

**Universal Health Insurance Policy (APL)**

**PROSPECTUS**

**Salient features of the Policy**

- 1.0 COVERAGE:** The Policy covers reimbursement of Hospitalisation Expenses for Illness/ Injury sustained.
- 2.0** In event of any claim being admissible, following Reasonable and Customary expenses are reimbursable under the policy:

**SECTION I: Hospitalisation Expenses**

<b>Hospitalisation Benefits</b>		<b>Limits</b>
A	(i) Room, Boarding expenses as provided by the Hospital/Nursing Home (ii) If admitted in IC Unit	i) Upto to 0.5% of Sum Insured per day ii) Upto 1% of Sum Insured per day
B	Surgeon, Anesthetist, Medical Practitioner, Consultants, Specialists Fees, Nursing Expenses	Upto Rs.15% of Sum Insured per Illness/ Injury
C	Anesthesia, Blood, Oxygen, OT charges, Surgical appliances, Medicines, drugs, Diagnostic material & X-Ray, Dialysis, Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy, cost of pacemaker, artificial limbs.	Up to 15% of Sum Insured per Illness/Injury

- N.B.** (a) Total expenses incurred for Any one Illness is limited to Rs.15,000/-.
- (b) Company's liability in respect of all claims admitted during the period of Insurance shall not exceed the Sum Insured of Rs.30000/- per person or family as mentioned in the Schedule.

**SECTION II: Coverage for Earning Head of the family as declared in the Schedule**

If the Earning Head of the family shall sustain any bodily injury resulting solely and directly from accident caused by external, violent and visible means, and if such injury shall within six calendar months of its occurrence lead to death then the Company shall pay to the Insured a sum of Rs.25,000/-.

**SECTION III: Disability Compensation for earning Head of the Family**

Disability compensation at the rate of Rs. 50/- per day up to maximum of period of 15 days in a policy year with a time excess of 3 days is payable if the Earning Head of the family is hospitalized due to accident/diseases/illness for which there is a valid claim admitted under Section I of the Policy.

#### SECTION IV: SPECIFIC COVERAGES

- a) **Impairment of Persons' intellectual faculties** by usage of drugs, stimulants or depressants as prescribed by a medical practitioner is covered, subject to it arising during treatment of covered illness.
- b) **Artificial life maintenance**, including life support machine use, where such treatment will not result in recovery or restoration of the previous state of Health under any circumstances unless in a vegetative state as certified by the treating medical practitioner is covered following admission for a covered illness. (Explanation: Expenses up to the date of confirmation by the treating doctor that the patient is in vegetative state shall be covered as per the terms and conditions of the policy contract).
- c) **Treatment of mental illness, stress or psychological disorders and neurodegenerative disorders:** Our shall indemnify the Hospital or the Insured the Medical Expenses (including Pre and Post Hospitalisation Expenses) related to following and they are covered after a waiting period of 36 months.

The below covers are subject to the patient simultaneously exhibiting the following traits and requiring Hospitalisation as per the treating Psychiatrist's advice

1. Major Depressive Disorder- when the patient is aggressive or violent.
2. Acute psychotic conditions – aggressive / violent behavior or hallucinations, incoherent talking or agitation.
3. Schizophrenia - esp. Psychotic episodes.
4. Bipolar disorder - manic phase.

Treatment of any Injury due to Suicidality shall not be covered.

#### **Condition**

Treatment shall be undertaken at a Hospital categorized as Mental Health Establishment or at a Hospital with a specific department for Mental Illness, under a Medical Practitioner qualified as Mental Health Professional.

#### **Exclusions**

Any kind of psychological counselling, cognitive / family / group / behavior / palliative therapy or other kinds of psychotherapy for which Hospitalisation is not necessary shall not be covered.

- d) **Puberty and Menopause related Disorders:** Treatment for any symptoms, Illness, complications arising due to physiological conditions associated with Puberty, Menopause such as menopausal bleeding or flushing is covered only as Inpatient procedure after 24 months of continuous coverage.
- e) **Age Related Macular Degeneration (ARMD)** is covered after 36 months of continuous coverage only for Intravitreal Injections and anti – VEGF medication.
- f) **Behavioural and Neuro developmental Disorders:** Disorders of adult personality and Disorders of speech and language including stammering, dyslexia; are covered as Inpatient procedure after 24 months of continuous coverage.

**g) Genetic diseases or disorders** are covered with 36 months waiting period.**SECTION V: COVERAGE**

**FOR MODERN TREATMENTS OR PROCEDURES** : The following procedures will be covered (wherever medically indicated) either as in patient or as part of day care treatment in a hospital up to the limit specified against each procedure during the policy period.

<b>S No</b>	<b>Treatment or Procedure</b>	<b>Limit (Per Policy Period)</b>
a	Uterine Artery Embolization and HIFU (High intensity focused ultrasound)	Upto Sum Insured
b	Balloon Sinuplasty.	Upto Sum Insured
c	Deep Brain stimulation.	Upto Sum Insured
d	Oral chemotherapy.	Upto Sum Insured
e	Immunotherapy- Monoclonal Antibody to be given as injection.	Upto Sum Insured
f	Intravitreal injections.	Upto Sum Insured
g	Robotic surgeries.	Upto Sum Insured
e	Stereotactic radio surgeries.	Upto Sum Insured
f	Bronchial Thermoplasty.	Upto Sum Insured
g	Vaporisation of the prostate (Green laser treatment or holmium laser treatment).	Upto Sum Insured
h	IONM - (Intra Operative Neuro Monitoring).	Upto Sum Insured
i	Stem cell therapy: Hematopoietic stem cells for bone marrow transplant for haematological conditions to be covered.	Upto Sum Insured

#### **SECTION VI: COVERAGE UNDER AYUSH TREATMENT**

Expenses incurred for inpatient care treatment under Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy systems of medicines is covered up to 100% of Sum Insured, during each policy year as specified in the policy schedule.

