

**PLAN DOCUMENT
SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

for the

**COLLIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN**

This booklet describes the Plan Benefits
in effect as of January 1, 2016

The Plan has been established for the benefit of
eligible Employees and their Dependents of:

COLLIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Effective January 1, 2016, Collier County Government establishes its self-funded Dental Care Plan for the benefit of eligible Employees and their eligible Dependents entitled, **COLLIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT DENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN** (the "Plan").

The purpose of this Plan is to provide reimbursement for Expenses Incurred for covered services, treatment or supplies as a result of Dentally Necessary treatment for Illness or Injury of the County's eligible Employees and their eligible Dependents. The County, in conjunction with any required contributions by its Employees, agrees to make payments to the Plan's Trust in order for payments to be made for covered services, treatments or supplies as provided by this Plan.

The County has caused this instrument to be executed as of the day first mentioned above.

COLLIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

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INTRODUCTION

Effective January 1, 2015 and restated January 1, 2016, Collier County Government, hereinafter referred to as the "County" or "Employer", restates the benefits, rights and privileges which will pertain to participating Employees, referred to as "Participants", and the eligible Dependents of such Participants, as defined, and which benefits are provided through a fund established by the County and referred to as the "Plan." This booklet describes the Plan in effect as of January 1, 2016.

Coverage provided under this Plan for Employees and their Dependents will be in accordance with the Eligibility, Effective Date, Qualified Medical Child Support Order, Termination, Family and Medical Leave Act and other applicable provisions as stated in this Plan.

Collier County Government (the Plan Sponsor) has retained the services of an independent Plan Supervisor, experienced in claims processing, to handle health claims. The Plan Supervisor for the Plan is:

Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc.
P.O. Box 3018
Missoula, MT 59806-3018

We recommend that you read this booklet carefully before incurring any dental expenses. If you have specific questions regarding coverage or benefits, you are urged to refer to the Plan Document which is available for your review in the Personnel Office or at the office of the Plan Supervisor. If you wish, you may call or write to Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc. regarding any detailed questions you may have concerning the Plan.

This Plan is not intended to, and cannot be used as workers compensation coverage for any Employee or any covered dependent of an Employee. Therefore, this Plan generally excludes claims related to any activity engaged in for wage or profit including, but not limited to, farming, ranching, part-time and seasonal activities. See Plan Exclusions for specific information.

The information contained in this Plan Document/Summary Plan Description is only a general statement regarding FMLA, COBRA, USERRA, and QMCSO's. It is not intended to be and should not be relied upon as complete legal information about those subjects. Covered Persons and Employers should consult their own legal counsel regarding these matters.

**SCHEDULE OF DENTAL BENEFITS - BASIC OPTION
FOR
ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND DEPENDENTS**

This Plan provides benefits through a group of contracted providers (Participating Providers). Participating Provider services are paid based on the contracted fee.

Non-Participating Provider means a provider who is not a Participating Provider. Non-Participating Provider services are paid based on the Usual, Customary and Reasonable limits of the Plan which is calculated at the 95th percentile.

To determine if a provider qualifies as an eligible Participating Provider under this Plan, please consult Allegiance’s website at www.askallegiance.com/ccg to access links for directories of Participating Providers.

THE BENEFIT PERIOD IS A CALENDAR YEAR

DEDUCTIBLE

Annual Deductible Per Covered Person per Benefit Period	\$50
Annual Deductible Per Family per Benefit Period	\$150

DENTAL EXPENSES

Type A (Preventive Care) Dental Expenses	
Deductible	Waived
Benefit Percentage	100%
Type B (Basic Restorative Care) Dental Expenses	
Deductible	Applies
Benefit Percentage	50%
Type C (Major Restorative) Dental Expenses	
Deductible	Applies
Benefit Percentage	50%
Type D Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction Dental Expenses	
Deductible	Applies
Benefit Percentage	50%
Orthodontic Treatment	Not Covered

BENEFIT LIMITS:

Type A, B and C Expenses Maximum Benefit Per Benefit Period	\$1,000
Type D Maximum Lifetime Benefit	\$1,000

**SCHEDULE OF DENTAL BENEFITS - SELECT OPTION
FOR
ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND DEPENDENTS**

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DENTAL EXPENSES

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Benefit Percentage	100%
Type B (Basic Restorative Care) Dental Expenses	
Deductible	Applies
Benefit Percentage	80%
Type C (Major Restorative) Dental Expenses	
Deductible	Applies
Benefit Percentage	80%
Type D Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction Dental Expenses	
Deductible	Applies
Benefit Percentage	80%
Orthodontic Treatment	Not Covered

BENEFIT LIMITS:

Type A, B and C Expenses Maximum Benefit Per Benefit Period	\$2,000
Type D Maximum Lifetime Benefit	\$2,000

DENTAL BENEFITS

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Services, treatments or supplies are an eligible Dental Expense if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. They are administered, provided by or ordered by a Dentist, Denturist, Dental Hygienist or other Licensed Health Care Provider covered by the Plan; and
2. They are Dentally Necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of a dental condition or dental disease unless otherwise specifically included as an Eligible Expense; and
3. Charges therefore do not exceed the Usual, Customary and Reasonable limits of the Plan. If two or more procedures are separately suitable for the correction of a specific condition, the Eligible Expense will be based upon the least expensive procedure; and
4. They are not excluded under any provision or section of this Plan.

All benefits under the this Plan must be exhausted before services can be considered under the medical plan.

DEDUCTIBLE AND BENEFIT PERCENTAGE

The Deductible applies to Eligible Expenses Incurred during each Benefit Period, unless specifically waived, but it applies only once for each Covered Person within a Benefit Period. Also, if members of a Family have satisfied individual Deductible amounts that collectively equal the Deductible per Family, as stated in the Schedule of Dental Benefits, during the same Benefit Period, no further Deductible will apply to any member of that Family during that Benefit Period. **An individual Covered Person cannot receive credit toward the Family Deductible for more than the Individual Annual Deductible as stated in the Schedule of Dental Benefits.**

Eligible Expenses Incurred by a Covered Person will be paid by the Plan according to the applicable Benefit Percentage stated in the Schedule of Dental Benefits. The Plan will pay the percentage of the Eligible Expense indicated as the Benefit Percentage.

APPLICATION OF DEDUCTIBLE AND ORDER OF BENEFIT PAYMENT

Deductibles will be applied to Eligible Expenses in the chronological order in which they are adjudicated by the Plan. Eligible Expenses will be paid by the Plan in the chronological order in which they are adjudicated by the Plan. The manner in which the Deductible is applied and Eligible Expenses are paid by the Plan will be conclusive and binding on all Covered Persons and their assignees.

MAXIMUM BENEFIT PAYABLE

The Maximum Benefit per Benefit Period as specified in the Schedule of Dental Benefits is the maximum amount that may be paid by the Plan for Eligible Expenses Incurred by each individual Covered Person in each Benefit Period as indicated in the Schedule of Dental Benefits. The amount payable by the Plan will not exceed any Maximum Benefit or Maximum Lifetime Benefit as stated in the Schedule of Dental Benefits, for any reason.

EXPENSES INCURRED

For a dental appliance, or modification of a dental appliance, an expense is considered Incurred at the time the impression is made. For a crown, bridge or gold restoration an expense is considered Incurred at the time the tooth or teeth are prepared. For root canal therapy an expense is considered Incurred at the time the pulp chamber is opened. All other expenses are considered Incurred at the time a service is rendered or a supply furnished.

PREDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS

Charges that are expected to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) may be predetermined by having the Dentist complete the Predetermination of Benefits portion of the claim form and listing the procedures he/she is recommending, including an estimate of charges for the procedures and submit the claim form to the Plan Supervisor for Predetermination of Benefits payable.

Upon the Plan's receipt of the Predetermination of Benefits request, the Plan Supervisor will determine the eligibility of the Covered Person and determine the coverage available under the Plan for the recommended dental procedures. After determining the benefits payable under the Plan, the Plan Supervisor will return the claim form to the Dentist. A copy of the predetermination of benefits will also be mailed to the covered Employee, informing the Employee of the amount of benefits estimated to be covered by the Plan for the recommended dental procedures.

A PREDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF PAYMENT. PAYMENT OF PLAN BENEFITS IS SUBJECT TO PLAN PROVISIONS AND ELIGIBILITY AT THE TIME SERVICES ARE PERFORMED OR CHARGES ARE INCURRED.

DENTAL EXPENSES*TYPE A (PREVENTIVE CARE) EXPENSES*

The following general dental expenses will be considered "Type A" for reimbursement purposes as stated in the Schedule of Dental Benefits:

1. Oral Examination (including prophylaxis--scaling and cleaning of teeth), but not more than twice in any Benefit Period.
2. Periodontal maintenance procedure (following active therapy), prophylaxis for periodontal treatment, but not more than twice per Benefit Period.
3. Topical application of sodium fluoride or stannous fluoride for Dependent children under age fourteen (14). Benefits for topical application of sodium fluoride or stannous fluoride will be provided only once every Benefit Period.
4. Dental x-rays required in connection with the diagnosis of a specific condition requiring treatment; also other dental x-rays, but not more than one full mouth x-ray or series in any three (3) Benefit Periods and not more than two (2) sets of supplementary bitewing x-rays in any Benefit Period.
5. Topical application of sealant limited to one treatment per tooth per lifetime for children under fourteen (14) years old only payable on an unrestored permanent bicuspid or molar teeth.
6. Clinical oral evaluation, but not more than two (2) per Benefit Period.
7. Space maintainers - limited to non-orthodontic treatment for prematurely removed or missing teeth for a person less than fourteen (14) years old.

TYPE B (BASIC CARE) EXPENSES

The following general dental expenses will be considered "Type B" for reimbursement purposes as stated in the Schedule of Dental Benefits:

1. Emergency palliative care to relieve dental pain.
2. Extractions, except for orthodontic extractions.
3. Oral surgery.
4. Fillings.
5. Nitrous Oxide when administered in connection with covered dental services.
6. General anesthesia or conscious intravenous "IV" sedation when Dentally Necessary and administered in connection with oral surgery or other Covered Dental Benefits.
7. Treatment, including periodontal surgery of diseased periodontal structures for periodontal and other diseases affecting such structures.
8. Endodontic treatment, including root canal therapy.
9. Injection of antibiotic drugs.

TYPE C (MAJOR RESTORATIVE) EXPENSES

The following general dental expenses will be considered "Type C" for reimbursement purposes:

1. Gold fillings, inlays, onlays or crowns (including precision attachments for dentures).
2. Repair or recementing of crowns, inlays, bridgework or dentures; or relining of dentures.
3. Initial installation of fixed bridgework (including crowns and inlays to form abutments) to replace one or more natural teeth.
4. Replacement of an existing partial denture or fixed bridgework by a new fixed bridgework, or the addition of teeth to an existing fixed bridgework. However, this item will apply only to replacements and additions that meet the "Prosthesis Replacement Rule" below.
5. Initial installation of partial or full removable dentures (including adjustments for the six (6) month period following installation) to replace one or more natural teeth.
6. Replacement of an existing partial or full removable denture or fixed bridgework by a new partial or full removable denture, or the addition of teeth to an existing partial denture. However, this item applies only to replacements and additions that meet the "Prosthesis Replacement Rule" below.
7. Surgical placement of an implant body or framework, of any type; any device, index, or surgical template guide used for implant surgery; prefabricated or custom implant abutments; or removal of an existing implant. Implant removal is covered only if the implant is not serviceable and cannot be repaired.
8. A prosthetic device, supported by an implant or implant abutment. Replacement of any type of prosthesis with a prosthesis supported by an implant or implant abutment is covered only if the existing prosthesis is at least seven (7) since it was placed, is not serviceable and cannot be repaired.

9. Removable mouth guard or appliance (occlusal guard or night guard) to alleviate thumb-sucking and bruxism (grinding of the teeth). This benefit is limited to \$500 per appliance.

TYPE D TEMPOROMANDIBULAR JOINT DYSFUNCTION DENTAL EXPENSES

The following dental expenses for the treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction will be considered "Type D" for reimbursement purposes:

1. Office visit - adjustment to appliance. No more than 6 (six) adjustments in six (6) consecutive months after seating or placement of appliance.
2. Transcutaneous Electro-neural Stimulation. No more than four (4) treatments in a six-month period.
3. Trigger Point Injection of local anesthetic into muscle fascia. No more than four (4) treatment in a six-month period.
4. Mandibular Orthopedic Repositioning Appliance. Only one appliance per Covered Person in any five-year period.

ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT BENEFIT

There is no coverage for Orthodontic Treatment.

