



## **TRANSPARENCY IN COVERAGE**

Here at Oscar, we want to make it as easy as possible for you to understand how your insurance coverage works. This document provides you with some basic information about the ideas, words, and documents that you might come across when you seek care. If you have questions about what's written below – or about your Oscar health plan more generally – give us a call at 1-855-672-2755.

In the paragraphs that follow, Oscar and its affiliates are described as “We” or “Us,” and our members and their enrolled dependents are described as “You.”

## **OUT-OF-NETWORK LIABILITY AND BALANCE BILLING**

What is a provider network?

Oscar’s “provider network” is the full list of health care professionals, listed in our Provider Directory, who have agreed to provide services to Oscar members. An “in-network provider” is one of those providers – in other words, someone who has contracted with Us to provide services to our members (like You) at specific, pre-negotiated rates. An “out-of-network provider” is any other provider. In most cases, receiving services from an in-network provider will be less expensive for You.

Why are services from out-of-network providers usually more expensive?

Generally, if You receive services from an out-of-network provider, these services are not covered under Your Oscar health plan (although we may authorize exceptions). In most cases, You will therefore be responsible for all charges billed to You by the out-of-network provider. In other words, even if the type of service you received is something that Oscar would cover when provided by an in-network provider, lower benefit levels and higher cost-sharing mean that you will typically have to pay significantly more to have those same services provided by an out-of-network Provider. In some cases, out-of-network providers may bill You for amounts in excess of the allowed amounts under Your Oscar health plan.

Are there any exceptions?

If You receive out-of-network services for a medical emergency or urgently needed care – or if you receive out-of-network services inadvertently – We will treat those services as if You received them at an in-network provider. In other words, in cases of emergency, You will only owe the applicable in-network cost-sharing amounts for benefits described in Your policy documents.

You may also seek an “authorized referral” to pay at in-network rates for out-of-network services, if medically necessary services are not available to you from an in-network

provider within certain time/distance requirements. Precertification requirements apply (see below).

## **ENROLLEE CLAIM SUBMISSION**

What is a claim?

A "claim" is a request that Oscar pay for health care services provided to a member like You. When We "process" (pay) claims that are "filed" (submitted to Us) for these services, we follow federal and state rules, as well as the policies described in Your health plan documents.

Who is responsible for filing a claim?

Usually, providers file claims with Us on Your behalf.

Before you seek services, we recommend that you confirm – by checking our Provider Directory or contacting us at 1-855-672-2755 – that the provider you want to see is an in-network provider. When you arrive at that provider and present Your Oscar identification card, the provider will confirm that they are an in-network provider with Oscar and that You are an Oscar member. After you receive these services, the provider will file a claim with Us, and We will make payment directly to them. Usually, the payment that We make does not include the cost-sharing for which you are responsible (such as copayments, deductibles, coinsurance amounts), any payment for non-covered or excluded expenses, or any amounts over specifically limited benefits.

Out-of-network providers – who may provide care to You because of a medical emergency, because We authorized such care, or because You elected to see them even though they are out-of-network – may or may not file claims directly with Us. If they do, We will process the claim as described above. If they do not, You may choose to file the claim with Us directly.

How can You file a claim with Us?

If you received services from an out-of-network Provider, and if that provider does not submit a claim to Us, you can file the claim directly. To do so, send Us a copy of Your paid, itemized bill, along with a completed claim form (available on our website at [www.hioscar.com/forms](http://www.hioscar.com/forms)).

You can send the information by mail to:

Oscar Health Plan of California  
1277 West Jefferson Blvd, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Suite 100, Building D  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

Alternatively, you can send the information by email to [claims-submissions@hioscar.com](mailto:claims-submissions@hioscar.com) or by fax to 888-977-2062.

We will make payment to You of the billed expense amount for covered services as defined in Your policy documents, unless We are directed otherwise or as required by applicable state or federal law. You will be responsible for any applicable cost-sharing amounts (such as copayments, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts), any non-Covered or Excluded Expenses, and amounts over specifically limited benefits.

Please note that, in order to receive any payment to which You may be entitled, You must submit your claim within 180 days of the date of the service in question.

### **EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS**

How can You find more information about a particular claim?

How can You find more information about a particular claim? Every claim that We process for services You receive appears on an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement that we send You. The EOB is not a bill. Instead, it explains what services We paid for, how much We paid under Your Oscar health plan, and any financial responsibility that You bear (which you would typically pay directly to the provider). The EOB also provides You with information about Your appeal rights if you disagree with how we processed the claim(s).

### **RETROACTIVE DENIALS**

Can a claim be denied even after it was paid?

In certain situations – usually, when you are found no longer to be eligible for coverage by Oscar – a claim may be “reversed” (reprocessed and denied retroactively, even after it has been paid), meaning that You become responsible for payment to the provider. In most cases, You can prevent a retroactive denial by paying Your premiums on time and by promptly notifying Us or (if applicable) Your marketplace of changes in Your eligibility status.