#### **3.0 DEFINITIONS**

**3.1 ABHA stands for AYUSHMAN BHARAT HEALTH ACCOUNT (ABHA)**, a number is a hassle-free method of accessing and sharing health records digitally. It enables interaction with participating healthcare providers, and allows to receive digital lab reports, prescription and diagnosis seamlessly from a verified healthcare professionals and health service providers.

**3.2 ACCIDENT** is a sudden, unforeseen and involuntary event caused by external, visible and violent means.

**3.3 AGE** means age of the Insured person on last birthday as on date of commencement of the Policy.

**3.4 ANY ONE ILLNESS** means continuous Period of illness and it includes relapse within 45 days from the date of last consultation with the Hospital where treatment may have been taken.

**3.5 AYUSH TREATMENT** refers to Hospitalisation treatments given under Ayurveda, Yoga and

Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy systems.

**3.6 AYUSH HOSPITAL** is a Healthcare facility wherein medical / surgical / para-surgical treatment procedures and interventions are carried out by AYUSH Medical Practitioner(s) comprising of any of the following:

- a. Central or State Government AYUSH Hospital or
- b. Teaching hospital attached to AYUSH College recognized by the Central Government / Central Council of Indian Medicine / Central Council for Homeopathy; or
- c. AYUSH Hospital, standalone or co-located with in-patient healthcare facility of any recognized system of medicine, registered with the local authorities, wherever applicable, and is under the supervision of a qualified registered AYUSH Medical Practitioner and must comply with all the following criterion:
  - i. Having at least 5 in-patient beds;
  - ii. Having qualified AYUSH Medical Practitioner in charge round the clock;
  - iii. Having dedicated AYUSH therapy sections as required and/or has equipped operation theatre where surgical procedures are to be carried out;
  - iv. Maintaining daily records of the patients and making them accessible to the insurance company's authorized representative.

**3.7 AYUSH DAY CARE CENTRE** means and includes Community Health Centre (CHC), Primary Health Centre (PHC), Dispensary, Clinic, Polyclinic or any such health centre which is registered with the local authorities, wherever applicable and having facilities for carrying out treatment procedures and medical or surgical/para-surgical interventions or both under the supervision of registered AYUSH Medical Practitioner(s) on day care basis without in-patient services and must comply with all the following criterion:

- i. Having qualified registered AYUSH Medical Practitioner(s) in charge;
- ii. Having dedicated AYUSH therapy sections as required and/or has equipped operation theatre where surgical procedures are to be carried out;
- iii. Maintaining daily records of the patients and making them accessible to the insurance company's authorized representative.

**3.8 BREAK IN POLICY** means the period of gap that occurs at the end of the existing policy term, when the premium due for renewal on a given policy is not paid on or before the premium renewal date or within 30 days thereof.

**3.9 CASHLESS FACILITY** means a facility extended by the insurer to the Insured where the payments, of the costs of treatment undergone by the Insured in accordance with the policy terms and conditions, are directly made to the network provider by the Company to the extent pre-authorization approved.

**3.10 CONDITION PRECEDENT** means a policy term or condition upon which the Company's liability under the policy is conditional upon.

**3.11 CONGENITAL ANOMALY** refers to a condition(s) which is present since birth, and which is abnormal with reference to form, structure or position.

i. **CONGENITAL INTERNAL ANOMALY** means a Congenital Anomaly which is not in the visible and accessible parts of the body.

ii. **CONGENITAL EXTERNAL ANOMALY** means a Congenital Anomaly which is in the visible and accessible parts of the body

**3.12 DAY CARE CENTRE** means any institution established for day care treatment of illness and/or injuries or a medical setup within a hospital and which has been registered with the local authorities, wherever applicable, and is under supervision of a registered and qualified Medical Practitioner AND must comply with all minimum criteria as under:

- Has qualified nursing staff under its employment;
- Has qualified medical practitioner/s in charge;
- Has a fully equipped operation theatre of its own where surgical procedures are carried out;
- Maintains daily records of patients and will make these accessible to the insurance company's authorized personnel.

**3.13 DAY CARE TREATMENT** refers to medical treatment or Surgery which are:

- Undertaken under General or Local Anesthesia in a Hospital / Day Care Centre in less than 24 hours because of technological advancement, and
- Which would have otherwise required a Hospitalization of more than 24 hours.

Treatment normally taken on an out-patient basis is not included in the scope of this definition.

**3.14 DENTAL TREATMENT** is treatment carried out by a dental practitioner including examinations, fillings (where appropriate), crowns, extractions and surgery excluding any form of cosmetic surgery/implants.

**3.15 DISCLOSURE TO INFORMATION NORM:** The policy shall be void and all premium paid thereon shall be forfeited to Us in the event of misrepresentation, mis-description or non-disclosure of any material fact.

**3.16 EMERGENCY CARE** means management for an Illness or Injury which results in symptoms which occur suddenly and unexpectedly, and requires immediate care by a medical practitioner to prevent death or serious long-term impairment of the Insured Person's health.

**3.17 GRACE PERIOD** means specified period of time immediately following the premium due date during which a payment can be made to renew or continue the Policy in force without loss of continuity benefits such as waiting period and coverage of pre-existing diseases. Coverage is not available for the period for which no premium is received.

**3.18 HOSPITAL** means any institution established for Inpatient Care and Day Care Treatment of Illness or Injury and which has been registered as a Hospital with the local authorities under the Clinical Establishment (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010 or under the enactments specified under the schedule of Section 56(1) of the said act OR complies with all minimum criteria as under:

- has at least 10 inpatient beds, in those towns having a population of less than 10,00,000 and 15 inpatient beds in all other places;
- has qualified nursing staff under its employment round the clock;
- has qualified medical practitioner (s) in charge round the clock;
- has a fully equipped operation theatre of its own where surgical procedures are carried out
- maintains daily records of patients and will make these accessible to the Insurance company's authorized personnel.

