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Rakuten USA, Inc. Welfare Benefits Plan

# Master Summary Plan Description

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This document, together with the additional documents provided along with it, constitute the written plan document required by ERISA § 402 and the Summary Plan Description required by ERISA § 102.

**If you (and/or your dependents) have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please see the notice reproduced in Appendix B for more details.**

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## 1. Definitions

Capitalized terms used in this document have the following meanings:

**"AD&D"** means accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

**"Affordable Care Act"** means the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended.

**"COBRA"** means the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended.

**"Code"** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**"Company"** means Rakuten USA, Inc. or any successor thereto, and any affiliated entity within the same controlled group, as that term is defined under section 414(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, that participates in the plan.

**"DCAP"** means a dependent care assistance program that may be established by the Company under a separate document. The DCAP is a benefit program under the Plan. It may allow you to use pre-tax dollars to pay for the care of your eligible dependents while you are at work. It is not subject to ERISA.

**"Employee"** means any common-law employee of the Company who satisfies the eligibility provisions of in this document and is not excluded from participation by the terms of an applicable benefit program, except individuals classified or treated by the Company as independent contractors (regardless of any subsequent reclassification), or as an employee of an employment agency.

**"ERISA"** means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

**"Health FSA"** means a health flexible spending account plan that may be established by the Company under a separate document. The health FSA is a benefit program under the Plan. It allows you to use before-tax dollars to pay for most medical and dental expenses not reimbursed under other programs.

**"HIPAA"** means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended.

**"NMHPA"** means the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996, as amended.

**"Plan"** means the Rakuten USA, Inc. Welfare Benefits Plan and includes this document, written amendments and updates to this document, and the terms of all policies and component benefit programs listed in Section 15.

**"Plan Administrator"** means the Company.

**"SPD"** means the Summary Plan Description required by ERISA § 102 summarizing this Plan and includes this document, information booklets supplied by insurance carriers, and other benefits descriptions provided to participants with this document or at any other period as appropriate to provide updates to the document, such as during open enrollment.

**"WHCRA"** means the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, as amended.

## 2. Introduction

The Company maintains the Plan for the exclusive benefit of eligible Employees and eligible family members or “dependents.” It is important that you share this document and the materials referenced here in with your covered dependents. The Plan provides health and welfare benefits through the benefit programs listed in Section 15. See Section 15 for a listing of benefit programs and the entities that help administer the programs.

Each of these benefit programs is summarized in a certificate of insurance booklet issued by an insurance company, a summary plan description or another document (a “Benefit Description”). A Benefit Description will be available from the insurer (if the benefit is fully-insured) or Plan Administrator (if the benefit is self-funded). Whether a benefit program is fully-insured or self-funded is noted in Section 15.

This document and its attachments constitute the plan document required by ERISA § 402. This document and its attachments, coupled with the information booklets and other descriptive materials provided for benefits as described in Section 15 constitutes the wrap Summary Plan Description as required by ERISA § 102.

## 3. General Information about the Plan

<b>Plan Name:</b>	Rakuten USA, Inc. Welfare Benefits Plan.
<b>Type of Plan:</b>	Welfare plan providing coverages listed in Section 15. The Plan also includes funding through a cafeteria plan under Code § 125.
<b>Plan Year:</b>	January 1 to December 31.
<b>Plan Number:</b>	501
<b>Effective Date:</b>	January 1, 2019. The Plan has been amended several times since its original effective date, most recently as of May 12, 2023.
<b>Funding Medium and Type of Plan Administration:</b>	<p>Some benefits under the Plan are self-funded, and some are fully-insured. See Section 15 for a description of the benefit programs and whether they are self-funded or fully-insured.</p> <p>For benefit programs which are fully-insured, benefits are insured under a group contract entered into between the Company and insurance companies or HMO.</p> <p>The insurance companies and/or HMO, not the Company, are responsible for paying claims with respect to these programs. The Company shares responsibility with the insurance companies and/or HMO for administering these program benefits, as described below.</p> <p>For benefit programs which are self-funded, the Company is responsible for processing and paying appropriate claims. The</p>

Company may hire a third party administrator (a "TPA") to process claims.