PROSTHESIS REPLACEMENT RULE

Replacement of or additions to existing dentures or bridgework as described under Type C Expenses will be covered only if evidence satisfactory to the Plan Supervisor is furnished that one of the following applies:

1. The replacement or addition of teeth is required to replace one or more teeth after the existing denture or bridgework was installed.
2. The existing denture or bridgework cannot be made serviceable and was installed at least seven (7) years prior to its replacement.
3. The existing denture is an immediate temporary denture which cannot be made permanent and replacement by a permanent denture is required and takes place within twelve (12) months from the date of initial installation of the immediate temporary denture.

DENTAL BENEFIT LIMITATIONS

Charges for the replacement of existing dentures or removable or fixed bridgework will be considered an eligible expense only if the existing appliance is not serviceable and cannot be repaired.

GENERAL PLAN EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The following general exclusions and limitations apply to all Expenses Incurred under this Plan:

1. Charges for any services or supplies to the extent that benefits are otherwise provided under this Plan, or under any other plan of group benefits that the Participant's Employer contributes to or sponsors.
2. Charges for treatment which is not rendered by or in the presence of a Dentist or other Licensed Health Care Provider covered by the Plan except that cleaning or scaling of teeth and topical application of fluoride may be performed by a licensed Dental Hygienist, if the treatment is rendered under the supervision or the direction of the Dentist.
3. Charges for dentures, crowns, inlays, onlays, bridgework or other appliances which are not Dentally Necessary and performed solely or primarily for Cosmetic or personal reasons, personal comfort, convenience, or beautification items, including charges for personalization or characterization of dentures.
4. Charges for any procedure, service, supply or appliance, the sole or primary purpose of which relates to the change or maintenance of vertical dimension.
5. Charges for facility, Ambulatory Surgery Center and Hospital charges.
6. Charges for local anesthesia administered in conjunction with covered dental services or procedures, when billed separately (unbundled) from the charge for the Covered Service or procedure.
7. Charges for the replacement of a lost, missing, or stolen appliance device or for an additional (spare) appliance.
8. Charges for procedures, appliances or restorations whose main purpose is to diagnose or treat jaw joint problems, including craniomandibular disorders or other conditions of the joints linking the jawbone and skull, including the complex muscles, nerves and other tissues related to that joint.
9. Charges for the alteration or restoration of occlusion.
10. Charges for the restoration of teeth which have been damaged by erosion, attrition or abrasion.
11. Charges for bite registration or bite analysis.
12. Charges for replacement of teeth beyond the normal complement of thirty-two (32).
13. Expenses Incurred by the Covered Person for all services and supplies resulting from any Illness or Injury which occurs in the course of employment for wage or profit, or in the course of any volunteer work when the organization, for whom the Covered Person is volunteering, has elected or is required by law to obtain coverage for such volunteer work under state or federal workers' compensation laws or other legislation, including Employees' compensation or liability laws of the United States (collectively called "Workers' Compensation"). This exclusion applies to all such services and supplies resulting from a work-related Illness or Injury even though:
 - A. Coverage for the Covered Person under Workers' Compensation provides benefits for only a portion of the services Incurred;

- B. The Covered Person's employer/volunteer organization has failed to obtain such coverage required by law;
- C. The Covered Person waived his/her rights to such coverage or benefits;
- D. The Covered Person fails to file a claim within the filing period allowed by law for such benefits;
- E. The Covered Person fails to comply with any other provision of the law to obtain such coverage or benefits; or
- F. The Covered Person is permitted to elect not to be covered by Workers' Compensation but failed to properly make such election effective.
- G. The Covered Person is permitted to elect not to be covered by Workers' Compensation and has affirmatively made that election.

This exclusion will not apply to household and domestic employment, employment not in the usual course of the trade, business, profession or occupation of the Covered Person or Employee, or employment of a Dependent member of an Employee's family for whom an exemption may be claimed by the Employee under the Internal Revenue Code.

This exclusion also does not apply to the claims of a Covered Person whose workers' compensation coverage has ended specifically because the Covered person has reached Maximum Medical Improvement (MMI) as finally determined and certified without objection or appeal by a workers' compensation fund or insurance carrier.

- 14. Charges for which the Covered Person is not, in the absence of this coverage, legally obligated to pay, or for which a charge would not ordinarily be made in the absence of this coverage.
- 15. Charges for oral hygiene and dietary instructions.
- 16. Charges for root canal therapy for which the pulp chamber was opened before the individual became a Covered Person.
- 17. Charges for temporary dentures.
- 18. Charges incurred for services rendered or started, or supplies furnished prior to the effective date of coverage under the Plan, or after coverage is terminated under the Plan, except as specifically provided for in the Plan provisions. This includes charges for dentures, crowns, inlays, onlays, bridgework or other appliances or services which were not ordered while the individual was a Covered Person. The date a prosthetic dental appliance is placed in the mouth is considered the date of service.
- 19. Charges for any services, supplies or appliances which are not specifically listed as a benefit of this Plan.
- 20. Charges which are caused by or arising out of war or act of war, (whether declared or undeclared), civil unrest, armed invasion or aggression, or caused during service in the armed forces of any country.
- 21. Broken or missed appointments.
- 22. Charges for infection control (OSHA) fees or claim filing.
- 23. Travel Expenses Incurred by any person for any reason.

24. Charges for non-dental services such as training, education, instructions or educational materials, even if they are performed or provided by a dental service provider.
25. Hypnosis, prescribed drugs, premedications or any euphoric drugs, with the exception of nitrous oxide.
26. Biopsies or oral pathology, except as specifically provided for under Covered Dental Services.
27. To the extent that the Covered Person could have obtained payment, in whole or in part, if he or she had applied for coverage or obtained treatment under any federal, state or other governmental program or in a treatment facility operated by a government agency, except where required by law, such as for cases of dental emergencies or for coverage provided by Medicaid.
28. Charges for services, supplies or treatments or procedures, surgical or otherwise, not recognized as generally accepted and Dentally Necessary for the diagnosis and/or treatment of an active Dental condition or dental disease, or which are Experimental or Investigational, except as specifically stated as a Covered Benefit of this Plan.
29. Expenses Incurred by persons other than the person receiving treatment.
30. Charges in connection with services and supplies which are in excess of Usual, Customary and Reasonable charges.
31. Charges for services rendered by a Physician or Licensed Health Care Provider who is a Close Relative of the Covered Person, or resides in the same household of the Covered Person and who does not regularly charge the Covered Person for services.
32. Charges for extracoronary and other periodontal splinting.
33. Charges for athletic mouth guards.
34. Charges for myofunctional therapy.
35. Charges for precision or semi-precision attachments.
36. Charges for denture duplication.
37. Charges for treatment of jaw fractures and orthognathic surgery.
38. Charges for Orthodontic Treatment, except for the treatment of cleft lip and cleft palate.
39. Charges for diagnostic casts, diagnostic models, or study models.
40. Charges for professional services on an Outpatient basis in connection with disorders of any type or cause, that can be credited towards earning a degree or furtherance of the education or training of a Covered Person regardless of the diagnosis.
41. Charges for services, treatment or supplies not considered legal in the United States.
42. Charges for preparation of reports or itemized bills in connection with Eligible Expenses, unless specifically requested and approved by the Plan.

43. Charges for the following treatments, services or supplies:
 - A. Charges related to or connected with treatments, services or supplies that are excluded under this Plan.
 - B. Charges that are the result of any complication resulting from a treatment, service or supply which is, or was at the time the charge was incurred, excluded from coverage under this Plan.
44. Charges for treatment, services or supplies not actually rendered to or received and used by the Covered Person.

COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

The Coordination of Benefits provision prevents the payment of benefits which exceed the Allowable Expense. It applies when the Participant or Dependent who is covered by this Plan is or may also be covered by any other plan(s). This Plan will always pay either its benefits in full or a reduced amount which, when added to the benefits payable by the other plan(s), will not exceed 100% of the Allowable Expense. Only the amount paid by this Plan will be charged against the Plan maximums.

In the event of a motor vehicle or premises accident; or an act of violence with the intent to disrupt electronic, communications, or any other business system, this Plan will be secondary to any auto "no fault" and traditional auto "fault" type contracts, homeowners, commercial general liability insurance and any other medical benefits coverage.

The Coordination of Benefits provision applies whether or not a claim is filed under the other plan or plans. If needed, authorization is hereby given this Plan to obtain information as to benefits or services available from the other plan or plans, or to recover overpayments.

All benefits contained in the Plan Document are subject to this provision.

DEFINITIONS

"Allowable Expense" as used herein means:

1. If the claim as applied to the primary Plan is subject to a contracted or negotiated rate, Allowable Expense will be equal to that contracted or negotiated amount.
2. If the claim as applied to the primary Plan is not subject to a contracted or negotiated rate, but the claim as applied to the secondary Plan is subject to a contracted or negotiated rate, the Allowable Expense will be equal to that contracted or negotiated amount of the secondary Plan.
3. If the claim as applied to the primary Plan and the secondary Plan is not subject to a contracted or negotiated rate, then the Allowable Expense will be equal to the secondary Plan's chosen limits for non-contracted providers.

"Plan" as used herein means any Plan providing benefits or services for or by reason of medical, dental or vision treatment, and such benefits or services are provided by:

1. Group insurance or any other arrangement for coverage for Covered Persons in a group whether on an insured or uninsured basis including, but not limited to:
 - A. Hospital indemnity benefits; and
 - B. Hospital reimbursement-type plans which permit the Covered Person to elect indemnity at the time of claims; or
2. Hospital or medical service organizations on a group basis, group practice and other group pre-payment plans; or
3. Hospital or medical service organizations on an individual basis having a provision similar in effect to this provision; or
4. A licensed Health Maintenance Organization (H.M.O.); or
5. Any coverage for students which is sponsored by, or provided through a school or other educational institution; or

6. Any coverage under a Governmental program, and any coverage required or provided by any statute; or
7. Automobile insurance; or
8. Individual automobile insurance coverage on an automobile leased or owned by the Company or any responsible third-party tortfeasor; or
9. Individual automobile insurance coverage based upon the principles of "No-Fault" coverage; or
10. Homeowner or premise liability insurance, individual or commercial.

"Plan" will be construed separately with respect to each policy, contract, or other arrangement for benefits or services, and separately with respect to that portion of any such policy, contract, or other arrangement which reserves the right to take the benefits or services of other Plans into consideration in determining its benefits and that portion which does not.

ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION

1. **Non-Dependent/Dependent**

The Plan that covers the person as other than a dependent, (e.g., as an employee, member, subscriber, retiree) is primary and the Plan that covers the person as a dependent is secondary.

2. **Child Covered Under More Than One Plan**

A. The primary Plan is the Plan of the parent whose birthday is earlier in the year if:

- 1) The parents are married;
- 2) The parents are not separated (whether or not they have ever been married), or
- 3) A court decree awards joint custody without specifying that one parent has the responsibility to provide health care coverage.

B. If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered either of the parents longer is primary.

C. If the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the parents is responsible for the child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. If the parent with financial responsibility has no coverage for the child's health care services or expenses, but that parent's spouse does, the spouse's Plan is primary. This subparagraph will not apply with respect to any claim determination period, Benefit Period or Plan Year during which benefits are paid or provided before the entity has actual knowledge.

D. If the parents are not married or are separated (whether or not they were ever married) or are divorced, and there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the child's health care services or expenses, the order of benefit determination among the Plans of the parents and the parents' spouses (if any) is:

- 1) The Plan of the custodial parent.
- 2) The Plan of the spouse of the custodial parent.
- 3) The Plan of the non-custodial parent.
- 4) The Plan of the spouse of the non-custodial parent.

3. Active or Inactive Employee

The Plan that covers a person as an employee who is neither laid-off nor retired (or as that employee's dependent) is primary. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and if, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule will not be followed.

4. Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage

If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the Plan that has covered the person for the longer period of time is primary.

- A. To determine the length of time a person has been covered under a Plan, two Plans will be treated as one if the Covered Person was eligible under the second within 24 hours after the first ended.
- B. The start of a new Plan does not include:
 - 1) A change in the amount or scope of a Plan's benefits;
 - 2) A change in the entity that pays, provides, or administers the Plan's benefits; or
 - 3) A change from one type of Plan to another (such as from a single employer plan to that of a multiple-employer plan).
- C. A person's length of time covered under a Plan is measured from the person's first date of coverage under that Plan. If that date is not readily available for a group Plan, the date the person first became a member of the group will be used as the date from which to determine the length of time the person's coverage under the present Plan has been in force.