**3.19 HOSPITALISATION** means admission in a hospital for a minimum period of 24 in patient Care consecutive hours except for specified procedures / treatments, where such admission could be for a period of less than 24 consecutive hours.

Dialysis	Chemotherapy
Radiotherapy	Eye Surgery
Lithotripsy (kidney stone removal)	D & C
Tonsillectomy	

**OR** any other Surgeries / Procedures agreed by TPA / COMPANY which require less than 24 hours Hospitalisation due to subsequent advancement in Medical Technology.

**Note:** Procedures / treatments usually done in outpatient department are not payable under the Policy even if converted as an Inpatient in the Hospital for more than 24 consecutive hours.

**3.20 ILLNESS** means a sickness or a disease or pathological condition leading to the impairment of normal physiological function which manifests itself during the Policy Period and requires medical treatment.

**3.21 INJURY** means accidental physical bodily harm excluding illness or disease solely and directly caused by external, violent and visible and evident means which is verified and certified by a Medical Practitioner.

**i. Acute Condition** means a disease, Illness or Injury that is likely to respond quickly to treatment which aims to return the person to his or her state of health immediately before suffering the disease / Illness / Injury which leads to full recovery.

**ii. Chronic Condition** means a disease, Illness, or Injury that has one or more of the following characteristics

- a. it needs ongoing or long-term monitoring through consultations, examinations, check-ups, and / or tests
- b. it needs ongoing or long-term control or relief of symptoms
- c. it requires rehabilitation for the patient or for the patient to be special trained to cope with it
- d. it continues indefinitely
- e. it recurs or is likely to recur

**3.22 INPATIENT CARE** means treatment for which the Insured Person has to stay in a Hospital for more than 24 hours for a covered event.

**3.23 INSURED PERSON** means person(s) named in the schedule of the Policy.

- 3.24 INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (ICU)** means an identified section, ward or wing of a Hospital which is under the constant supervision of a dedicated Medical Practitioner, and which is specially equipped for the continuous monitoring and treatment of patients who are in a critical condition, or require life support facilities and where the level of care and supervision is considerably more sophisticated and intensive than in the ordinary and other wards.
- 3.25 ICU (INTENSIVE CARE UNIT) CHARGES** means the amount charged by a Hospital towards ICU expenses on a per day basis which shall include the expenses for ICU bed, general medical support services provided to any ICU patient including monitoring devices, critical care nursing and intensivist charges.
- 3.26 MEDICAL ADVICE** means any consultation or advice from a Medical Practitioner including the issue of any prescription or repeat prescription.
- 3.27 MEDICAL EXPENSES** means those expenses that an Insured Person has necessarily and actually incurred for medical treatment on account of Illness or Injury on the advice of a Medical Practitioner, as long as these are no more than would have been payable if the Insured Person had not been Insured and no more than other Hospitals or doctors in the same locality would have charged for the same medical treatment.
- 3.28 MEDICALLY NECESSARY** treatment is defined as any treatment, tests, medication, or stay in Hospital or part of a stay in Hospital which
- is required for the medical management of the Illness or Injury suffered by the Insured;
  - must not exceed the level of care necessary to provide safe, adequate and appropriate medical care in scope, duration, or intensity;
  - must have been prescribed by a Medical Practitioner;
  - must conform to the professional standards widely accepted in international medical practice or by the medical community in India.
- 3.29 MEDICAL PRACTITIONER** means a person who holds a valid registration from the medical council of any state or medical council of India or Council for Indian Medicine or for Homeopathy set up by the Government of India or a state Government and is thereby entitled to practice medicine within its jurisdiction; and is acting within the scope and jurisdiction of his license.
- Note:** The Medical Practitioner should not be the insured or close family members.
- 3.30 NETWORK HOSPITAL** means Hospitals enlisted by the Company, TPA or jointly by the Company and TPA to provide medical services to an Insured by a cashless facility.
- 3.31 NON-NETWORK HOSPITAL** means any Hospital that is not part of the network.
- 3.32 NOTIFICATION OF CLAIM** means the process of intimating a claim to the Company or TPA through any of the recognized modes of communication.
- 3.33 PRE-EXISTING DISEASE (PED)** means any condition, ailment, Injury or Illness
- a. That is / are diagnosed by a physician within 36 months prior to the effective date of

the Policy issued by Us and its reinstatement or

- b. For which medical advice or treatment was recommended by, or received from, a physician within 36 months prior to the effective date of the Policy or its reinstatement.

**3.34 PRE-HOSPITALISATION MEDICAL EXPENSES** mean Medical Expenses incurred during the period preceding the Insured Person is Hospitalised, provided that:

- i. Such Medical Expenses are incurred for the same condition for which the Insured Person's Hospitalization was required, and
- ii. The Inpatient Hospitalization claim for such Hospitalization is admissible by the Insurance Company.

**3.35 POST-HOSPITALISATION MEDICAL EXPENSES** mean Medical Expenses incurred during the period immediately after the Insured Person is discharged from the hospital provided that:

- i. Such Medical Expenses are incurred for the same condition for which the Insured Person's Hospitalisation was required, and
- ii. The Inpatient Hospitalisation claim for such Hospitalisation is admissible by the Insurance Company.

**3.36 POLICY** means these Policy wordings, the Policy Schedule and any applicable endorsements or extensions attaching to or forming part thereof. The Policy contains details of the extent of cover available to the Insured person, what is excluded from the cover and the terms & conditions on which the Policy is issued to The Insured person.

**3.37 POLICY PERIOD** means period of one policy year as mentioned in the schedule for which the Policy is issued.

**3.38 POLICY SCHEDULE** means the Policy Schedule attached to and forming part of Policy.

**3.39 POLICY YEAR** means a period of twelve months beginning from the date of commencement of the policy period and ending on the last day of such twelve-month period. For the purpose of subsequent years, policy year shall mean a period of twelve months commencing from the end of the previous policy year and lapsing on the last day of such twelve-month period, till the policy period, as mentioned in the schedule.