Premiums for Employees and their eligible family members may be paid in part by the Company out of its general assets and in part by Employees' pre-tax and/or post-tax payroll deductions. The Plan Administrator provides a schedule of the applicable premiums during the initial and subsequent open enrollment periods and on request for each of the benefit programs, as applicable.

The Company provides Employees the opportunity to pay for benefits on a pre-tax basis through a cafeteria plan. Appendix C provides information with regard to such a plan.

**Plan Sponsor:**

The employer is the Plan Sponsor.

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800 Concar Drive, Suite 300  
San Mateo, CA 94402  
(888) 808-0765

**Plan Sponsor's Employer  
Identification Number:**

94-3377047

**Insurance Companies/HMO:**

See a complete list under the heading Plan Provider Information later in this document.

**Plan Administrator:**

Attention: Benefits Administrator  
Rakuten USA, Inc.  
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San Mateo, CA 94402  
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**Named Fiduciary:**

Attention: Benefits Administrator  
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**Agent for Service of Legal  
Process:**

Attention: Legal Department with Cc to Plan Administrator  
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Service for legal process may also be made on the Plan Administrator.

Language assistance is available. If you have difficulty understanding any part of this Summary Plan Description contact the Plan Administrator [hr-HRServices@mail.rakuten.com](mailto:hr-HRServices@mail.rakuten.com)

Benefits hereunder may be provided pursuant to an insurance contract or pursuant to a governing document adopted by the Company. If so, these contracts are made a part of this Plan document, and the contracts and Plan document should be construed as consistent, if possible. If the terms of this Plan document conflict with the terms of such insurance contract or other governing document, then the terms of the insurance contract or governing document will control, with the exception of defining eligible employees and dependents, which is determined by the Company, unless otherwise required by law.

## 4. Eligibility and Participation Requirements

### Eligibility and Participation

An eligible Employee with respect to the Plan will be an Employee who is eligible to participate in and receive benefits under one or more of the benefit programs. To determine whether you or your family members are eligible to participate in a benefit program, please see Section 15. Reclassification from non-employee to employee status by a court or any agency or by the Company will not create any retroactive right to coverage.

Certain benefit programs require that you make an annual election to enroll for coverage. **Generally, you cannot enroll, drop coverage, or change your or your dependents coverage under the plan except during annual Open Enrollment.** However you may be able to add or drop coverage for yourself or a dependent during the plan year if you experience an event that triggers a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right (see discussion below) or if you have a Status Change Event (see Appendix C for an explanation of Status Change Events). Please review the rules for changing your benefits elections described in Appendix C very carefully as the rules regarding making benefits changes mid-year must be strictly enforced.

Information about enrollment procedures is provided by the Company. Information about when your participation begins in various benefit programs is found under Section 15. You must follow any required enrollment procedures. **Always make sure the Company has your current home address and other contact information for you and your covered dependent to correctly administer your benefits and to send you important benefits information.**

### Eligible Dependent Status

Section 15 describes whether your spouse and or child can participate in a particular benefit program. Section 15 also describes any limits on such participation. For example, children covered under the Medical benefit program generally can be covered until the end of the month during which they reach age 26. However, coverage may end earlier for other benefits (or may not be available at all). For specifics on eligibility for each benefit offered refer to Section 15. Note that the definition of dependent may be different for the different benefits offered under the Plan.

You cannot be covered both as an employee and as a dependent under the plan.

## Full Time Status and the ACA

Under the ACA, employers are required to report specific benefits information to IRS on “full-time” employees as defined by the ACA. A “full-time” employee is generally an employee who works on average 130 hours per month. Employers may also face penalties if they do not offer major medical coverage to substantially all full-time employees or if the coverage they offer is unaffordable or does not meet a minimum value standard. The Company determines full-time status using the Look-back method. ACA full-time status is not a guarantee of major medical benefits eligibility. Benefits eligibility is described in Section 15.