5. No Rules Apply

If none of these preceding rules determines the primary Plan, the Allowable Expense will be determined equally between the Plans.

COORDINATION WITH MEDICAID

If a Covered Person is also entitled to and covered by Medicaid, the Plan will always be primary and Medicaid will always be secondary coverage.

COORDINATION WITH TRICARE/CHAMPVA

If a Covered Person is also entitled to and covered under TRICARE/CHAMPVA, the Plan will always be primary and TRICARE/CHAMPVA will always be secondary coverage. TRICARE coverage will include programs established under its authority, known as TRICARE Standard, TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Prime.

If the Covered Person is eligible for Medicare and entitled to veterans benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Plan will always be primary and the VA will always be secondary for non-service connected medical claims. For these claims, the Plan will make payment to the VA as though the Plan was making payment secondary to Medicare.

PROCEDURES FOR CLAIMING BENEFITS

Claims must be submitted to the Plan within twelve (12) months after the date services or treatment are received or completed. Non-electronic claims may be submitted on any approved claim, available from the provider. The claim must be completed in full with all the requested information. A complete claim must include the following information:

- Date of service;
- Name of the Participant;
- Name and date of birth of the patient receiving the treatment or service and his/her relationship to the Participant;
- Diagnosis [code] of the condition being treated;
- Treatment or service [code] performed;
- Amount charged by the provider for the treatment or service; and
- Sufficient documentation, in the sole determination of the Plan Administrator, to support the dental necessity of the treatment or service being provided and sufficient to enable the Plan Supervisor to adjudicate the claim pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

When completed, the claim must be sent to the Plan Supervisor, Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc., at P.O. Box 3018, Missoula, Montana 59806-3018, (855) 333-1004 or through any electronic claims submission system or clearinghouse to which Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc. has access.

In no event will any claim be considered for payment of benefits if it is initially submitted to the Plan more than twelve (12) months from the date that such claim was incurred.

Upon termination of the Plan, final claims must be received within three (3) months of termination or such lesser time as is established by the Plan Administrator.

CLAIMS WILL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE SUBMITTED UNTIL RECEIVED BY THE PLAN SUPERVISOR.

The Plan will have the right, in its sole discretion and at its own expense, to require a claimant to undergo a dental examination, when and as often as may be reasonable, and to require the claimant to submit, or cause to be submitted, any and all dental and other relevant records it deems necessary to properly adjudicate the claim.

CLAIM DECISIONS ON CLAIMS AND ELIGIBILITY

Claims will be considered for payment according to the Plan's terms and conditions, industry-standard claims processing guidelines and administrative practices not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan. The Plan may, when appropriate or when required by law, consult with relevant health care professionals and access professional industry resources in making decisions about claims that involve specialized medical knowledge or judgment. Initial eligibility and claims decisions will be made within the time periods stated below. For purposes of this section, "Covered Person" will include the claimant and the claimant's Authorized Representative; "Covered Person" does not include a health care provider or other assignee, and said health care provider or assignee does not have an independent right to appeal an Adverse Benefit Determination simply by virtue of the assignment of benefits.

"Authorized Representative" means a representative authorized by the claimant to act on their behalf in pursuing a benefit claim or appeal of an Adverse Benefit Determination. The claimant must authorize the representative in writing, and this written authorization must be provided to the Plan. The Plan will recognize this Authorized Representative when the Plan receives the written authorization.

In most cases, initial claims decisions on Post-Service Claims will be made within thirty (30) days of the Plan's receipt of the claim. The Plan will provide timely notice of the initial determination once sufficient information is received to make an initial determination, but no later than thirty (30) days after receiving the claim. Upon written notice to the Covered Person of the circumstances requiring an extension and the date by which the Plan expects to render a decision, this time period may be extended fifteen (15) days for reasons beyond the Plan's control. If the extension is necessary due to a failure of the claimant to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the extension notice will specifically describe the information needed, and the claimant will be afforded forty-five (45) days from receipt of the notice within which to provide the specified information. Once sufficient information is received to decide the claim, the Plan will provide timely notice of the determination after receiving sufficient information.

APPEALING AN UN-REIMBURSED CLAIM

If a claim is denied in whole or in part, the Covered Person will receive written notification of the Adverse Benefit Determination. A claim Explanation of Benefits (EOB) will be provided by the Plan showing:

1. The reason the claim was denied;
2. Reference(s) to the specific Plan provision(s) or rule(s) upon which the decision was based which resulted in the Adverse Benefit Determination;
3. Any additional information needed to perfect the claim and why such information is needed; and
4. An explanation of the Covered Person's right to appeal the Adverse Benefit Determination for a full and fair review.

If a Covered Person does not understand the reason for any Adverse Benefit Determination, he or she should contact the Plan Supervisor at the address or telephone number shown on the EOB form.

The Covered Person must appeal the Adverse Benefit Determination before the Covered Person may exercise his or her right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA. This Plan provides two (2) levels of benefit determination review and the Covered Person must exercise both levels of review before bringing a civil action.

A Covered Person has no more than one hundred eighty (180) days after an Adverse Benefit Determination to appeal the denial. When appealing an Adverse Benefit Determination, the Covered Person should include any additional information supporting the claim or the information required by the Plan which was not initially provided and forward it to the Plan Supervisor within the permitted time period. Failure to appeal the Adverse Benefit Determination within the permitted time period will render the determination final; appeals received after the permitted time period has expired will receive no further consideration.

Appeals or requests for review of Adverse Benefit Determinations must be submitted to the Plan in writing to P.O. Box 1269, Missoula, MT 59806-1269. Supporting materials may be submitted via mail, electronic claims submission process, facsimile (fax) or electronic mail (e-mail).

If a claimant requests review of an Adverse Benefit Determination, this Plan provides two (2) levels of benefit determination review.

FIRST LEVEL OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION REVIEW

The first level of benefit determination review is done by the Plan Supervisor. The Plan Supervisor will research the information initially received and determine if the initial determination was appropriate based on the terms and conditions of the Plan and other relevant information. Notice of the decision on the first level of review will be sent to the Covered Person within sixty (60) days following the date the Plan Supervisor receives the request for reconsideration.

If, based on the Plan Supervisor's review, the initial Adverse Benefit Determination remains the same, the Covered Person has the right to a second level of review as stated below. To obtain a second level of review, the Covered Person must request the second review in writing and send it to the Plan Supervisor not later than sixty (60) days after receipt of the Plan Supervisor's decision from the first level of review.

SECOND LEVEL OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION REVIEW

The Plan Administrator will review the claim in question along with the additional information submitted by the Covered Person. The Plan will conduct a full and fair review of the claim by the Plan Administrator who is neither the original decisionmaker nor the decisionmaker's subordinate. The Plan Administrator cannot give deference to the initial benefit determination. The Plan Administrator may, when appropriate or if required by law, consult with relevant health care professionals in making decisions about appeals that involve specialized dental judgment. Where the appeal involves issues of dental necessity or experimental treatment, the Plan Administrator will consult with a health care professional with appropriate training who was neither the dental professional consulted in the initial determination or his or her subordinate.

After a full and fair review of the Covered Person's appeal, the Plan will provide a written or electronic notice of the final benefit determination, within a reasonable time, but no later than sixty (60) days from the date the appeal is received by the Plan. Such notice will contain the same information as notices for the initial determination.

All claim payments are based upon the terms and provisions contained in the Plan Document which is on file with the Plan Administrator and the Plan Supervisor. The Covered Person may also request, free of charge, more detailed information, names of any dental professionals consulted and copies of relevant documents, as defined in and required by law, which were used by the Plan to adjudicate the claim.

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS

If both spouses are employed by the County, and both are eligible for Dependent Coverage, either spouse, but not both, may elect Dependent Coverage for their eligible Dependents. No one can be covered under this Plan as both an Employee and a Dependent. No one can be covered under this Plan as a Dependent by more than one Participant.

EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY

An Employee is eligible to participate in this Plan who is employed by the County and classified as regular full-time or part-time, as those terms are defined by the County, and are regularly scheduled to work a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week as a part-time Employee and a minimum of thirty (30) hours per week as a regular full-time Employee.

An Employee is not eligible while on active military duty if that duty exceeds a period of thirty-one (31) consecutive days.

WAITING PERIOD

With respect to an eligible Employee, coverage under the Plan will not start until the Employee completes a Waiting Period, which commences on the Enrollment Date (eligibility date) and will be either of the following:

1. If the Enrollment Date occurs on the first day of the month, the Waiting Period is waived; or
2. If the Enrollment Date occurs on any day other than the first day of the month, the Waiting Period will end on the last day of the month following the Enrollment Date.

DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY

An eligible Dependent includes any person who is a citizen, resident alien, or is otherwise legally present in the United States or in any other jurisdiction that the related Participant has been assigned by the Employer, and who is either:

1. The Participant's legal spouse according to the marriage laws of the state of Florida on the date enrollment is requested, and provided that the marriage was recognized as a legal marriage in the state where it was first solemnized or established.

An eligible Dependent does not include a spouse who is legally separated or divorced from the Participant and has a court order or decree stating such from a court of competent jurisdiction.

2. The Participant's Dependent child who meets all of the following "Required Eligibility Conditions":
 - A. Is a natural child; step-child; legally adopted child; a child who has been Placed with the Participant for adoption and for whom as part of such placement the Participant has a legal obligation for the partial or full support of such child, including providing coverage under the Plan pursuant to a written agreement; a person for whom the Participant has been appointed the legal guardian by a court of competent jurisdiction prior to the person attaining nineteen (19) years of age; and
 - B. Is less than twenty-six (26) years of age. A Dependent child is eligible until the end of the Calendar Year in which twenty-six (26) years of age is attained. This requirement is waived if the Participant's child is mentally handicapped/challenged or physically handicapped/challenged, provided that the child was incapable of self-supporting employment and was chiefly dependent upon the Participant for support and maintenance prior to end of the Calendar month in which he/she attained twenty-six (26) years of age. Proof of incapacity must be furnished to the Plan Administrator upon request, and additional proof may be required from time to time.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPENDENT COVERAGE

Each Employee will become eligible for Dependent Coverage on the latest of: 1) the date the Employee becomes eligible for Participant coverage; or 2) the date on which the Employee first acquires a Dependent.

DECLINING COVERAGE

If an eligible person declines coverage under this Plan, he/she will state his/her reason(s) for declining, in writing. Failure to provide those reasons in writing may result in the Plan refusing enrollment at a later date.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE

All coverage under the Plan will commence at 12:01 A.M. in the time zone in which the Covered Person permanently resides, on the date such coverage becomes effective.

PARTICIPANT COVERAGE

Participant coverage under the Plan will become effective on the first day immediately after the Employee satisfies the applicable eligibility requirements and Waiting Period, provided that application for such coverage is made on the Plan's enrollment form within thirty-one (31) days immediately following the Enrollment Date.

An eligible Employee who declines Participant coverage under the Plan during the Initial Enrollment Period will be able to become covered later in only two situations, Open Enrollment and Special Enrollment.

DEPENDENT COVERAGE

Each Participant who requests Dependent Coverage on the Plan's enrollment form will become covered for Dependent Coverage as follows:

1. On the Participant's effective date of coverage, if application for Dependent Coverage is made on the Plan's enrollment form within thirty-one (31) days immediately following the Participant's Enrollment Date. This subsection applies only to Dependents who are eligible on the Participant's effective date of coverage.
2. In the event a Dependent is acquired after the Participant's effective date of coverage as a result of a legal guardianship or in the event that a Participant is required to provide coverage as a result of a valid court order, or if the Dependent is acquired as a result of operation of law, Dependent Coverage will begin on the first day of the month following the Plan's receipt of an enrollment form and copy of said court order, if applicable.

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

The Open Enrollment Period will begin November 1st and will end as determined by the Plan Administrator. During any Open Enrollment Period an Employee and the Employee's eligible Dependents, who are not covered under this Plan, may request Participant or Dependent Coverage. Coverage must be requested on the Plan's enrollment form. Also during any Open Enrollment Period, Participants and their covered Dependents will be able to make a change in coverage under this Plan.

Coverage or changes requested during any Open Enrollment Period will begin on January 1st immediately following the Open Enrollment Period and will remain in effect until the next January 1st, except as otherwise allowed during a Special Enrollment Period.

ONE TIME LIMITED OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

The One Time Limited Open Enrollment Period will begin January 9, 2015 and will end February 13, 2015, during which the covered Employee's same gender spouse married before January 6, 2015 and who meets the Plan's definition of spouse, as amended effective January 5, 2015, may request coverage. Coverage must be requested on the Plan's enrollment form.