**3.40 PREFERRED PROVIDER NETWORK (PPN)** means network providers in specific cities which have agreed to a cashless packaged pricing for specified planned procedures for Our policyholders. The list of planned procedures is available with Us / TPA and subject to amendment from time to time. Reimbursement of expenses incurred in PPN for the procedures (as listed under PPN package) shall be subject to the rates applicable to PPN package pricing.

**3.41 QUALIFIED NURSE** means a person who holds a valid registration from the Nursing Council of India or the Nursing Council of any state in India.

**3.42 REASONABLE AND CUSTOMARY CHARGES** mean the charges for services or supplies, which are the standard charges for the specific provider and consistent with the

prevailing charges in the geographical area for identical or similar services, taking into account the nature of the illness / Injury involved.

**3.43 RENEWAL** means the terms on which the contract of insurance can be renewed on mutual consent with a provision of grace period for treating the renewal continuous for the purpose of gaining credit for pre-existing diseases, time-bound exclusions and for all waiting periods.

**3.44 ROOM RENT** means the amount charged by a Hospital for the occupancy of a bed per day (24 hours) basis and shall include associated medical expenses.

**3.45 SUB-LIMIT** means a cost sharing requirement under this policy in which We would not be liable to pay any amount in excess of the pre-defined limit.

**3.46 SUM INSURED** means the pre-defined limit specified in the Policy Schedule. Sum Insured represents the maximum, total and cumulative liability for any and all claims made under the Policy, in respect of all Insured Persons during the Policy Year.

**3.47 SURGERY OR SURGICAL PROCEDURE** means manual and / or operative procedure (s) required for treatment of an illness or injury, correction of deformities and defects, diagnosis and cure of diseases, relief of suffering or prolongation of life, performed in a hospital or day care centre by a medical practitioner.

**3.48 THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS (TPA)** mean a Company registered with the Authority, and engaged by an Insurer, for a fee or by whatever name called and as may be mentioned in the health services agreement, for providing health services.

**3.49 WAITING PERIOD** means a period from the inception of this Policy during which specified diseases / treatments are not covered. On completion of the period, diseases / treatments shall be covered provided the Policy has been continuously renewed without any break.

#### **4.0 EXCLUSIONS**

The Company shall not be liable to make any payment under this Policy in respect of:

##### **4.1 PRE-EXISTING DISEASES (Code- Excl01)**

- a. Expenses related to the treatment of a pre-existing Disease (PED) and its direct complications shall be excluded until the expiry of 36 months of continuous coverage after the date of inception of the first policy with us.
- b. In case of enhancement of Sum Insured the exclusion shall apply afresh to the extent of Sum Insured increase.
- c. If the Insured Person is continuously covered without any break as defined under the portability norms of the extant IRDAI (Health Insurance) Regulations then waiting period for the same would be reduced to the extent of prior coverage.
- d. Coverage under the policy after the expiry of 36 months for any pre-existing disease is subject to the same being declared at the time of application and accepted by us.

#### **4.2 SPECIFIC WAITING PERIOD (Code- Excl02)**

- a. Expenses related to the treatment of Cataract, Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy, Hysterectomy for Menorrhagia or Fibromyoma, Hernia, Hydrocele, Congenital Internal Disease, Fistula in anus, Piles, Sinusitis and related disorders shall be excluded until the expiry of 12 months of continuous coverage, after the date of inception of the first policy with the insurer. This exclusion shall not be applicable for claims arising due to an accident.
- b. In case of enhancement of Sum Insured the exclusion shall apply afresh to the extent of Sum Insured increase.
- c. If any of the specified disease / procedure falls under the waiting period specified for pre-existing diseases, then the longer of the two waiting periods shall apply.
- d. The waiting period for listed conditions shall apply even if contracted after the policy or declared and accepted without a specific exclusion.
- e. If the Insured Person is continuously covered without any break as defined under the applicable norms on portability stipulated by IRDAI, then waiting period for the same would be reduced to the extent of prior coverage.

#### **4.3 FIRST THIRTY DAYS WAITING PERIOD (Code- Excl03)**

- a. Expenses related to the treatment of any illness within 30 days from the first policy commencement date shall be excluded except claims arising due to an accident, provided the same are covered.
- b. This exclusion shall not, however, apply if the Insured Person has Continuous Coverage for more than twelve months.
- c. The within referred waiting period is made applicable to the enhanced sum insured in the event of granting higher sum insured subsequently.

#### **4.4 INVESTIGATION & EVALUATION (Code- Excl04)**

- a. Expenses related to any admission primarily for diagnostics and evaluation purposes.
- b. Any diagnostic expenses which are not related or not incidental to the current diagnosis and treatment

However, Treatment for any symptoms, illness, complications arising due to physiological conditions for which aetiology is unknown is not excluded.

#### **4.5 REST CURE, REHABILITATION AND RESPITE CARE (Code- Excl05)** Expenses related to any admission primarily for enforced bed rest and not for receiving treatment. This also includes:

- a. Custodial care either at home or in a nursing facility for personal care such as help with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, moving around either by skilled nurses or assistant or non-skilled persons.
- b. Any services for people who are terminally ill to address physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs.

*However, Expenses related to any admission primarily for enteral feedings is not excluded, if the Oral intake is absent for a period of at-least 5 days. It will be covered for a Maximum period of 14 days in a Policy Period.*

**4.6 OBESITY/ WEIGHT CONTROL (Code- Excl06)** Expenses related to the surgical treatment of obesity that does not fulfil all the below conditions:

- a. Surgery to be conducted is upon the advice of the Doctor
- b. The surgery/Procedure conducted should be supported by clinical protocols
- c. The member has to be 18 years of age or older and
- d. Body Mass Index (BMI);
  1. greater than or equal to 40 or
  2. greater than or equal to 35 in conjunction with any of the following severe co-morbidities following failure of less invasive methods of weight loss:
    - i. Obesity-related cardiomyopathy
    - ii. Coronary heart disease
    - iii. Severe Sleep Apnea
    - iv. Uncontrolled Type2 Diabetes

**4.7 CHANGE-OF-GENDER TREATMENTS (Code- Excl07)**

Expenses related to any treatment, including surgical management, to change characteristics of the body to those of the opposite sex.