## Special Enrollment Provisions under HIPAA

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), a special enrollment period for the Medical benefit program (or similar benefit programs providing medical benefits) may be available, usually if you lose medical coverage under certain conditions or when you acquire a new dependent by marriage, birth, or adoption.

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself or your dependents in this Plan, provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after your other coverage ends. In addition, if you acquire a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents, provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

In addition, if you declined enrollment in the Plan for yourself or your dependents (including a spouse) because of coverage under Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program, there may be a right to enroll in this Plan if there is a loss of eligibility for the government-provided coverage. However, a request for enrollment must be made within 60 days after the government-provided coverage ends.

Finally, if you declined enrollment in the Plan for yourself or your dependents (including a spouse), and you or a dependent later becomes eligible for state “premium assistance” through Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program which provides help with paying for Plan coverage, then there may be a right to enroll in this Plan. However, a request for enrollment must be made within 60 days after the determination of eligibility for the state assistance. ***Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program premium assistance are not available with respect to coverage under a health FSA or a high-deductible health plan. Thus, this special enrollment event will not apply to such plans.***

## Coverage during Certain Leaves of Absence

Certain Federal (and State) statutes like the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) require that eligibility for medical benefits continue for employees on those protected leaves of absence under the same terms as active employees. When wages continue during such a leave, your contributions will be deducted from those wages on a pre-tax basis. When such a leave is unpaid, you are still required to pay your portion of the premium. Your portion of the premium may be paid as regular monthly intervals during the leave on a post-tax basis.

You may also generally discontinue coverage at the beginning of such an unpaid leave and when you return your benefits will either be reinstated or you may re-enroll for the remainder of the coverage period or plan year.

Human Resources must determine whether or not you are eligible for a statutory or other leave of absence.

## **Terms of Participation**

Your participation and the participation of your spouse and dependents in a benefit program will terminate according to the terms of the specific benefit program. Generally, coverage for most benefit programs terminates on the last day of the month in which you terminate employment, but certain benefit programs may provide coverage only through the date your employment terminates. Please see Section 15 for further information on the date participation in a specific benefit program will terminate.

Coverage may also terminate if you fail to pay your share of an applicable premium, if your hours drop below the required hourly threshold for the particular benefit, if you engage in fraud or make an intentional misrepresentation of a material fact, or for any other reason as set forth in the attached documents. You should consult Section 15 for a general summary and the attached documents for specific termination events and information.

Coverage may be terminated retroactively in the normal course of business due to a participant's termination of employment, nonpayment of premiums, loss of dependent eligibility or other, similar factors. When you or a dependent lose eligibility for benefits, regardless of whether or not you timely report that loss of eligibility, a change to any existing salary reduction election will be made automatically. To the extent that the coverage at issue does not allow for retroactive termination of that coverage and election to the date of the loss of eligibility, such changes will be prospective. If coverage can be terminated retroactively to the date of the loss of eligibility, or sometime thereafter, excess salary reduction contributions will be refunded on a post-tax basis to the date the termination of coverage can be made effective.

Any person claiming benefits under the Plan shall furnish the Company, any insurance company or other entity working on behalf of the Plan or a benefit program with such information and documentation as may be necessary to verify eligibility for and/or entitlement to benefits under the Plan or a benefit program. This may include but is not limited to providing social security numbers, birth certificates, marriage certificates, or proof of dependent eligibility. Failure to cooperate and provide such information will lead to a loss of eligibility for benefits.

Knowingly enrolling an ineligible dependent in plan benefits constitutes fraud and is considered a material misrepresentation that will result in termination of coverage as well as other disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment. Eligibility for benefits is described in Section 15. If you have questions about whether a dependent is eligible you must contact Human Resources before enrolling that dependent.

## **COBRA Rights**

You may be eligible for COBRA continuation coverage or conversion policies when your coverage for a medical benefit program under this Plan terminates. Information about continuation coverage or conversion is contained in Appendix A. If you have questions about this law or these rights, please contact the Plan Administrator (for benefit programs that are self-



funded) or the insurance carrier (if the benefit is fully-insured). You can determine whether a benefit program is self-funded or fully-insured by consulting Section 15.