Coverage requested during the One Time Limited Open Enrollment Period will begin the first day of the month following the date the enrollment request form is received by the Plan.

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

In addition to other enrollment times allowed by this Plan, certain persons may enroll during the Special Enrollment Periods described below.

“Special Enrollment Period” means a period of time allowed under this Plan, other than the eligible person’s Initial Enrollment Period or an Open Enrollment Period, during which an eligible person can request coverage under this Plan as a result of certain events that create special enrollment rights.

Coverage will become effective on the date of the event if the Employee makes a special enrollment request, verbally or in writing, within thirty-one (31) days of any special enrollment event and application for such coverage is made on the Plan’s enrollment form within sixty (60) days of the event.

Any eligible Employee and any of their eligible Dependents may enroll and become covered as a result of the following specific events:

1. Marriage to the Employee;
2. Birth of the Employee’s child;
3. Adoption of a child by the Employee, provided the child is under the age of 19;
4. Placement for Adoption with the Employee, provided such Employee has a legal obligation for the partial or full support of such child, including providing coverage under the Plan pursuant to a written agreement and the child is under the age of 19;
5. Coverage under Medicaid or any state children’s insurance program recognized under the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 is terminated due to loss of eligibility;
6. The date any eligible Employee or any of their eligible Dependents becomes entitled to a Premium Assistance Subsidy authorized under the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009. The date of entitlement shall be the date stated in the Premium Assistance Authorization entitlement notice issued by the applicable state agency (CHIP or Medicaid). A request for enrollment, either verbal or in writing, must be made within sixty (60) days after this special enrollment event, and written application for such coverage must be made in writing within ninety (90) days after such event.
7. Coverage under another health care plan or health insurance is terminated due to loss of eligibility or if employer contributions to the other coverage have been terminated (Loss of Coverage)

Loss of Coverage means only one of the following:

- A. COBRA Continuation Coverage under another plan and the maximum period of COBRA Continuation Coverage under that other plan has been exhausted; or
- B. Group or insurance health coverage that has been terminated as a result of termination of Employer contributions* towards that other coverage; or
- C. Group or insurance health coverage (includes other coverage that is Medicare) that has been terminated only as a result of a loss of eligibility for coverage for any of the following:
 - 1) Legal separation or divorce of the eligible Employee;
 - 2) Cessation of Dependent status;
 - 3) Death of the eligible Employee;
 - 4) Termination of employment of the eligible Dependent;

- 5) Reduction in the number of hours of employment of the eligible Dependent;
- 6) Termination of the eligible Dependent's employer's plan;
- 7) Any loss of eligibility after a period that is measured by reference to any of the foregoing; or
- 8) Any loss of eligibility for individual or group coverage because the eligible Employee or Dependent no longer resides, lives or works in the service area of the HMO or other such plan.

*Employer contributions include contributions by any current or former employer that was contributing to the other non-COBRA coverage.

A loss of eligibility for coverage does not occur if coverage was terminated due to a failure of the Employee or Dependent to pay premiums on a timely basis or coverage was terminated for cause.

CHANGE IN STATUS

If a Covered Dependent under this Plan becomes an eligible Employee of the County, he/she may continue his/her coverage as a Dependent or elect to be covered as a Participant.

If an eligible Employee who is covered as a Participant of this Plan ceases to be an Employee of the County, but is eligible to be covered as a Dependent under another Employee/Participant, he/she may elect to continue his/her coverage as a Dependent of such Employee/Participant.

Application for coverage due to a Change in Status must be made on the Plan's enrollment form, within thirty-one (31) days immediately following the date the Employee becomes or ceases to be an eligible Employee. A Change in Status will not be deemed to be a break or termination of coverage and will not operate to reduce or increase any coverage or accumulations toward satisfaction of the deductible to which the Covered Person was entitled prior to the Change in Status.

QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS PROVISION

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Section 609(a) of ERISA, the Plan Administrator adopts the following procedures to determine whether Medical Child Support Orders are qualified in accordance with ERISA's requirements, to administer payments and other provisions under Qualified Medical Child Support Orders (QMCSOs), and to enforce these procedures as legally required. Employer adopts ERISA standards to comply with child support enforcement obligation of Part D of Title IV of the Social Security Act of 1975 as amended.

DEFINITIONS

For QMCSO requirements, the following definitions apply:

1. "Alternate Recipient" means any child of a Participant who is recognized under a Medical Child Support Order as having a right to enroll in this Plan with respect to the Participant.
2. "Medical Child Support Order" means any state or court judgment, decree or order (including approval of settlement agreement) issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, or issued through an administrative process established under State law and which has the same force and effect of law under applicable State law and:
 - A. Provides for child support for a child of a Participant under this Plan; or
 - B. Provides for health coverage for such a child under state domestic relations laws (including community property laws) and relates to benefits under this Plan; and
 - C. Is made pursuant to a law relating to medical child support described in Section 1908 of the Social Security Act.
3. "Plan" means this self-funded Employee Health Benefit Plan, including all supplements and amendments in effect.
4. "Qualified Medical Child Support Order" means a Medical Child Support Order which creates (including assignment of rights) or recognizes an Alternate Recipient's right to receive benefits to which a Participant or Qualified Beneficiary is eligible under this Plan, and has been determined by the Plan Administrator to meet the qualification requirements as outlined under "Procedures" of this provision.

CRITERIA FOR A QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDER

To be qualified, a Medical Child Support Order must clearly:

1. Specify the name and the last known mailing address (if any) of the Participant and the name and mailing address of each Alternate Recipient covered by the order, except that, to the extent provided in the order, the name and mailing address of an official of a State or a political subdivision thereof may be substituted for the mailing address of any such Alternate Recipient; and
2. Include a reasonable description of the type of coverage to be provided by the Plan to each Alternate Recipient, or the manner in which such type of coverage is to be determined; and
3. Specify each period to which such order applies.

In order to be qualified, a Medical Child Support Order must not require the Plan to provide any type or form of benefits, or any option, not otherwise provided under the Plan except to the extent necessary to meet the requirements of Section 1908 of the Social Security Act (relating to enforcement of state laws regarding child support and reimbursement of Medicaid).

PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

In the case of any Medical Child Support Order received by this Plan:

1. The Plan Administrator will promptly notify the Participant and each Alternate Recipient of the receipt of such order and the Plan's procedures for determining whether Medical Child Support Orders are qualified orders; and
2. Within a reasonable period after receipt of such order, the Plan Administrator will determine whether such order is a Qualified Medical Child Support Order and notify the Participant and each Alternate Recipient of such determination.

NATIONAL MEDICAL SUPPORT NOTICE

If the Plan Administrator of a group health plan which is maintained by the employer of a non-custodial parent of a child, or to which such an employer contributes, receives an appropriately completed National Medical Support Notice as described in Section 401(b) of the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 in the case of such child, and the Notice meets the criteria shown above for a qualified order, the Notice will be deemed to be a Qualified Medical Child Support Order in the case of such child.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF 1993

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) requires Employers who are subject to FMLA to allow their “eligible” Employees to take unpaid, job-protected leave. The Employer may also require or allow the Employee to substitute appropriate paid leave including, but not limited to, vacation and sick leave, if the Employee has earned or accrued it. The maximum leave required by FMLA is twelve (12) workweeks in any twelve (12) month period for certain family and medical reasons and a maximum combined total of twenty-six (26) workweeks during any twelve (12) month period for certain family and medical reasons and for a serious Injury or Illness of a member of the Armed Forces to allow the Employee, who is the spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin to the member of the Armed Forces, to care for that member of the Armed Forces. In certain cases, this leave may be taken on an intermittent basis rather than all at once, or the Employee may work a part-time schedule.

DEFINITIONS

For these Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 provisions only, the following definitions apply:

1. “Member of the Armed Forces” includes members of the National Guard or Reserves who are undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy.
2. “Next of Kin” means the nearest blood relative to the service member.
3. “Parent” means Employee’s biological parent or someone who has acted as Employee’s parent in place of Employee’s biological parent when Employee was a son or daughter.
4. “Serious health condition” means an Illness, injury impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves:
 - A. Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical facility; or
 - B. Continuing treatment by a health care provider (a doctor of medicine or osteopathy who is authorized to practice medicine or surgery as appropriate, by the state in which the doctor practices or any other person determined by the Secretary of Labor to be capable of providing health care services).
5. “Serious Injury or Illness” means an Injury or Illness incurred in the line of duty that may render the member of the Armed Forces medically unfit to perform his or her military duties.
6. “Son or daughter” means Employee’s biological child, adopted child, stepchild, legal foster child, a child placed in Employee’s legal custody, or a child for which Employee is acting as the parent in place of the child’s natural blood related parent. The child must be:
 - A. Under the age of eighteen (18); or
 - B. Over the age of eighteen (18), but incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability.
7. “Spouse” means a husband or wife as defined or recognized under state law for purposes of marriage in the state where the employee resides, including “common law” marriage and same-sex marriage.

EMPLOYERS SUBJECT TO FMLA

In general, FMLA applies to any employer engaged in interstate commerce or in any industry or activity affecting interstate commerce who employs 50 or more Employees for each working day during each of 20 or more calendar work weeks in the current or preceding Calendar Year. FMLA also applies to those persons described in Section 3(d) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 203(d). The FMLA applies to government entities, including branches of the United States government, state governments and political subdivisions thereof.

ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Generally, an Employee is eligible for FMLA leave only if the Employee satisfies all of the following requirements as of the date on which any requested FMLA leave is to commence: (1) has been employed by the Employer for a total of at least twelve months (whether consecutive or not); (2) the Employee has worked (as defined under the Fair Labor Standards Act) at least 1,250 hours during the twelve-(12) month period immediately preceding the date the requested leave is to commence; (3) the Employee is employed in any state of the United States, the District of Columbia or any Territories or possession of the United States; and (4) at the time the leave is requested, the Employee is employed at a work site where 50 or more Employees are employed by the Employer within 75 surface miles of the work site.

REASONS FOR TAKING LEAVE

FMLA leave must be granted (1) to care for the Employee's newborn child; (2) to care for a child Placed For Adoption or foster care with the Employee ; (3) to care for the Employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent, who has a serious health condition; (4) because the Employee's own serious health condition prevents the Employee from performing his or her job; or (5) because of a qualifying exigency, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, arising out of the fact that a spouse, son, daughter or parent of the Employee is on active duty or has been called to active duty in the Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation (i.e., a war or national emergency declared by the President or Congress).

ADVANCE NOTICE AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

Ordinarily, an Employee must provide thirty (30) days advance notice when the requested leave is "foreseeable." If the leave is not foreseeable, the Employee must notify the Employer as soon as is practicable, generally within one to two working days. An employer may require medical certification to substantiate a request for leave requested due to a serious health condition. If the leave is due to the Employee's serious health condition, the Employer may require second or third opinions, at the Employer's expense, and a certification of fitness to return to work prior to allowing the Employee to return to work.

PROTECTION OF JOB BENEFITS

For the duration of FMLA leave, the Employer must maintain the Employee's health coverage under any "group health plan" on the same conditions as coverage would have been provided if the Employee had been in Active Service during FMLA leave period. Taking FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of an Employee's leave, unless the loss would have occurred even if the Employee had been in Active Service.

UNLAWFUL ACTS BY EMPLOYERS

Employers cannot interfere with, restrain or deny the exercise of any right provided under the FMLA or to manipulate circumstances to avoid responsibilities under the FMLA. Employers may not discharge, or discriminate against any person who opposes any practice made unlawful by the FMLA or who may be involved in a proceeding under or relating to the FMLA.

ENFORCEMENT

The U.S. Department of Labor is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of FMLA violations. An eligible Employee may also bring a civil action against an employer for FMLA violations. The FMLA does not supersede any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination, and does not supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement which provides greater family or medical leave rights. For additional information, contact the nearest office of Wage and Hour Division, listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

PARTICIPANT TERMINATION

Participant coverage will automatically terminate immediately upon the earliest of the following dates, except as provided in any Continuation of Coverage Provision:

1. On the last day of the month in which the Participant's employment terminates; or
2. On the last day of the month in which the Participant ceases to be eligible for coverage; or
3. The date the Participant fails to make any required contribution for coverage; or
4. The date the Plan is terminated; or
5. The date the County terminates the Participant's coverage; or
6. The date the Participant dies; or
7. The date the Participant enters the armed forces of any country as a full-time member, if active duty is to exceed thirty-one (31) days; or
8. On the last day of the month in which the Plan receives the Plan's Health Coverage Waiver Form for the Participant.