**4.8 COSMETIC OR PLASTIC SURGERY (Code- Excl08)**

Expenses for cosmetic or plastic surgery or any treatment to change appearance unless for reconstruction following an Accident, Burn(s) or Cancer or as part of medically necessary treatment to remove a direct and immediate health risk to the insured. For this to be considered a medical necessity, it must be certified by the attending Medical Practitioner.

**4.9 HAZARDOUS OR ADVENTURE SPORTS (Code- Excl09)**

Expenses related to any treatment necessitated due to participation as a professional in hazardous or adventure sports, including but not limited to, para-jumping, rock climbing, mountaineering, rafting, motor racing, horse racing or scuba diving, hand gliding, sky diving, deep-sea diving.

*However, Treatment related to Injury or Illness associated with Hazardous activities related to particular line of employment or occupation (not for recreational purpose) is not excluded.*

**4.10 BREACH OF LAW (Code- Excl10)**

Expenses for treatment directly arising from or consequent upon any Insured Person committing or attempting to commit a breach of law with criminal intent.

#### **4.11 EXCLUDED PROVIDERS (Code-Excl11)**

Expenses incurred towards treatment in any hospital or by any Medical Practitioner or any other provider specifically excluded by the Insurer and disclosed in its website / notified to the policyholders are not admissible. However, in case of life-threatening situations or following an accident, expenses up to the stage of stabilization are payable but not the complete claim.

#### **4.12 Treatment for, Alcoholism, drug or substance abuse or any addictive condition and consequences thereof. (Code- Excl12)**

#### **4.13 Treatments received in health hydros, nature cure clinics, spas or similar establishments or private beds registered as a nursing home attached to such establishments or where admission is arranged wholly or partly for domestic reasons. (Code- Excl13)**

#### **4.14 Dietary supplements and substances that can be purchased without prescription, including but not limited to Vitamins, minerals and organic substances unless prescribed by a medical practitioner as part of hospitalization claim or day care procedure. (Code- Excl14)**

#### **4.15 REFRACTIVE ERROR (Code- Excl15)**

Expenses related to the treatment for correction of eye sight due to refractive error less than 7.5 dioptries.

#### **4.16 UNPROVEN TREATMENTS (Code- Excl16)**

Expenses related to any unproven treatment, services and supplies for or in connection with any treatment. Unproven treatments are treatments, procedures or supplies that lack significant medical documentation to support their effectiveness.

#### **4.17 STERILITY AND INFERTILITY (Code- Excl17)**

Expenses related to sterility and infertility. This includes:

- a. Any type of contraception, sterilization
- b. Assisted Reproduction services including artificial insemination and advanced reproductive technologies such as IVF, ZIFT, GIFT, ICSI
- c. Gestational Surrogacy
- d. Reversal of sterilization

#### **4.18 MATERNITY EXPENSES (Code - Excl18)**

- a. Medical treatment expenses traceable to childbirth (including complicated deliveries and caesarean sections incurred during hospitalization) except ectopic pregnancy;
- b. Expenses towards miscarriage (unless due to an accident) and lawful medical termination of pregnancy during the policy period.

#### **4.19 War (whether declared or not) and war like occurrence or invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities, civil war, rebellion, revolutions, insurrections, mutiny, military or usurped power, seizure, capture, arrest, restraints and detainment of all kinds.**

- 4.20** Nuclear, chemical or biological attack or weapons, contributed to, caused by, resulting from or from any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss, claim or expense. For the purpose of this exclusion:
- a.** Nuclear attack or weapons means the use of any nuclear weapon or device or waste or combustion of nuclear fuel or the emission, discharge, dispersal, release or escape of fissile/ fusion material emitting a level of radioactivity capable of causing any illness, incapacitating disablement or death.
  - b.** Chemical attack or weapons means the emission, discharge, dispersal, release or escape of any solid, liquid or gaseous chemical compound which, when suitably distributed, is capable of causing any illness, incapacitating disablement or death.
  - c.** Biological attack or weapons means the emission, discharge, dispersal, release or escape of any pathogenic (disease producing) micro-organisms and/or biologically produced toxins (including genetically modified organisms and chemically synthesized toxins) which are capable of causing any illness, incapacitating disablement or death.
- 4.21** Circumcision unless required to treat Injury or Illness.
- 4.22** The cost of spectacles, contact lenses and hearing aids.
- 4.23** Any Dental treatment or surgery which is a corrective, cosmetic or aesthetic procedure, including wear and tear, unless arising from disease or Injury and which requires Hospitalisation for treatment.
- 4.24** Convalescence general debility.
- 4.25** Payment or compensation in respect of death directly or indirectly arising out of or contributed to or traceable to any disability already existing on the date of commencement of this policy.
- 4.26** Death arising directly or indirectly from or traceable to:
- a.** Intentional self-injury, suicide or attempted suicide
  - b.** Pregnancy or any complication in consequence thereof
  - c.** Whilst engaging in aviation or Ballooning, whilst mounting into dismounting, from or traveling in any Balloon or aircraft other than as a passenger (fare paying or otherwise) in any duly licensed standard type of aircraft anywhere in the world or engaging in hazardous sports of any kind whatsoever.
  - d.** Whilst under the influence of intoxication, liquor or drugs
  - e.** Directly or indirectly caused by venereal diseases or insanity
  - f.** Arising or resulting from the insured committing any breach of law with criminal intent.
  - g.** War and war like perils, nuclear perils, radioactivity etc.
- 4.27** Treatment such as Rotational Field Quantum Magnetic Resonance (RFQMR), External Counter Pulsation (ECP), Enhanced External Counter Pulsation (EECP), Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy.