For the Health FSA benefit program, COBRA continuation coverage is available if your account is underspent (if the COBRA premium for the account (the monthly salary reduction election + 2%) for the remainder of the coverage period is less than the account's balance) but generally cannot extend beyond the end of the Plan Year (including any 2½ month grace period). COBRA continuation coverage will not be offered with respect to the Health FSA benefit program if your Health FSA is overspent, unless otherwise required by applicable law.

## 5. Summary of Plan Benefits

### Benefits and Contribution

The Plan provides you and your eligible spouse and dependents with the benefit programs listed in Section 15. A summary of each benefit program provided under the Plan may be provided in the attached documents (such as a certificate of insurance booklet, summary plan description for a specific benefit program or other governing document). Note that some of the attached documents may be labeled as a "summary plan description." If so, that document will only be a summary of the specific benefit program to which it relates. Notwithstanding any of the terms of such a document, that document is not the formal, single "Summary Plan Description" for this Plan. Rather, this document constitutes the formal, single "Summary Plan Description."

The cost of the benefits provided through the benefit programs may be funded in part by Company contributions and in part by pre-tax and/or post-tax employee contributions. The Company will determine and periodically communicate your share of the cost, if any, of the benefit programs. The Company reserves the right to change that determination.

The Company will make its contributions, if any, in an amount that (in the Company's sole discretion) is at least sufficient to fund the benefits or a portion of the benefits that are not otherwise funded by your contributions. The Company will pay its contribution and your contributions to any insurance carrier or, with respect to benefits that are self-insured, will use these contributions to pay benefits directly to, or on behalf of, you or your eligible family members from the Company's general assets. Your contributions toward the cost of a particular benefit program will be used in their entirety prior to using Company contributions to pay for the cost of such benefit program.

Medical benefits under this Plan may be subject to cost-sharing provisions, premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, copayment amounts, annual or lifetime limits, pre-authorization requirements or utilization review. There may also be limitations on the selection of primary care or network providers, limits on emergency medical care, or limited coverage for preventive services, drugs, medical tests, medical devices or medical procedures. These limitations are set forth in the attached documents.

Certain prescription drug benefits are considered "Creditable Coverage" under Medicare Part D. The attached documents provide details regarding this coverage and an annual notice (attached and incorporated by reference in Appendix B) explains how this creditable coverage works for these prescription drug benefit programs.

The Plan will provide benefits in accordance with the requirements of all applicable Federal laws regulating group health plans, such as COBRA, HIPAA, NMHPA, WHCRA and the Affordable Care Act. A brief summary of some of these laws is below.

**Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act (NMHPA) of 1996**

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

**Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) of 1998**

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998. For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Protheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this Plan.

**Qualified Medical Child Support Orders**

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally must provide benefits as required by any qualified medical child support order, or "QMCSO." The Plan has detailed procedures for determining whether an order qualifies as a QMCSO. Participants and beneficiaries can obtain, without charge, a copy of such procedures from the Plan Administrator.

**Lifetime and Annual Limits**

Lifetime or annual limit on the dollar value of "essential health benefits" are no longer permitted under the major medical plans offered by the Plan. For more information on "essential health benefits" refer to the terms of policies and benefit program materials listed in Section 15. These documents are provided to you during enrollment and are available from Human Resources, the insurer (if the benefit is fully-insured), or Plan Administrator (if the benefit is self-funded).

## 6. Grandfathered Status under the Affordable Care Act

### Non-Grandfathered Benefit Programs under the Affordable Care Act

The following benefit programs that provide health benefits are not “grandfathered health plans” under the Affordable Care Act:

- Aetna EPO
- Aetna HDHP
- Aetna PPO
- Kaiser HMO

These benefit programs must, under the Affordable Care Act, provide additional protections. The protections provided by the Affordable Care Act include the following:

#### **Preventive Services covered at 100%**

In-network preventive care services will be covered at 100% with no cost sharing (e.g., copayment, coinsurance percentage, deductible, etc.). Preventive services include those services outlined in the US Preventive Services Taskforce recommendations (services rated “A” or “B”). Please see the attached documents for the preventive services included at no cost share.

