

By completing this application:

I (we) authorize all providers of health services or supplies and any of their representatives to give the following to the HMO/insurance company(ies): any available information about the medical history, condition or treatment of any person named in this request. I (we) authorize the HMO/insurance company(ies) to use this information to determine eligibility for medical coverage and eligibility for benefits under an existing policy.

I (we) also authorize the HMO/insurance company(ies) to give this information to its (their) representatives or to any other organization for the reason notified above. I (we) agree that this authorization is valid for 30 months from the date of this application. I (we) know that I (we) have the right to ask for and receive a copy of this authorization.

I understand that the Certificate of Coverage or Summary Plan Description and other documents, notices and communications regarding my coverage may be transmitted electronically.

I (we) have not given the agent or any other persons any health information not included on the application. I (we) understand that the HMO/insurance company(ies) is not bound by any statements I (we) have made to any agent or to any other persons, if those statements are not written or printed on the application and any attachments.

I have a continuing obligation to report changes in health status (e.g. received medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment) after I sign the enrollment form and before receipt of my identification card.

### **Confidentiality**

Make sure your employer has completed the “To be completed by the employer” section of the enrollment form before you begin to complete your portion of the form. If you do not wish to disclose personal medical information through this form to anyone other than UnitedHealthcare and its affiliates and representatives for underwriting and other purposes permitted by law, you may complete all information on the enrollment form, then insert and seal the form in an envelope before returning it to your employer or broker.



## **Your rights and responsibilities**



## Important information

In order to make choices about your coverage and treatment, we believe that it is important for you to understand how your plan operates and how it may affect you. In an ever-changing environment, the information can never be complete, and we urge you to contact us if the information in your Summary Plan Description, Certificate of Coverage or other materials does not answer your questions. Further information is available at [myuhc.com](http://myuhc.com)<sup>®</sup>.

1. We do not provide medical services or make treatment decisions. We help finance and/or administer the health benefit plan in which you are enrolled. That means:
  - We make decisions about whether the health benefit plan you chose will reimburse you for care that you may receive.
  - We do not decide what care you need or will receive. You and your physician make those decisions.
2. We may enter into arrangements where another entity carries out some of our duties, but those entities must operate consistently with our commitment to your plan.
3. We contract with networks of physicians and other providers. Our credentialing process confirms public information about the providers' licenses and other credentials, but does not assure the quality of the services provided.
4. Physicians and other providers in our networks are independent contractors and are not our employees or agents. We do not control nor do

we have a right to control your physician's treatment or plan.

5. We may enter into agreements with your physician or other provider to share in the cost savings that our approach may generate. We encourage providers in our network to disclose the nature of those arrangements to you. If they do not, we encourage you to talk to your physician about these arrangements.
6. We encourage physicians to talk with you about medical care you or your physician think might be valuable.

### Pre-existing conditions

If you or your covered dependents have received medical advice, care or treatment for an injury or sickness before beginning coverage or a waiting period under your health plan that injury or sickness may be considered a pre-existing condition.

Under federal law, a group health plan may look back for a period up to six months prior to the date coverage begins or, if earlier, the date a waiting period begins to determine if a pre-existing condition exists. A group health plan may exclude benefits for pre-existing conditions for up to 12 months (18 months for late entrants) from the above date. Pregnancy is not a pre-existing condition. A pre-existing condition will not apply to a newborn child, adopted child or a child placed for adoption prior to age 18, if the child is enrolled in a plan within 30 days of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. Genetic information is not considered a pre-existing condition unless there is a specific diagnosis related to the information.

Under federal law, a group health plan must reduce a pre-existing condition exclusion period by the same number of days you or your dependents were covered under prior health plans, unless there has been a significant break in coverage. If you or your dependents have a break in coverage of 63 or more days (including a newborn child, adopted child or child placed for adoption), coverage under prior plans will not be used to reduce a pre-existing condition exclusion period. In determining whether there has been a break in coverage of 63 days or more, plans may not include a waiting period you or your dependents may have had to satisfy. To receive credit for coverage under prior health plans (and thereby reduce or eliminate any pre-existing condition exclusion), you must show proof of prior coverage. You have the right to request a Certificate of Prior Creditable coverage from your prior employer or insurer. If necessary, UnitedHealthcare will help you obtain this information.

### Statement of affirmation and authorization to obtain and disclose information in connection with eligibility for medical coverage

I understand that I am completing a joint life and health application and that each response must be complete and accurate.

I (we) request the indicated group medical and/or life coverage for myself and, if the plan provides, for my dependents.

I authorize any required premium contributions to be deducted from earnings.