**i.0 CONDITIONS:**

**i.1** Every notice of communication to be given or made under this policy shall be delivered in writing at the address of the TPA office as shown in the Schedule.

**i.2 PREMIUM PAYMENT:** The premium payable under this policy shall be paid in advance. No receipt for premium shall be valid except on the official form of the Company signed by the duly authorized official of the Company. The due payment of premium and the observance and fulfillment of the terms provisions conditions and endorsement of this policy by the Insured person in so far as they relate to anything to be done or complied with by the Insured Person shall be condition precedent to any liability of the Company to make any payment under this policy. No waiver of any terms provisions conditions and endorsement on this policy shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by an authorized official of the Company.

**i.3 NOTICE OF CLAIM:** Preliminary notice of claim with particulars relating to Policy Number, name of insured person in respect of whom claim is to be made, nature of Illness/Injury and Name and Address of the attending Medical Practitioner/Hospital should be given to the Company/TPA within 24 hours of Hospitalisation in respect of claims.

Final claim along with claim form and documents listed below should be submitted to the Policy issuing Office/TPA not later than 7 days from the date of discharge from the Hospital. The insured may also be required to give the Company/TPA such additional information and assistance as the Company/TPA may require in dealing with the claim.

- a. Bill, Receipt and Discharge certificate / card from the Hospital.
- b. Cash Memos from the Hospitals(s) / Chemists(s), supported by proper prescriptions.
- c. Receipt and Pathological test reports from Pathologist supported by the note from the attending Medical Practitioner / Surgeon recommending such Pathological tests / pathological.
- d. Surgeon's certificate stating nature of operation performed and Surgeons' bill and receipt.
- e. Attending Doctor's/ Consultant's/ Specialist's / Anesthetist's bill and receipt, and certificate regarding diagnosis.
- f. Certificate from attending Medical Practitioner / Surgeon that the patient is fully cured.

**Waiver:** Waiver of period of intimation may be considered in extreme cases of hardships where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Company/TPA that under the circumstances in which the insured was placed it was not possible for him or any other person to give such notice or file claim within the prescribed time limit. This waiver cannot be claimed as a matter of right.

**i.4 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:** Any Medical Practitioner authorized by the TPA/Company shall be allowed to examine the Insured person/records of the hospital in case of any alleged Injury or disease requiring Hospitalisation when and as often as the same may reasonably be required on behalf of the TPA/Company.

**i.5** In case of death of earning member of the family due to accident a post-mortem report must be submitted along with other documents of proof of death.

- i.6** The Company shall not be liable to make any payment under this policy in respect of any claim
- a.** If the Policy has been obtained by misrepresentation of material facts;
  - b.** If such claim be in any manner be fraudulent or supported by any fraudulent means or device whether by the Insured Person or by any other person acting on his behalf.

**i.7 MULTIPLE POLICIES:**

- i.** In case of multiple policies taken by an insured person during a period from one or more insurers to indemnify treatment costs, the insured person shall have the right to require a settlement of his/her claim in terms of any of his/her policies. In all such cases the Insurer chosen by the insured person shall be obliged to settle the claim as long as the claim is within the limits of and according to the terms of the chosen policy.
- ii.** Insured person having multiple policies shall also have the right to prefer claims under this policy for the amounts disallowed under any other policy / policies even if the sum insured is not exhausted. Then the insurer shall independently settle the claim subject to the terms and conditions of this policy.
- iii.** If the amount to be claimed exceeds the sum insured under a single policy, the insured person shall have the right to choose insurer from whom he/she wants to claim the balance amount
- iv.** Where an insured person has policies from more than one insurer to cover the same risk on indemnity basis, the insured person shall only be indemnified the treatment costs in accordance with the terms and conditions of the chosen policy

**Note:** The Insured Person must disclose such other Insurance at the time of making a claim under this Policy.

**i.8 CANCELLATION CLAUSE:**

Yes. You may cancel this policy by giving 7 days written notice and in such an event, the Company shall refund premium for the unexpired policy period at pro rata basis;

**The insurer shall refund-**

- a.** refund proportionate premium for unexpired policy period, if the term of policy up to one year and there is no claim (s) made during the policy period.
- b.** refund premium for the unexpired policy period, in respect of policies with term more than 1 year and risk coverage for such policy years has not commenced

Notwithstanding anything contained herein or otherwise, no refunds of premium shall be made in respect of Cancellation where, any claim has been admitted or has been lodged or any benefit has been availed by the insured person under the policy.

The Company may cancel the policy at any time on grounds of misrepresentation non-disclosure of material facts, fraud by the insured person by giving 15 days' written notice.

There would be no refund of premium on cancellation on grounds of misrepresentation, non-disclosure of material facts or fraud

- i.9** If any dispute or difference shall arise as to the quantum to be paid under the Policy, (liability being otherwise admitted) such difference shall independently of all other questions, be referred to the decision of a sole arbitrator to be appointed in writing by the parties here to or if they cannot agree upon a single arbitrator within 30 days of any party invoking arbitration, the same shall be referred to a panel of three arbitrators, comprising of two arbitrators, one to be appointed by each of the parties to the dispute/difference and the third arbitrator to be appointed by such two arbitrators and arbitration shall be conducted under and in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

It is clearly agreed and understood that no difference or dispute shall be referable to arbitration as herein before provided, if the Company has disputed or not accepted liability under or in respect of this Policy.

It is hereby expressly stipulated and declared that it shall be a condition precedent to any right of action or suit upon this Policy that award by such arbitrator/arbitrators of the amount of the loss or damage shall be first obtained.

