later than 30 days after the filing of the request. The independent review organization will send a copy of its decision to Us and to You. If Your provider or the health care facility rendering health care services to You requested the review, the independent review organization will also send a copy of its decision to Your provider or the health care facility.

We will provide any coverage determined by the independent review organization's decision to be Medically Necessary, subject to the other terms, limitations, and conditions of the insured's policy or certificate.

### EXTERNAL REVIEW OF DENIAL OF EXPERIMENTAL OR INVESTIGATIVE TREATMENT FOR TERMINAL CONDITIONS

You or Your authorized representative may request an external review of a coverage denial if all of the following are the case:

- You have a terminal condition that, according to the current diagnosis of Your physician, has a high probability of causing death within 2 years.
- You request a review not later than 60 days after notice from Us regarding a final determination of the internal appeal process.
- Your physician certifies that You have a terminal condition as described above and any of the following situations are applicable:
  - Standard therapies have not been effective in improving Your condition.
  - Standard therapies are not medically appropriate for You.
  - There is no standard therapy covered by Us that is more beneficial than therapy recommended by your physician.

- Your physician has recommended a drug, device, procedure, or other therapy that the physician certifies, in writing, is likely to be more beneficial to You, in the physician's opinion, than standard therapies, or You have requested a therapy that has been found in a preponderance of peer-reviewed published studies to be associated with effective clinical outcomes for the same condition.
- You have been denied coverage by Us for a drug, device, procedure, or other therapy recommended or requested, and has exhausted Our internal review process.
- The drug, device, procedure, or other therapy, for which coverage has been denied, would be a covered health care service except for Our determination that the drug, device, procedure, or other therapy is experimental or investigational.

A review must be requested in writing, except that if Your physician determines that a therapy would be significantly less effective if not promptly initiated, the review may be requested orally or by electronic means. When an oral or electronic request for review is made, written confirmation of the request must be submitted to Us not later than 5 days after the oral or written request is submitted.

When You meet the criteria set forth above You have the opportunity to have Our decision to deny coverage reviewed under this Process. You will be notified of that opportunity within 30 business days after We deny coverage.

Except in the case of an expedited review, the independent review organization will issue a written decision not later than 30 days after the filing of the request. The independent review organization will send a copy of its decision to Us and to You. If Your provider or the health care facility rendering health care services to You requested the review, the independent review organization will also send a copy of its decision to Your provider or the health care facility.

The independent review organization will provide Us with the opinions of a panel of up to 3 experts. We will make the experts' opinions available to You and Your physician, upon request.

The opinion of the majority of the experts on the panel is binding on Us with respect to You. We will provide any coverage determined by the independent review organization's decision to be Medically Necessary, subject to the terms, limitations, and conditions of Your policy or certificate. If the opinions of the experts on the panel are evenly divided as to whether the therapy should be covered, Our final decision will be in favor of coverage. If less than a majority of the experts on the panel recommend coverage of the therapy, We may, in Our discretion, cover the therapy.

If Our initial denial of coverage for a therapy recommended or requested is based upon an external, independent review of that therapy meeting the requirements as stated above, this review process shall not be a basis for requiring a second external, independent review of the recommended or requested therapy.

At any time during the external, independent review process, We may elect to cover the recommended or requested health care service and terminate the review. We will notify You and all other parties involved by mail or, with consent or approval, by electronic means.

## **EXPEDITED REVIEW**

For an expedited review, Your provider must certify that Your condition could, in the absence of immediate medical attention, result in any of the following:

- Placing the health of You or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the unborn child, in serious jeopardy;
- Serious impairment to bodily functions;
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

The independent review organization will issue a written decision not later than seven days after the filing of the request for an Expedited Review.