### **MEDICAL NECESSITY, PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TIMEFRAMES, AND ENROLLEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

How do We decide whether to pay a particular claim?

We pay claims according to applicable law, the network status of the provider, and the relevant plan documents as described above – as well as whether we have determined that the services in question were medically necessary.

To determine medical necessity, in some cases, We require that You or Your treating provider Precertify the medical necessity of Your care. Precertification is sometimes called “preauthorization” or “prior authorization.” Please note that precertification relates only

to the medical necessity of care; it does not mean that Your care will be covered under the plan. Precertification also does not mean that we have been paid all monies (usually premiums) necessary for coverage to be in force on the date that services or supplies are rendered.

It is Your responsibility to ensure that You or Your provider obtains precertification. In some cases, Your provider will initiate the precertification process for You. You should be sure to check with Your provider to confirm whether precertification has been obtained.

Generally, if Precertification is required and not obtained, no benefits will be payable under the plan. Precertification must be obtained within forty-eight (48) hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time. For labor/childbirth admissions, You, Your authorized representative, or Provider must request precertification if Your length of stay is more than forty-eight (48) hours for a vaginal birth or ninety-six (96) hours after a C-section. For medical emergency services, we must receive notification within 48 hours of the admission.

A decision on a request for Prospective medical services will typically be made within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt of request. For Prospective non-Urgent medical service requests, the decision will be within five (5) business days from the receipt of the request. For Concurrent medical service requests, a decision will be made within 24 hours of the expiration of the existing authorization, the decision will be within twenty-four (24) hours from the receipt of request. If the request is not made within 24 hours of the expiration of the existing authorization, the decision will be within seventy-two (72) hours from the receipt of request. For Concurrent non-Urgent medical service requests, the decision will be made within five (5) business days from the receipt of the request. For Retrospective medical services requests, a decision will be made within thirty (30) calendar days from the receipt of the request.

## **COORDINATION OF BENEFITS**

Who pays Your claims if You have more than one health insurance plan?

If You have more than one health insurance plan, those plans work together through a process called "coordination of benefits" to make sure You get the most from Your coverage. One plan is designated as Your primary plan and pays Your claims according to its rules, Your secondary plan then pays toward the remaining cost according to its rules, and so on. This process maximizes Your benefits and may lower Your out-of-pocket costs.

## **GRACE PERIODS AND CLAIMS PENDING**

When do I owe payment for my Oscar health coverage?

In general, Your payment for each month of coverage is due on the first day of that month.

Is there a grace period if I miss the deadline? What happens if I receive services after the missed payment was due?

If You purchased an individual plan through the health insurance marketplace and You are receiving advance payments of tax credits ("APTC") and/or cost sharing reductions in accordance with the Affordable Care Act, there is a grace period of three months for all monthly premium payments after the initial premium payment. If You pay a monthly payment later than the first day of the coverage period to which it applies, but before the end of the grace period for the coverage period, any claim You submit for benefits will be placed in a "pending status" (suspended) on the first day of the second month of the grace period and then processed by the plan only when all periodic monthly payments due during the grace period are received. If You fail to pay in full all periodic monthly payments due and payable before the end of the grace period for those coverage periods, Your coverage under the plan will be retroactively canceled back to the last day of the first month of the grace period. Failure to timely pay premium payments is not a special open enrollment event for later coverage under the plan.

For all other members, there is a grace period of 31 days for all monthly premium payments after the initial premium payment. If You pay a monthly payment later than the first day of the coverage period to which it applies, but before the end of the grace period for the coverage period, any claim You submit for benefits will be placed in a "pending status" (suspended) and then processed by the plan only if your monthly payment is received within the grace period. If You fail to pay Your monthly payment within the grace period, Your coverage under the plan will be retroactively canceled back to the last day of the last month for which You made payment.

Failure to timely pay premium payments does not qualify You for a trigger is not a a special open enrollment event for later coverage under the plan.

### **RECOUPMENT OF OVERPAYMENTS**

What can You do if You think We billed you incorrectly?

If You believe that We have overbilled you for your premium, or made any other error in billing or payment, please contact us at 1-855-672-2755.

### **DRUG EXCEPTION TIMEFRAMES AND ENROLLEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

How do You check which services are covered under Your Oscar health plan?

The list of services covered by your plan can be found in the applicable Plan Policy and Summary of Benefits and Coverage available at [www.hioscar.com/forms](http://www.hioscar.com/forms). Also available at that site is the "Formulary" – the list of drugs covered under Your Oscar health plan.

What if a drug that You want is not on our Formulary?

If Your drug is not covered and You think it should be, You may ask us to make an exception to the drug coverage rules by calling the Customer Service Department number on the back of your ID card. In support of Your request, Your doctor or other prescriber must give Us a statement explaining the medical reasons for requesting an exception. We will give You a response within 72 hours (24 hours for expedited exception requests) of receiving all information we need to make a decision. If we deny Your request, You may request an internal appeal (and a subsequent external, independent review) of our decision, as described in Your policy documents.