A Participant whose Active Service ceases because of Illness or Injury or as a result of any other approved leave of absence may remain covered as an Employee in Active Service for a period of twelve (12) weeks, or such other length of time that is consistent with and stated in the County's current Employee Personnel Policy Manual or pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act. Coverage under this provision will be subject to all the provisions of FMLA if the leave is classified as FMLA leave.

If a Participant's coverage is to be continued during disability, approved leave of absence or temporary lay off, the amount of his or her coverage will be the same as the Plan benefits in force for an active Employee, subject to the Plan's right to amend coverage and benefits.

DEPENDENT TERMINATION

Each Covered Person, whether Participant or Dependent, is responsible for notifying the Plan Administrator, within sixty (60) days after loss of Dependent status due to death, divorce, legal separation or ceasing to be an eligible Dependent child. Failure to provide this notice may result in loss of eligibility for COBRA Continuation Coverage After Termination.

Coverage for a Dependent will automatically terminate immediately upon the earliest of the following dates, except as provided in any Continuation of Coverage Provision:

1. On the last day of the month in which the Dependent ceases to be an eligible Dependent as defined in the Plan; or
2. On the last day of the month in which the Participant's coverage terminates under the Plan; or
3. On the last day of the month in which the Participant ceases to be eligible for Dependent Coverage; or
4. The date the Participant fails to make any required contribution for Dependent Coverage; or

5. The date the Plan is terminated; or
6. The date the County terminates the Dependent's coverage; or
7. On the last day of the month in which the Participant dies; or
8. On the last day of the month in which the Plan receives the Plan's Health Coverage Waiver Form for the Dependent whose coverage is to be terminated.

REINSTATEMENT OF COVERAGE

An Employee whose coverage terminates by reason of termination of employment or reduction in hours and who again becomes eligible for coverage under the Plan will be treated like a new employee.

CONTINUATION COVERAGE AFTER TERMINATION

Under the Public Health Service Act, as amended, Employees and their enrolled Dependents may have the right to continue coverage beyond the time coverage would ordinarily have ended. The law applies to employers who normally employ twenty (20) or more employees.

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COBRA Continuation Coverage is available to any Qualified Beneficiary whose coverage would otherwise terminate due to any Qualifying Event. COBRA Continuation Coverage under this provision will begin on the first day following the date of the Qualifying Event.

1. Qualifying Events for Participants, for purposes of this section, are the following events, if such event results in a loss of coverage under this Plan:
 - A. The termination (other than by reason of gross misconduct) of the Participant's employment.
 - B. The reduction in hours of the Participant's employment.
2. Qualifying Events for covered Dependents, for purposes of this section are the following events, if such event results in a loss of coverage under this Plan:
 - A. Death of the Participant.
 - B. Termination of the Participant's employment.
 - C. Reduction in hours of the Participant's employment.
 - D. The divorce or legal separation of the Participant from his or her spouse.
 - E. A covered Dependent child ceases to be a Dependent as defined by the Plan.

NOTIFICATION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Covered Person must notify the Employer of the following Qualifying Events within sixty (60) days after the date the event occurs. The Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of any of the following:

1. Death of the Participant.
2. The divorce or legal separation of the Participant from his or her spouse.
3. A covered Dependent child ceases to be a Dependent as defined by the Plan.

The Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the following Qualifying Events within thirty (30) days after the date of the event occurs:

1. Termination (other than by reason of gross misconduct) of the Participant's employment.
2. Reduction in hours of the Participant's employment.

ELECTION OF COVERAGE

When the Plan Administrator is notified of a Qualifying Event, the Plan Administrator will notify the Qualified Beneficiary of the right to elect continuation of coverage. Notice of the right to COBRA Continuation Coverage will be sent by the Plan no later than fourteen (14) days after the Plan Administrator is notified of the Qualifying Event.

A Qualified Beneficiary has sixty (60) days from the date coverage would otherwise be lost or sixty (60) days from the date of notification from the Plan Administrator, whichever is later, to notify the Plan Administrator that he or she elects to continue coverage under the Plan. Failure to elect continuation within that period will cause coverage to end.

MONTHLY PREMIUM PAYMENTS

A Qualified Beneficiary is responsible for the full cost of continuation coverage. Monthly premium for continuation of coverage must be paid in advance to the Plan Administrator. The premium required under the provisions of COBRA is as follows:

1. For a Qualified Beneficiary: The premium is the same as applicable to any other similarly situated non-COBRA Participant plus an additional administrative expense of up to a maximum of two percent (2%).
2. Social Security Disability: For a Qualified Beneficiary continuing coverage beyond eighteen (18) months due to a documented finding of disability by the Social Security Administration within 60 days after becoming covered under COBRA, the premium may be up to a maximum of 150% of the premium applicable to any other similarly situated non-COBRA Participant.
3. For a Qualified Beneficiary with a qualifying Social Security Disability who experiences a second Qualifying Event:
 - A. If another Qualifying Event occurs during the initial eighteen (18) months of COBRA coverage, such as a death, divorce, legal separation, the monthly fee for qualified disabled person may be up to a maximum of one hundred and two percent (102%) of the applicable premium.
 - B. If the second Qualifying Event occurs during the nineteenth (19th) through the twenty-ninth (29th) month (the Disability Extension Period), the premium for a Qualified Beneficiary may be up to a maximum of one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the applicable premium.

Payment of claims while covered under this COBRA Continuation Coverage Provision will be contingent upon the receipt by the Employer of the applicable monthly premium for such coverage. The monthly premium for continuation coverage under this provision is due the first of the month for each month of coverage. A grace period of thirty (30) days from the first of the month will be allowed for payment. Payment will be made in a manner prescribed by the Employer.

DISABILITY EXTENSION OF 18-MONTH PERIOD OF CONTINUATION COVERAGE

If the Qualified Beneficiary who is covered under the Plan is determined by the Social Security Administration to be disabled at any time before the qualifying event or within sixty (60) days after the qualifying event, and the Plan Administrator is notified in a timely fashion, the Qualified Beneficiary covered under the Plan can receive up to an additional 11 months of COBRA Continuation Coverage, for a total maximum of 29 months. The Plan Administrator must be provided with a copy of the Social Security Administration's disability determination letter within sixty (60) days after the date of the determination and before the end of the original 18-month period of COBRA Continuation Coverage. This notice should be sent to: Allegiance COBRA Services, Inc.; P.O. Box 2097; Missoula, MT 59806.

SECOND QUALIFYING EVENT EXTENSION OF 18-MONTH PERIOD OF CONTINUATION COVERAGE

If another qualifying event occurs while receiving COBRA Continuation Coverage, the spouse and Dependent children of the Employee can get additional months of COBRA Continuation Coverage, up to a maximum of thirty-six (36) months. This extension is available to the spouse and Dependent children if the former employee dies or becomes divorced or legally separated. The extension is also available to a Dependent child when that child stops being eligible under the Plan as a Dependent child. **In all of these cases, the Plan Administrator must be notified of the second qualifying event within sixty (60) days of the second qualifying event. This notice must be sent to: Allegiance COBRA Services, Inc.; P.O. Box 2097; Missoula, MT 59806. Failure to provide notice within the time required will result in loss of eligibility for COBRA Continuation Coverage.**

MEDICARE ENROLLMENT EXTENSION OF 18-MONTH PERIOD OF CONTINUATION COVERAGE

The dependents of a former employee are eligible to elect COBRA Continuation Coverage if they lose coverage as a result of the former employee's enrollment in Part A or Part B of Medicare, whichever occurs earlier.

When the former employee enrolls in Medicare before the Qualifying Event of termination, or reduction in hours, of employment occurs, the maximum period for COBRA Continuation Coverage for the spouse and dependent children ends on the later of:

1. Eighteen (18) months after the Qualifying Event of termination of employment or reduction in hours of employment; or
2. Thirty-six (36) months after the former employee's enrollment in Medicare.

When the former employee enrolls in Medicare after the Qualifying Event of termination, or reduction in hours, of employment, the maximum period for COBRA Continuation Coverage for the spouse and Dependent children ends eighteen (18) months after the Qualifying Event, unless a second Qualifying Event, as described above occurs within that eighteen (18) month period.

WHEN COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE ENDS

COBRA Continuation Coverage and any coverage under the Plan that has been elected with respect to any Qualified Beneficiary will cease on the earliest of the following:

1. On the date the Qualified Beneficiary becomes covered under another group health plan or health insurance.
2. On the date, after the date of election for COBRA Continuation Coverage, that the Qualified Beneficiary becomes enrolled in Medicare (either Part A or Part B).
3. On the first date that timely payment of any premium required under the Plan with respect to COBRA Continuation Coverage for a Qualified Beneficiary is not made to the Plan Administrator.
4. On the date the Employer ceases to provide any group health plan coverage to any Employee.
5. On the date of receipt of written notice that the Qualified Beneficiary wishes to terminate COBRA Continuation Coverage.
6. On the date that the maximum coverage period for COBRA Continuation Coverage ends, as follows:
 - A. Eighteen (18) months for a former employee who is a Qualified Beneficiary as a result of termination, or reduction in hours, of employment;

- B. Eighteen (18) months for a Dependent who is a Qualified Beneficiary unless a second Qualifying Event occurs within that eighteen month period entitling that Dependent to an additional eighteen (18) months;
 - C. For the Dependent who is a Qualified Beneficiary as a result of termination, or reduction in hours, of employment of the former employee if that former employee enrolled in Medicare before termination, or reduction in hours, of employment, the later of eighteen (18) months from the Qualifying Event, or thirty-six (36) months following the date of enrollment in Medicare.
 - D. On the first day of the month beginning thirty (30) days after a Qualified Beneficiary is determined to be no longer disabled by the Social Security Administration if the Qualified Beneficiary was found to be disabled on or within the first sixty (60) days of the date of the Qualifying Event and has received at least eighteen (18) months of COBRA Continuation Coverage. COBRA Continuation Coverage will also terminate on such date for all Dependents who are Qualified Beneficiaries as a result of the Qualifying Event unless that Dependent is entitled to a longer period of COBRA Continuation Coverage without regard to disability.
 - E. Twenty-nine (29) months for any Qualified Beneficiary if a Disability Extension Period of COBRA Continuation Coverage has been granted for such Qualified Beneficiary.
 - F. Thirty-six (36) months for all other Qualified Beneficiaries.
7. On the same basis that the Plan can terminate for cause the coverage of a similarly situated non-COBRA Participant.

QUESTIONS

Any questions about COBRA Continuation Coverage should be directed to Allegiance COBRA Services, Inc. or contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA). Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website at www.dol.gov/ebsa.

INFORM THE PLAN OF ADDRESS CHANGES

In order to protect the Employee's family's rights, the Employee should keep the Plan Administrator informed of any changes in the addresses of family members. The Employee should also keep a copy, for his/her records, of any notices sent to the Plan Administrator.

COVERAGE FOR A MILITARY RESERVIST

To the extent required by the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), the following provisions will apply:

1. If a Participant is absent from employment with Employer by reason of service in the uniformed services, the Participant may elect to continue coverage under this Plan for himself or herself and his or her eligible Dependents as provided in this subsection. The maximum period of coverage under such an election will be the lesser of:
 - A. The twenty-four (24) month period beginning on the date on which the Participant's absence begins; or
 - B. The period beginning on the date on which the Participant's absence begins and ending on the day after the date on which the Participant fails to apply for or return to a position of employment, as required by USERRA.
2. A Participant who elects to continue Plan coverage under this Section may be required to pay not more than one hundred two percent (102%) of the full premium under the Plan (determined in the same manner as the applicable premium under Section 4980B(f)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) associated with such coverage for the Employer's other Employees, except that in the case of a person who performs service in the uniformed services for less than thirty-one (31) days, such person may not be required to pay more than the regular Employee share, if any, for such coverage.
3. In the case of a Participant whose coverage under the Plan is terminated by reason of service in the uniformed services, a Waiting Period may not be imposed in connection with the reinstatement of such coverage upon reemployment if a Waiting Period would not have been imposed under the Plan had coverage of such person by the Plan not been terminated as a result of such service. This paragraph applies to the Employee who notifies the Employer of his or her intent to return to employment in a timely manner as defined by USERRA, and is reemployed and to any Dependent who is covered by the Plan by reason of the reinstatement of the coverage of such Employee. **This provision will not apply to the coverage of any illness or injury determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to have been caused by or aggravated during, performance of service in the uniformed services.**

FRAUD AND ABUSE

THIS PLAN IS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL LAW WHICH PERMITS CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT ACTS COMMITTED AGAINST THE PLAN. STATE LAW MAY ALSO APPLY.