- i.10 DISCLAIMER OF CLAIM:** If the TPA/Company shall disclaim liability to the Insured for any claim hereunder and if the Insured shall not within 12 calendar months from the date of receipt of the notice of such disclaimer notify the Company in writing that he does not accept such disclaimer and intends to recover his claim from the Company, then the claim shall for all purposes be deemed to have been abandoned and shall not thereafter be recoverable hereunder.
- i.11** All medical treatments and /or Surgeries under this policy shall have to be taken in India and admissible claims thereof shall be payable in Indian currency.
- i.12 CLAIMS MINIMIZATION CLAUSE:** The Insured will at all times cooperate with a TPA / Company to contain claims ratio by ensuring that the treatment charges and other expenses are reasonable and necessary and will be subject to further sub-limits as may be required.
- i.13 FRAUD, MISREPRESENTATION, CONCEALMENT:** The policy shall be null and void and no benefits shall be payable in the event of misrepresentation, misdescription or nondisclosure of any material fact/particulars if such claim be in any manner fraudulent or supported by any fraudulent means or device whether by the Insured Person or by any other person acting on his/her behalf.
- i.14 AGE LIMIT:**  
This Policy covers Persons / Families between the age of 3 months and 65 years. Insured may renew his Policy beyond the age of 65 years provided there is no break in Insurance.
- i.15 FAMILY:**  
A family comprising the Insured and any one or more of the following can take this Policy:
- i. Spouse
  - ii. Dependent Children (maximum three)

iii. Dependent Parents

**i.16 PAYMENT OF PREMIUM**

- (a) Individual Person Rs.383/- per annum.
- (b) Family (not exceeding five members) consisting of Insured, Spouse and first 3 dependent children Rs.575/- per annum.
- (c) Family not exceeding 7 members consisting of Insured, Spouse, first 3 dependent children and dependent parents Rs.767/- per annum.

**Note:** 1) GST will be additionally applicable.

2) No Refund of premium will be allowed for deletion of Insured Person in the event of Insured Person having made/recovered a claim under the Policy.

**i.17 REPUDIATION OF CLAIM:** A claim, which is not covered under the Policy conditions, can be rejected. All the documents submitted to TPA shall be electronically collected by Us for settlement and denial of the claims by the appropriate authority.

With Our prior approval Communication of repudiation shall be sent to You, explicitly mentioning the grounds for repudiation, through Our TPA.

**i.18 FREE LOOK PERIOD:**

The Free Look Period shall be applicable on new individual health insurance policies, except for those policies of less than a year, renewals or at the time of porting/migrating the policy.

The insured person shall be allowed free look period of thirty days from date of receipt of the policy document to review the terms and conditions of the policy, and to return the same if not acceptable.

A period of 30 days (from the date of receipt of the policy document) is available to the policyholder to review the terms and conditions of the policy. If he/she is not satisfied with any of the terms and conditions, he/she has the option to cancel his/her policy. This option is available in case of policies with a term of one year or more.

If the insured has not made any claim during the Free Look Period, the insured shall be entitled to

- i. a refund of the premium paid less any expenses incurred by the Company on medical examination of the insured person and the stamp duty charges or
- ii. where the risk has already commenced and the option of return of the policy is exercised by the insured person, a deduction towards the proportionate risk premium for period of cover or
- iii. Where only a part of the insurance coverage has commenced, such proportionate premium commensurate with the insurance coverage during such period;

**i.19 PROTECTION OF POLICY HOLDERS' INTEREST:** This policy is subject to IRDAI (Protection of Policyholders' Interests, Operations and Allied Matters of Insurers) Regulations, 2024.

**i.20 PAYMENT OF CLAIM**

The insurer shall settle the claim, including rejection, within thirty days of the receipt of the last necessary document.

On receipt of the duly completed documents either from the insured or Hospital the claim shall be processed as per the conditions of the policy. Upon acceptance of claim by the insured for settlement, the insurer or their representative (TPA) shall transfer the funds within seven working days. In case of any extra ordinary delay, such claims shall be paid by the insurer or their representative (TPA) with a penal interest at a rate which is 2% above the bank rate at the beginning of the financial year in which the claim is reviewed

All admissible claims shall be payable in Indian Currency only.

**i.21 ARBITRATION:**

If we admit liability for any claim but any difference or dispute arises as to the amount payable for any claim the same shall be decided by reference to Arbitration. The Arbitrator shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

No reference to Arbitration shall be made unless We have Admitted our liability for a claim in writing. If a claim is declined and within 12 calendar months from such disclaimer any suit or proceeding is not filed then the claim shall for all purposes be deemed to have been abandoned and shall not thereafter be recoverable hereunder.

**i.22 PORTABILITY AND MIGRATION:**

**MIGRATION:**

You will have the option to migrate the policy to other Health Insurance products/plans offered by the company by applying for migration of the policy at-least 30 days before the policy renewal date as per IRDAI guidelines on Migration. If You are presently covered and has been continuously covered without any lapses under any Health Insurance product/plan offered by the Company, then You will get the accrued continuity benefits in waiting periods as per IRDAI guidelines on Migration. For detailed guidelines on Migration. Kindly refer the link

[https://www.irdai.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/frmGeneral\\_NoYearList.aspx?DF=RL&mid=4.2](https://www.irdai.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/frmGeneral_NoYearList.aspx?DF=RL&mid=4.2)

**PORTABILITY:**

You will have the option to port the policy to other Insurers by applying to such Insurer to port the entire policy along with all the members of the family, if any, at-least 45 days before, but not earlier than 60 days from the policy renewal date as per IRDAI guidelines related to portability. If such person is presently covered and has been continuously covered without any lapses under any Health Insurance policy with an Indian General/Health Insurer, the proposed Insured person will get the accrued continuity benefits in waiting periods as per IRDAI guidelines on portability. For detailed guidelines

on Portability. Kindly refer the link [https://www.irdai.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/frmGeneral\\_NoYearList.aspx?DF=RL&mid=4.2](https://www.irdai.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/frmGeneral_NoYearList.aspx?DF=RL&mid=4.2)

**i.23 MORATORIUM PERIOD:** After completion of five continuous years under this policy no look back would be applied. This period of five years is called as moratorium period. The moratorium would be applicable for the Sums Insured of the first policy and subsequently completion of five continuous years would be applicable from date of enhancement of Sums Insured only on the enhanced limits. After the expiry of Moratorium Period no claim under this policy shall be contestable except for proven fraud and permanent exclusions specified in the policy contract. The policies would however be subject to all limits, sub limits, co-payments as per the policy.

**i.24 PERIOD OF POLICY:** This insurance policy is issued for a period of one year.

**i.25 CAN ANY CLAIM BE REJECTED OR REFUSED?**

Yes, a claim, which is not covered under the Policy conditions, can be rejected. In case You are not satisfied by the reasons for rejection, you can represent to Us within 15 days of such denial. If You do not receive a response to Your representation or if You are not satisfied with the response, you may write to our Grievance Cell, the details of which are provided at our website at <http://newindia.co.in/public.asp>. You may also call our Call Centre at the Toll-free number **1800-209-1415**, which is available 24x7.

You also have the right to represent your case to the Insurance Ombudsman. The contact details of the office of the Insurance Ombudsman could be obtained from [http://www.irda.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/NormalData\\_Layout.aspx?page=PageNo234&mid=7.2](http://www.irda.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/NormalData_Layout.aspx?page=PageNo234&mid=7.2)

**i.26 HOW TO GET REIMBURSEMENTS IN CASE OF TREATMENT IN NON-NETWORK HOSPITALS OR DENIAL OF CASHLESS FACILITY?**

In case of treatment in a non-Network Hospital, TPA will reimburse You the amount of bills subject to the conditions of the Policy. You must ensure that the Hospital where treatment is taken fulfills the conditions of definition of Hospital in the Policy. Within twenty-four hours of Hospitalisation the TPA should be intimated. The following documents in original should be submitted to the TPA within seven days from the date of Discharge from the Hospital:

- Claim Form duly filled and signed by the claimant
- Discharge Certificate from the hospital
- All documents pertaining to the illness starting from the date it was first detected i.e. Doctor's consultation reports/history
- Bills, Receipts, Cash Memos from hospital supported by proper prescription
- Receipt and diagnostic test report supported by a note from the attending medical practitioner/surgeon justifying such diagnostics.
- Surgeon's certificate stating the nature of the operation performed and surgeon's bill and receipt
- Attending doctor's / consultant's / specialist's / anesthetist's bill and receipt, and certificate regarding diagnosis
- Details of previous policies if the details are not already with TPA or any other information needed by the TPA for considering the claim.

**i.27 CAN I CHANGE HOSPITALS DURING THE COURSE OF MY TREATMENT?**

Yes, it is possible to shift to another hospital for reasons of requirement of better medical procedure. However, this will be evaluated by the TPA on the merits of the case and as per policy terms and conditions.

**i.28 WHAT IS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR (TPA)?**

Third Party Administrator (TPA) is a service provider to facilitate service to You for providing Cashless facility for all hospitalizations that come under the scope of Your policy. The TPA also settles reimbursement claims within the scope of the Policy.

**i.29 WHAT IS CASHLESS HOSPITALIZATION?**

Cashless hospitalization is service provided by the TPA on Our behalf whereby you are not required to settle the hospitalization expenses at the time of discharge from hospital. The settlement is done directly by the TPA on Our behalf. However, those expenses which are not admissible under the Policy would not be paid, and You would have to pay such inadmissible expenses to the Hospital. Cashless facility is available only in Networked Hospitals. Prior approval is required from the TPA before the patient is admitted into the Network Hospital. You may visit our website at <http://newindia.co.in/listofhospitals.aspx> The list of Network Hospitals can also be obtained from the TPA or from their website. You will have full freedom to choose the hospitals from the Network Hospitals and avail Cashless facility on production of proof of Insurance and Your identity, subject to the claim being admissible. The TPA might not agree to provide Cashless facility at a hospital which is not a Network Hospital. In such cases You may avail treatment at any Hospital of Your choice and seek reimbursement of the claim subject to the terms and conditions of the Policy. In cases where the admissibility of the claim could not be determined with the available documents, even if the treatment is at a Network Hospital, the TPA may refuse to provide Cashless facility. Such refusal may not necessarily mean denial of the claim. You may seek reimbursement of the expenses incurred by producing all relevant documents and the TPA may pay the claim, if it is admissible under the terms and conditions of the Policy.

**i.30 IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT UPTO WHICH THE POLICY WOULD BE RENEWED?**

No. Your Policy can be renewed, as long as You pay the Renewal Premium before the date of expiry of the Policy. There is an age limit for taking a fresh Policy, but there is no age limit for renewal. However, if You do not renew Your Policy before the date of expiry or within thirty days of the date of expiry, the Policy may not be renewed, and only a fresh Policy could be issued, subject to Our underwriting rules. In such cases, it is possible that a fresh Policy could not be issued by Us. It is therefore in Your interest to ensure that Your Policy is renewed before **expiry**.

**i.31 CAN THE INSURANCE COMPANY REFUSE TO RENEW THE POLICY?**

We may refuse to renew the Policy only on rare occasions such as fraud, misrepresentation or suppression or non-cooperation being committed by You or any one acting on Your behalf in obtaining insurance or subsequently in relation thereto. If We discontinue selling this Policy, it might not be possible to renew this Policy on the same terms and conditions. In such a case You shall however have the option for renewal under any similar Policy being issued by the Company, provided the benefits payable shall be subject to the terms contained in such other Policy.

In case of revision or modification or withdrawal of the Policy a notice will be provided

to You 90 days before such revision or modification or withdrawal.

Renewal can also be refused if the Policy is not renewed before expiry of the Policy or within the Grace Period

**i.32 IS THERE ANY GRACE PERIOD FOR RENEWAL OF THE POLICY?**

Yes. If Your Policy is renewed within thirty days of the expiry of the previous Policy, then the Continuity Benefits would not be affected. But even if You renew Your Policy within thirty days of expiry of previous Policy, any disease contracted or injuries sustained or Hospitalisation commencing during the break in insurance is not covered. Therefore, it is in Your own interest to see that You renew the Policy before it expires.