Anyone who knowingly defrauds or tries to defraud the Plan, or obtains Plan funds through false statements or fraudulent schemes, may be subject to criminal prosecution and penalties. The following may be considered fraudulent:

1. Falsifying eligibility criteria for a Dependent, such as marital status or age, to get or continue coverage for that Dependent when not otherwise eligible for coverage;
2. Falsifying or withholding dental history or information required to calculate benefits;
3. Falsifying or altering documents to get coverage or benefits;
4. Permitting a person not otherwise eligible for coverage to use a Plan ID card to get Plan benefits; or
5. Submitting a fraudulent claim or making untruthful statements to the Plan to get reimbursement from the Plan for services that may or may not have been provided to a Covered Person;

The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, may take additional action against the Participant or Covered Person including, but not limited to, terminating the Participant or Covered Person's coverage under the Plan.

MISSTATEMENT OF AGE

If the Covered Person's age was misstated on an enrollment form or claim, the Covered Person's eligibility or amount of benefits, or both, will be adjusted to reflect the Covered Person's true age. If the Covered Person was not eligible for coverage under the Plan or for the amount of benefits received, the Plan has a right to recover any benefits paid by the Plan. A misstatement of age will not continue coverage that was otherwise properly terminated or terminate coverage that is otherwise validly in force.

MISREPRESENTATION OF ELIGIBILITY

If a Participant misrepresents a Dependent's marital status, age, Dependent child relationship or other eligibility criteria to get coverage for that Dependent, when he or she would not otherwise be eligible, coverage for that Dependent will terminate as though never effective.

MISUSE OF IDENTIFICATION CARD

If a Covered Person permits any person who is not otherwise eligible as a Covered Person to use an ID card, the Plan Sponsor may, at the Plan Sponsor's sole discretion, terminate the Covered Person's coverage.

REIMBURSEMENT TO PLAN

Payment of benefits by the Plan for any person who was not otherwise eligible for coverage under this Plan but for whom benefits were paid based upon fraud as defined in this section must be reimbursed to the Plan by the Participant. Failure to reimburse the Plan upon request may result in an interruption or a loss of benefits by the Participant and Dependents.

RECOVERY/REIMBURSEMENT/SUBROGATION

By enrollment in this Plan, Covered Persons agree to the provisions of this section as a condition precedent to receiving benefits under this Plan. Failure of a Covered Person to comply with the requirements of this section may result in the Plan pending the payment of benefits.

RIGHT TO RECOVER BENEFITS PAID IN ERROR

If the Plan makes a payment in error to or on behalf of a Covered Person or an assignee of a Covered Person to which that Covered Person is not entitled, or if the Plan pays a claim that is not covered, the Plan has the right to recover the payment from the person paid or anyone else who benefitted from the payment. The Plan can deduct the amount paid from the Covered Person's future benefits, or from the benefits for any covered Family member even if the erroneous payment was not made on that Family member's behalf.

Payment of benefits by the Plan for Participants' spouses, ex-spouses, or children, who are not eligible for coverage under this Plan, but for whom benefits were paid based upon inaccurate, false information provided by, or information omitted by, the Employee will be reimbursed to the Plan by the Employee. The Employee's failure to reimburse the Plan after demand is made, may result in an interruption in or loss of benefits to the Employee, and could be reported to the appropriate governmental authorities for investigation of criminal fraud.

The Plan may recover such amount by any appropriate method that the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, will determine.

The provisions of this section apply to any Physician or Licensed Health Care Provider who receives an assignment of benefits or payment of benefits under this Plan. If a Physician or Licensed Health Care Provider fails to refund a payment of benefits, the Plan may refuse to recognize future assignments of benefits to that provider.

REIMBURSEMENT

The Plan's right to Reimbursement is separate from and in addition to the Plan's right of Subrogation. If the Plan pays benefits for dental expenses on a Covered Person's behalf, and another party was responsible or liable for payment of those dental expenses, the Plan has a right to be reimbursed by the Covered Person for the amounts the Plan paid.

Accordingly, if a Covered Person, or anyone on his or her behalf, settles, is reimbursed or recovers money from any person, corporation, entity, liability coverage, no-fault coverage, uninsured coverage, underinsured coverage, or other insurance policies or funds for any accident, Injury, condition or Illness for which benefits were provided by the Plan, the Covered Person agrees to hold the money received in trust for the benefit of the Plan. The Covered Person agrees to reimburse the Plan, in first priority, from any money recovered from a liable third party, for the amount of all money paid by the Plan to the Covered Person or on his or her behalf or that will be paid as a result of said accident, Injury, condition or Illness. Reimbursement to the Plan will be paid first, in its entirety, even if the Covered Person is not paid for all of his or her claim for damages and regardless of whether the settlement, judgment or payment he or she receives is for or specifically designates the recovery, or a portion thereof, as including health care, dental, disability or other expenses or damages.

SUBROGATION

The Plan's right to Subrogation is separate from and in addition to the Plan's right to Reimbursement. Subrogation is the right of the Plan to exercise the Covered Person's rights and remedies in order to recover from any third party who is liable to the Covered Person for a loss or benefits paid by the Plan. The Plan may proceed through litigation or settlement in the name of the Covered Person, with or without his or her consent, to recover benefits paid under the Plan.

The Covered Person agrees to subrogate to the Plan any and all claims, causes of action or rights that he or she has or that may arise against any entity who has or may have caused, contributed to or aggravated the accident, Injury, condition or Illness for which the Plan has paid benefits, and to subrogate any claims, causes of action or rights the Covered Person may have against any other coverage including, but not limited to, liability coverage, no-fault coverage, uninsured motorist coverage, underinsured motorist coverage, or other insurance policies, coverage or funds.

In the event that a Covered Person decides not to pursue a claim against any third party or insurer, the Covered Person will notify the Plan, and specifically authorize the Plan, in its sole discretion, to sue for, compromise or settle any such claims in the Covered Person's name, to cooperate fully with the Plan in the prosecution of the claims, and to execute any and all documents necessary to pursue those claims.

The Following Paragraphs Apply to Both Reimbursement and Subrogation:

1. Under the terms of this Plan, the Plan Supervisor is not required to pay any claim where there is evidence of liability of a third party unless the Covered Person signs the Plan's Third-Party Reimbursement Agreement and follows the requirements of this section. However, the Plan, in its discretion, may instruct the Plan Supervisor not to withhold payment of benefits while the liability of a party other than the Covered Person is being legally determined. If a repayment agreement is requested to be signed, the Plan's right of recovery through Reimbursement and/or Subrogation remains in effect regardless of whether the repayment agreement is actually signed.
2. If the Plan makes a payment which the Covered Person, or any other party on the Covered Person's behalf, is or may be entitled to recover against any liable third party, this Plan has a right of recovery, through reimbursement or subrogation or both, to the extent of its payment.
3. The Covered Person will cooperate fully with the Plan Administrator, its agents, attorneys and assigns, regarding the recovery of any benefits paid by the Plan from any liable third party. This cooperation includes, but is not limited to, make full and complete disclosure in a timely manner of all material facts regarding the accident, Injury, condition or Illness to the Plan Administrator; report all efforts by any person to recover any such monies; provide the Plan Administrator with any and all requested documents, reports and other information in a timely manner, regarding any demand, litigation or settlement involving the recovery of benefits paid by the Plan; and notify the Plan Administrator of the amount and source of funds received from third parties as compensation or damages for any event from which the Plan may have a reimbursement or subrogation claim.
4. Covered Persons will respond within ten (10) days to all inquiries of the Plan regarding the status of any claim they may have against any third parties or insurers including, but not limited to, liability, no-fault, uninsured and underinsured insurance coverage. The Covered Person will notify the Plan immediately of the name and address of any attorney whom the Covered Person engages to pursue any personal Injury claim on his or her behalf.
5. The Covered Person will not act, fail to act, or engage in any conduct directly, indirectly, personally or through third parties, either before or after payment by the Plan, the result of which may prejudice or interfere with the Plan's rights to recovery hereunder. The Covered Person will not conceal or attempt to conceal the fact that recovery has occurred or will occur.
6. The Plan will not pay or be responsible, without its written consent, for any fees or costs associated with a Covered Person pursuing a claim against any third party or coverage including, but not limited to, attorney fees or costs of litigation. Monies paid by the Plan will be repaid in full, in first priority, notwithstanding any anti-subrogation, "made whole," "common fund" or similar statute, regulation, prior court decision or common law theory unless a reduction or compromise settlement is agreed to in writing or required pursuant to a court order or as limited by Florida state law.

PLAN ADMINISTRATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Plan Document is to set forth the provisions of the Plan which provide for the payment or reimbursement of all or a portion of Eligible Expenses for dental services. The terms of this Plan are legally enforceable and the Plan is maintained for the exclusive benefit of eligible Employees and their covered Dependents.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of the Plan is January 1, 2015 and restated January 1, 2016.

PLAN YEAR

The Plan Year will commence January 1st and end on December 31st of each year.

PLAN SPONSOR

The Plan Sponsor is Collier County Government.

PLAN SUPERVISOR

The Supervisor of the Plan is Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc.

NAMED FIDUCIARY AND PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

The Named Fiduciary is Collier County Government, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, who has the authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan Administrator will have the authority to amend the Plan, to determine its policies, to appoint and remove other service providers of the Plan, to fix their compensation (if any), and exercise general administrative authority over them and the Plan. The Plan Administrator has the sole authority and responsibility to review and make final decisions on all claims to benefits hereunder. The Plan Administrator may delegate responsibilities for the operation and administration of the Plan. The authority to perform the day to day Plan Administration duties as described in this paragraph is delegated to the Director, Risk Management (the designee), or his or her equivalent, whichever is applicable, of the County. The Director, Risk Management may temporarily delegate these responsibilities, as needed. This delegation shall not include the final selection of a Plan Supervisor, Actuarial firm, Benefits Consulting firm, or Reinsurance Stop Loss Carrier. This delegation shall include the review and approval of weekly claims disbursements reports and check registers presented to the Plan Administrator by the Plan Supervisor.

PLAN INTERPRETATION

The Named Fiduciary and the Plan Administrator have full discretionary authority to interpret and apply all Plan provisions including, but not limited to, resolving all issues concerning eligibility and determination of benefits. The Plan Administrator may contract with an independent administrative firm to process claims, maintain Plan data, and perform other Plan-connected services. Final authority to interpret and apply the provisions of the Plan rests exclusively with the Plan Administrator. Decisions of the Plan Administrator made in good faith will be final and binding.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN

The amount of contributions to the Plan are to be made on the following basis:

The County will periodically evaluate the costs of the Plan and determine the amount to be contributed by the County, if any, and the amount to be contributed, if any, by each Participant.

If the County terminates the Plan, the County and Participants will have no obligation to contribute to the Plan after the date of termination.

PLAN AMENDMENTS/MODIFICATION/TERMINATION

The Plan Document contains all the terms of the Plan and may be amended at any time by the Plan Administrator. Any changes will be binding on each Participant and on any other Covered Persons referred to in this Plan Document. The authority to amend the Plan is delegated by the Plan Administrator to the Director, Risk Management, or his or her equivalent, whichever is applicable, of the County. Any such amendment, modification, revocation or termination of the Plan will be authorized and signed by the Director, Risk Management, or his or her equivalent, whichever is applicable, of the County, pursuant to a resolution, granting that individual the authority to amend, modify, revoke or terminate this Plan. A copy of the executed policy will be supplied to the Plan Supervisor. Written notification of any amendments, modifications, revocations or terminations will be given to Plan Participants at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date, except for amendments effective on the first day of a new Plan Year, for which thirty (30) days advance notice is required.

NOTICE OF REDUCTION OF BENEFITS

All changes or amendments to this Plan that directly or indirectly reduce any benefit or coverage under the Plan, including any increase in contribution for coverage required from a Participant, will be reported to all eligible Participants and Dependents within sixty (60) days of the date such change or amendment is adopted.

TERMINATION OF PLAN

The County reserves the right at any time to terminate the Plan by a written notice. All previous contributions by the County will continue to be issued for the purpose of paying benefits and fixed costs under provisions of this Plan with respect to claims arising before such termination, or will be used for the purpose of providing similar health benefits to Participants, until all contributions are exhausted.

SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTIONS

Each Participant covered under this Plan will be issued a Summary Plan Description (SPD) describing the benefits to which the Covered Persons are entitled, the required Plan procedures for eligibility and claiming benefits, the limitations and exclusions of the Plan and summarizing the provisions of the Plan.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

EXAMINATION

The Plan will have the right and opportunity to have the Covered Person examined whenever Injury or Illness is the basis of a claim hereunder when and so often as it may reasonably require during pendency of the claim hereunder. The Plan will also have the right and opportunity to have an autopsy performed in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

All Plan benefits are payable to a Participant, Qualified Beneficiary or Alternate Recipient, whichever is applicable. All or a portion of any benefits payable by the Plan may, at the Covered Person's option and unless the Covered Person requests otherwise in writing not later than the time of filing the claim, be paid directly to the health care provider rendering the service, if proper written assignment is provided to the Plan. No payments will be made to any provider of services unless the Covered Person is liable for such expenses.

If any benefits remain unpaid at the time of the Covered Person's death or if the Covered Person is a minor or is, in the opinion of the Plan, legally incapable of giving a valid receipt and discharge for any payment, the Plan may, at its option, pay such benefits to the Covered Person's legal representative or estate. The Plan, in its sole option, may require that an estate, guardianship or conservatorship be established by a court of competent jurisdiction prior to the payment of any benefit. Any payment made under this subsection will constitute a complete discharge of the Plan's obligation to the extent of such payment and the Plan will not be required to oversee the application of the money so paid.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

No action at law or equity will be brought to recover on the Plan prior to the expiration of sixty (60) days after proof of loss has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Plan, nor will such action be brought at all unless brought within three (3) years from the expiration of the time within which proof of loss is required by the Plan.

NO WAIVER OR ESTOPPEL

No term, condition or provision of this Plan will be waived, and there will be no estoppel against the enforcement of any provision of this Plan, except by written instrument of the party charged with such waiver or estoppel. No such written waiver will be deemed a continuing waiver unless specifically stated therein, and each such waiver will operate only as to the specific term or condition waived and will not constitute a waiver of such term or condition for the future or as to any act other than that specifically waived.

VERBAL STATEMENTS

Verbal statements or representations of the Plan Administrator, its agents and Employees, or Covered Persons will not create any right by contract, estoppel, unjust enrichment, waiver or other legal theory regarding any matter related to the Plan, or its administration, except as specifically stated in this subsection. No statement or representation of the Plan Administrator, its agents and Employees, or Covered Persons will be binding upon the Plan or a Covered Person unless made in writing by a person with authority to issue such a statement. This subsection will not be construed in any manner to waive any claim, right or defense of the Plan or a Covered Person based upon fraud or intentional material misrepresentation of fact or law.

FREE CHOICE OF DENTAL SERVICE PROVIDER

The Covered Person will have free choice of any licensed Dental Service Provider and the patient-provider relationship will be maintained.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION NOT AFFECTED

This Plan is not in lieu of, supplemental to Workers' Compensation and does not affect any requirement for coverage by Workers' Compensation Insurance.

CONFORMITY WITH LAW

If any provision of this Plan is contrary to any law to which it is subject, such provision is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of the applicable law. Only that provision which is contrary to applicable law will be amended to conform; all other parts of the Plan will remain in full force and effect.

MISCELLANEOUS

Section titles are for convenience of reference only, and are not to be considered in interpreting this Plan.

No failure to enforce any provision of this Plan will affect the right thereafter to enforce such provision, nor will such failure affect its right to enforce any other provision of the Plan.

FACILITY OF PAYMENT

Whenever payments which should have been made under this Plan in accordance with this provision have been made under any other plan or plans, the Plan will have the right, exercisable alone and in its sole discretion, to pay to any insurance company or other organization or person making such other payments any amounts it determines in order to satisfy the intent of this provision. Amounts so paid will be deemed to be benefits paid under this Plan and to the extent of such payments, the Plan will be fully discharged from liability under this Plan.

The benefits that are payable will be charged against any applicable maximum payment or benefit of this Plan rather than the amount payable in the absence of this provision.

PROTECTION AGAINST CREDITORS

No benefit payment under this Plan will be subject in any way to alienation, sale, transfer, pledge, attachment, garnishment, execution or encumbrance of any kind, and any attempt to accomplish the same will be void, except an assignment of payment to a provider of Covered Services. If the Plan Administrator finds that such an attempt has been made with respect to any payment due or which will become due to any Participant, the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, may terminate the interest of such Participant or former Participant in such payment. In such case, the Plan Administrator will apply the amount of such payment to or for the benefit of such Participant or covered Dependents or former Participant, as the Plan Administrator may determine. Any such application will be a complete discharge of all liability of the Plan with respect to such benefit payment.

PLAN IS NOT A CONTRACT

The Plan Document constitutes the primary authority for Plan administration. The establishment, administration and maintenance of this Plan will not be deemed to constitute a contract of employment, give any Participant of the County the right to be retained in the service of the County, or to interfere with the right of the County to discharge or otherwise terminate the employment of any Participant.

GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Certain words and phrases in this Plan Document are defined below. If the defined term is not used in this document, the term does not apply to this Plan.

Masculine pronouns used in this Plan Document will include either the masculine or feminine gender unless the context indicates otherwise.

Any words used herein in the singular or plural will include the alternative as applicable.

ACTIVE SERVICE

“Active Service” means that an Employee is in service with the County on a day which is one of the County's regularly scheduled work days and that the Employee is performing all of the regular duties of his/her employment with the County on a regular basis, either at one of the County's business establishments or at some location to which the County's business requires him/her to travel.

ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATION

“Adverse Benefit Determination” means any of the following: a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a benefit, including any such denial, reduction, termination, or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination of a Participant's or beneficiary's eligibility to participate in the Plan, and including, with respect to group health plans, a denial, reduction, or termination of, or a failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a benefit resulting from the application of any utilization review, as well as a failure to cover an item or service for which benefits are otherwise provided because it is determined to be Experimental or Investigational or not Dentally Necessary or appropriate.

AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER

“Ambulatory Surgical Center” (also called same-day surgery center or outpatient surgery center) means a licensed establishment with an organized staff of physicians and permanent facilities, either freestanding or as a part of a hospital, equipped and operated primarily for the purpose of performing surgical procedures and which a patient is admitted to and discharged from within a twenty-four (24) hour period. Such facilities must provide continuous physician and registered nursing services whenever a patient is in the facility. An Ambulatory Surgical Center must meet any requirements for certification or licensing for surgical facilities in the state in which the facility is located. “Ambulatory Surgical Center” does not include an office or clinic maintained by a dentist or physician for the practice of dentistry or medicine, a hospital emergency room or trauma center.

BENEFIT PERCENTAGE

“Benefit Percentage” means that portion of Eligible Expenses payable by the Plan, which is stated as a percentage in the Schedule of Benefits.

BENEFIT PERIOD

“Benefit Period” refers to a time period of one year, which is either a Calendar Year or Plan Year, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Such Benefit Period will terminate on the earliest of the following dates:

1. The last day of the one year period so established; or
2. The date the Plan terminates.

CALENDAR YEAR

“Calendar Year” means a period of time commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 of the same year.

CLOSE RELATIVE

“Close Relative” means the spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, or in-laws of the Covered Person.

COBRA

“COBRA” means Sections 2201 through 2208 of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. § 300bb-1 through § 300bb-8], which contains provisions similar to Title X of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended.

COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE

“COBRA Continuation Coverage” means continuation coverage provided under the provisions of the Public Health Service Act referenced herein under the definition of “COBRA”.

COSMETIC

“Cosmetic” means services or treatment ordered or performed solely to change a Covered Person's appearance rather than for the restoration of bodily function.

COUNTY

“County” means Collier County Government or any affiliated agencies or boards that have adopted this Plan for its Employees.

COVERED PERSON

“Covered Person” means any Participant or Dependent of a Participant meeting the eligibility requirements for coverage and properly enrolled for coverage as specified in the Plan.

DEDUCTIBLE

“Deductible” means a specified dollar amount of Eligible Expenses that must be incurred before the Plan will pay any amount for any Eligible Expense during each Benefit Period.

DENTAL HYGIENIST

“Dental Hygienist” means a person who is licensed to practice dental hygiene and who works under the supervision and direction of a Dentist.

DENTALLY NECESSARY

“Dentally Necessary” means treatment, tests, services or supplies provided by a Hospital, Physician, or other Licensed Health Care Provider which are not excluded under this Plan and which meet all of the following criteria:

1. Are to treat or diagnose a Dental condition or dental disease; and
2. Are ordered by a Dentist or Licensed Health Care Provider and are consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis and treatment of the dental condition or dental disease; and

3. Are not primarily for the convenience of the Covered Person, Dentist or other Licensed Health Care Provider; and
4. Are the standard or level of services most appropriate for good dental practice that can be safely provided to the Covered Person; and
5. Are not of an Experimental/Investigational or solely educational nature; and
6. Are not provided primarily for dental, medical or other research; and
7. Do not involve excessive, unnecessary or repeated tests; and
8. Are commonly and customarily recognized by the dental profession as appropriate in the treatment or diagnosis of the diagnosed condition; and
9. Are approved procedures or guidelines by the Food and Drug Administration, Healthcare Financing Administration (HCFA), the American Dental Association, pursuant to that entity's program oversight authority based upon the dental treatment circumstances.

DENTIST

"Dentist" means a person holding one of the following degrees—Doctor of Dental Science, Doctor of Medical Dentistry, Master of Dental Surgery or Doctor of Medicine (oral surgeon)-- who is legally licensed as such to practice dentistry in the jurisdiction where services are rendered, and the services rendered are within the scope of his or her license.

A "Dentist" will not include the Covered Person or any Close Relative of the Covered Person who does not regularly charge the Covered Person for services.

DENTURIST

A dental technician, duly licensed, specializing in the making and fitting of dentures.

DEPENDENT

"Dependent" means a person who is eligible for coverage under the Dependent Eligibility subsection of this Plan.

DEPENDENT COVERAGE

"Dependent Coverage" means eligibility for coverage under the terms of the Plan for benefits payable as a consequence of Eligible Incurred Expenses for a dental condition or dental disease of a Dependent.

ELIGIBILITY DATE

"Eligibility Date" means that first day of the first week during which the Employee is regularly scheduled to work the number of hours per week required by this Plan to become eligible for coverage.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

"Eligible Expenses" means the maximum amount of any charge for a covered service, treatment or supplies listed as Covered Services and that are not specifically excluded by the Plan and which meet all the requirements outlined in the Covered Expenses provision may be considered for payment by the Plan, including any portion of that charge that may be applied to the Deductible. Eligible Expenses are equal to the actual billed charge or UCR, whichever is less.

EMPLOYEE

“Employee” means a person employed by the Employer on a continuing and regular basis who is a common-law Employee and who is on the Employer’s W-2 payroll.

Employee does not include any employee leased from another employer including, but not limited to, those individuals defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 414(n), or an individual classified by the Employer as a contract worker, independent contractor, temporary, seasonal or casual employee, whether or not any such persons are on the Employer’s W-2 payroll, or any individual who performs services for the Employer but who is paid by a temporary or other employment agency such as “Kelly,” “Manpower,” etc.

EMPLOYER

“Employer” means Collier County Government or any affiliated agencies or boards that have adopted this Plan for its Employees.

ERISA

The term “ERISA” refers to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

EXPERIMENTAL/INVESTIGATIONAL

“Experimental/Investigational” means:

1. Any drug or device that cannot be lawfully marketed without approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and approval for marketing has not been given at the time the drug or device is furnished; or
2. The services, supplies, treatments or procedures are not recognized in the dental community as an accepted standard of dental care or not Dentally Necessary for the diagnosis and/or treatment of an active dental condition or dental disease; or
3. Any drug, device, dental treatment or procedure for which the patient informed consent document utilized with the drug, device, treatment or procedure, was reviewed and approved by the treating facility’s Institutional Review Board or other body serving a similar function, or if federal law requires such review or approval; or
4. Based upon Reliable Evidence, any drug, device, treatment or procedure that is the subject of on-going Phase I or Phase II clinical trials, is the research, Experimental, study or investigational arm of on-going Phase III clinical trials, or is otherwise under ongoing study to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its efficacy or its efficacy as compared with generally dentally accepted means of treatment or diagnosis; or
5. Based upon Reliable Evidence, any drug, device, treatment or procedure that the prevailing opinion among experts is that further studies or clinical trials are necessary to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its efficacy or its efficacy as compared with generally accepted means of treatment or diagnosis; or
6. Any drug, device, treatment or procedure used in a manner outside the scope of use for which it was approved by the FDA or other applicable regulatory authority (U.S. Department of Health, Health Care Financing Administration, American Dental Association, American Medical Association).

“Reliable Evidence” means only reports and articles published in authoritative medical and scientific literature; the written protocol or protocols used by a treating facility or the protocol(s) of another facility studying substantially the same drug, device, treatment or procedure; or the informed consent document used by the treating facility or by another facility studying substantially the same drug, device, treatment or procedure.

FAMILY

“Family” means a Participant and his or her eligible Dependents as defined herein.

FMLA

“FMLA” means Family and Medical Leave Act.

HOSPITAL

“Hospital” means an institution which meets all of the following conditions:

1. It is engaged primarily in providing dental care and treatment to ill and injured persons on an Inpatient basis at the patient's expense; and
2. It is licensed as a Hospital under authority of the laws of the jurisdiction in which the facility is physically located; and
3. It maintains on its premises all the facilities necessary to provide for the diagnosis and dental and surgical treatment of an Illness or an Injury; and
4. It provides treatment for compensation by or under the supervision of Physicians with continuous twenty-four (24) hour nursing services by Registered Nurses (R.N.'s); and
5. It is a provider of services under Medicare. This condition is waived for otherwise Eligible Incurred Expenses outside of the United States; and
6. It is not, other than incidentally, a place for rest, a place for the aged, a place for drug addicts, a place for alcoholics, or a nursing home.

ILLNESS

“Illness” means a bodily disorder, Pregnancy, disease, physical sickness, mental illness, or functional nervous disorder of a Covered Person.

INCURRED EXPENSES OR EXPENSES INCURRED

“Incurred Expenses” or “Expenses Incurred” means those services and supplies rendered to a Covered Person. Such expenses will be considered to have occurred at the time or date the treatment, service or supply is actually provided.

INITIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

“Initial Enrollment Period” means the time allowed by this Plan for enrollment when a person first becomes eligible for coverage.

INJURY

“Injury” means physical damage to the Covered Person's natural teeth or gums sustained as a result of an external force or forces and which is not caused by disease or bodily infirmity.

LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER

“Licensed Health Care Provider” means any provider of health care services who is licensed or certified by any applicable regulatory authority to the extent that services are within the scope of its license or certification and are not specifically excluded by this Plan.

MAXIMUM LIFETIME BENEFIT

“Maximum Lifetime Benefit” means the maximum benefit payable while a person is covered under this Plan. It will not be construed as providing lifetime coverage, or benefits for a person’s Dental condition or dental disease after coverage terminates under this Plan.

MEDICAID

“Medicaid” means that program of dental care and coverage established and provided by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended.

MEDICARE

“Medicare” means the programs established under the “Health Insurance for the Aged Act,” Public Law 89-97 under Title XVIII of the Federal Social Security Act, as amended, to pay for various medical expenses for qualified individuals, specifically those age 65 or older, those with end-stage renal disease, or with disabilities.

NAMED FIDUCIARY

“Named Fiduciary” means the Plan Administrator which has the authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan.

NATURAL TEETH

“Natural Teeth” means any tooth or part of a tooth that is organic and formed by the natural development for the body (i.e., not manufactured). Organic portions of a tooth include the crown enamel and dentin, the root cementum and dentin, and the enclosed pulp (nerve).

ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT

“Orthodontic Treatment” means an appliance or the surgical or functional/myofunctional treatment of dental irregularities which either result from abnormal growth and development of the teeth, gums or jaws, or from Injury which requires the positioning of the teeth to establish normal occlusion.

PARTICIPANT

“Participant” means an Employee of the County who is eligible and enrolled for coverage under this Plan.

PLACEMENT OR PLACED FOR ADOPTION

“Placement” or “Placed for Adoption” means the assumption and retention of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a child by a person with whom the child has been placed in anticipation of the child’s adoption. The child’s placement for adoption with such person ends upon the termination of such legal obligation.

PLAN

“Plan” means the Collier County Government Dental Benefit Plan, the Plan Document and any other relevant documents pertinent to its operation and maintenance.

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

“Plan Administrator” means the County and/or its designee which is responsible for the day-to-day functions and management of the Plan. The Plan Administrator may employ persons or firms to process claims and perform other Plan-connected services. For the purposes of any applicable state legislation of a similar nature, the County will be deemed to be the Plan Administrator of the Plan unless the County designates an individual or committee to act as Plan Administrator of the Plan.

PLAN SUPERVISOR

“Plan Supervisor” means the person or firm employed by the Plan to provide consulting services to the Plan in connection with the operation of the Plan and any other functions, including the processing and payment of claims. The Plan Supervisor is Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc. The Plan Supervisor provides ministerial duties only, exercises no discretion over Plan assets and will not be considered a fiduciary as defined by ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act) or any other State or Federal law or regulation.

PROSTHETIC APPLIANCE

“Prosthetic Appliance” means a device or appliance that is designed to replace all or part of a missing tooth or teeth.

QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY

“Qualified Beneficiary” means an Employee, former employee or Dependent of an Employee or former employee who is eligible to continue coverage under the Plan in accordance with applicable provisions of Title X of COBRA or Section 609(a) of ERISA in relation to QMCSO's.

“Qualified Beneficiary” will also include a child born to, adopted by or placed for adoption with an Employee or former employee at any time during COBRA Continuation Coverage.

QMCSO

“QMCSO” means Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined by Section 609(a) of ERISA, as amended.

USERRA

“USERRA” means the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, as amended.

USUAL, CUSTOMARY AND REASONABLE FEE (UCR)

“Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR)” means the maximum amount considered for payment by this Plan for any covered treatment, service, or supply, subject however, to all Plan annual and lifetime maximum benefit limitations. The following will apply in the order below to determine the Usual, Customary and Reasonable amount:

1. A contracted amount as established by a preferred provider or other discounting contract; or
2. An amount established through a nationally recognized, published Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) data base utilized by the Plan Supervisor and adopted by the Plan Administrator using the 95th percentile of said database; or
3. The billed charge if less than 2 above.

HIPAA PRIVACY AND SECURITY STANDARDS

These standards are intended to comply with all requirements of the Privacy and Security Rules of the Administrative Simplification Rules of HIPAA as stated in 45 CFR Parts 160, 162 and 164, as amended from time to time.

DEFINITIONS

“Protected Health Information” (PHI) means information, including demographic information, that identifies an individual and is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, employer, or health care clearinghouse, and relates to the physical or mental health of an individual, health care that individual has received, or the payment for health care provided to that individual. PHI does not include employment records held by the Plan Sponsor in its role as an Employer.

“Summary Health Information” means information summarizing claims history, expenses, or types of claims by individuals enrolled in a group health plan and has had the following identifiers removed: names; addresses, except for the first three digits of the ZIP Code; dates related to the individual (ex: birth date); phone numbers; email addresses and related identifiers; social security numbers; medical record numbers; account or plan participant numbers; vehicle identifiers; and any photo or biometric identifier.

PRIVACY CERTIFICATION

The Plan Sponsor hereby certifies that the Plan Documents have been amended to comply with the privacy regulations by incorporation of the following provisions. The Plan Sponsor agrees to:

1. Not use or further disclose the information other than as permitted or required by the Plan Documents or as required by law. Such uses or disclosures may be for the purposes of Plan administration including, but not limited to, the following:
 - A. Operational activities such as quality assurance and utilization management, credentialing, and certification or licensing activities; underwriting, premium rating or other activities related to creating, renewing or replacing health benefit contracts (including reinsurance or stop loss); compliance programs; business planning; responding to appeals, external reviews, arranging for medical reviews and auditing, and customer service activities. Plan administration can include management of carve-out plans, such as dental or vision coverage.
 - B. Payment activities such as determining eligibility or coverage, coordination of benefits, determination of cost-sharing amounts, adjudicating or subrogating claims, claims management and collection activities, obtaining payment under a contract for reinsurance or stop-loss coverage, and related data-processing activities; reviewing health care services for medical necessity, coverage or appropriateness of care, or justification of charges; or utilization review activities.
 - C. For purposes of this certification, Plan administration does not include disclosing Summary Health Information to help the Plan Sponsor obtain premium bids; or to modify, amend or terminate group health plan coverage. Plan administration does not include disclosure of information to the Plan Sponsor as to whether the individual is a participant in; is an enrollee of or has disenrolled from the group health plan.
2. Ensure that any agents, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides PHI received from the Plan agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Plan Sponsor with respect to such information;
3. Not use or disclose the information for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of the Plan Sponsor;

4. Report to the Plan any use or disclosure of the information that is inconsistent with the uses or disclosures provided for of which it becomes aware;
5. Make available PHI as required to allow the Covered Person a right of access to his or her PHI as required and permitted by the regulations;
6. Make available PHI for amendment and incorporate any amendments into PHI as required and permitted by the regulations;
7. Make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures as required by the regulations;
8. Make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from the Plan available to any applicable regulatory authority for purposes of determining the Plan's compliance with the law's requirements;
9. If feasible, return or destroy all PHI received from the Plan that the Plan Sponsor still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such information when no longer needed for the purpose for which disclosure was made, except that, if such return or destruction is not feasible, limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible; and
10. Ensure that the adequate separation required between the Plan and the Plan Sponsor is established. To fulfill this requirement, the Plan Sponsor will restrict access to nonpublic personal information to the Plan Administrator(s) designated in this Plan Document or employees designated by the Plan Administrator(s) who need to know that information to perform Plan administration and healthcare operations functions or assist eligible persons enrolling and disenrolling from the Plan. The Plan Sponsor will maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with applicable federal and state regulations to guard such information and to provide the minimum PHI necessary for performance of healthcare operations duties. The Plan Administrator(s) and any employee so designated will be required to maintain the confidentiality of nonpublic personal information and to follow policies the Plan Sponsor establishes to secure such information.

When information is disclosed to entities that perform services or functions on the Plan's behalf, such entities are required to adhere to procedures and practices that maintain the confidentiality of the Covered Person's nonpublic personal information, to use the information only for the limited purpose for which it was shared, and to abide by all applicable privacy laws.

SECURITY CERTIFICATION

The Plan Sponsor hereby certifies that its Plan Documents have been amended to comply with the security regulations by incorporation of the following provisions. The Plan Sponsor agrees to:

1. Implement and follow all administrative, physical, and technical safeguards of the HIPAA Security Rules, as required by 45 CFR §§164.308, 310 and 312.
2. Implement and install adequate electronic firewalls and other electronic and physical safeguards and security measures to ensure that electronic PHI is used and disclosed only as stated in the Privacy Certification section above.
3. Ensure that when any electronic PHI is disclosed to any entity that performs services or functions on the Plan's behalf, that any such entity shall be required to adhere to and follow all of the requirements for security of electronic PHI found in 45 CFR §§164.308, 310, 312, 314 and 316.
4. Report to the Plan Administrator or the Named Fiduciary of the Plan any attempted breach, or breach of security measures described in this certification, and any disclosure or attempted disclosure of electronic PHI of which the Plan Sponsor becomes aware.

**COLLIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN
PLAN SUMMARY**

The following information, together with the information contained in this booklet, form the Summary Plan Description.

1. PLAN

The name of the Plan is the COLLIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT DENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN, which Plan describes the benefits, terms, limitations and provisions for payment of benefits to or on behalf of eligible Participants.

2. PLAN BENEFITS

This Plan provides benefits for covered Expenses Incurred by eligible participants for:

Dental and other eligible dentally related, necessary expenses.

3. PLAN EFFECTIVE DATE

This Plan was established effective January 1, 2015 and restated January 1, 2016.

4. PLAN SPONSOR

Name: Collier County Government
Phone: (239) 252-8461
Address: 3311 East Tamiami Trail, Building D
Naples, FL 34112

5. PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

The Plan Administrator is the Plan Sponsor.

6. NAMED FIDUCIARY

Name: Collier County Government
Phone: (239) 252-8461
Address: 3311 East Tamiami Trail, Building D
Naples, FL 34112

8. PLAN FISCAL YEAR

The Plan fiscal year ends December 31st.

9. PLAN TERMINATION

The right is reserved by the Sponsor to terminate, suspend, withdraw, amend or modify the Plan in whole or in part at any time.

10. IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Group Number: 2003021
Employer Identification Number: 59-6000558

11. PLAN SUPERVISOR

Name: Allegiance Benefit Plan Management, Inc.
Address: P.O. Box 3018
Missoula, MT 59806-3018

12. ELIGIBILITY

Employees and Dependents of Employees of the Sponsor may participate in the Plan based upon the eligibility requirements set forth by the Plan.

13. PLAN FUNDING

The Plan is funded by contributions from the Employer and Employees.

14. AGENT FOR SERVICE OF LEGAL PROCESS

The Plan Administrator has authority to control and manage the Plan and is the agent for service of legal process.