#### **Non-Network Emergency Services covered as In-Network**

Emergency services must be covered without the need for prior authorization, regardless of the participating status of the provider or facility, and at the in-network cost sharing level.

#### **Access to Primary Care Physicians**

The Affordable Care Act generally allows participants the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the network and who is available to accept the participant and his or her family members. If the benefit program requires that a primary care provider be designated, but one is not designated, the benefit program or a health insurance issuer will designate one until the participant or family member makes such a designation.

- For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.
- You do not need prior authorization from the Plan or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals.

## **7. How the Plan Is Administered**

### **Plan Administration**

The administration of the Plan is under the supervision of the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator is a named fiduciary within the meaning of ERISA § 402 and has full discretionary authority to administer the Plan, to interpret the Plan, and to determine eligibility for participation and for benefits under the terms of the Plan. However, insurers and parties that have entered into administrative service agreements (Third Party Service Providers or TPAs) assume sole responsibility for their performance under applicable policies or administrative services agreements and, under ERISA, may be fiduciaries with respect to their performance.

The principal duty of the Plan Administrator is to see that the Plan is carried out, in accordance with its terms, for the exclusive benefit of persons entitled to participate in the Plan. The administrative duties of the Plan Administrator include, but are not limited to, interpreting the Plan, prescribing applicable procedures, determining eligibility for and the amount of benefits, and authorizing benefit payments and gathering information necessary for administering the Plan. (However, as noted below, one or more insurance companies may have these responsibilities with respect to fully-insured benefits.)

The Plan Administrator may delegate any of these administrative duties among one or more persons or entities, provided that such delegation is in writing, expressly identifies the delegate(s) and expressly describes the nature and scope of the delegated responsibility. The Plan Administrator has the discretionary authority to interpret the Plan in order to make eligibility and benefit determinations as it may determine in its sole discretion. The Plan Administrator also has the discretionary authority to make factual determinations as to whether any individual is entitled to receive any benefits under the Plan.

### **Power and Authority of Insurance Company**

As detailed in Section 15, certain benefits under the Plan may be fully insured. The insurance companies are responsible for: (1) determining eligibility for and the amount of any benefits payable under their respective benefit programs, and (2) prescribing claims procedures to be followed and the claims forms to be used by employees pursuant to their respective benefit programs.

### **Questions**

If you have any general questions regarding the Plan, or your eligibility for or the amount of any benefit payable under any benefit program, please contact the Plan Administrator or the appropriate insurance company as applicable.

## **8. Circumstances Which May Affect Benefits**

### **Denial or Loss of Benefits**

Your benefits (and the benefits of your eligible spouse and dependents) will cease when your participation in the Plan terminates. See Section 15. Your benefits will also cease on termination of the Plan.

## **Right to Recover Benefit Overpayments and Other Erroneous Payments**

The Plan and its benefit programs (including any insurance company on behalf of a benefit program) have all necessary or helpful rights to subrogation or reimbursement of benefits. If, for any reason, any benefit under the Plan is erroneously paid or exceeds the amount appropriately payable under the Plan, the recipient of such benefit (the "Recipient") shall be responsible for refunding the overpayment to the Plan or insurance company to the fullest extent permitted by law. In addition, if the Plan or insurance company makes any payment that, according to the terms of the Plan, policy or contract should not have been made, the insurance company, the Plan Administrator, or the Plan Sponsor (or designee) may, to the fullest extent permitted by law, recover that incorrect payment, whether or not it was made due to the insurance company's or Plan Administrator's (or its designee's) own error, from the person to whom it was made or from any other appropriate party.

As may be permitted in the sole discretion of the Plan Administrator or insurance company, the refund or repayment may be made in one or a combination of the following methods: (a) as a single lump-sum payment, (b) as a reduction of the amount of future benefits otherwise payable under the Plan, (c) as automatic deductions from pay, or (d) any other method as may be required or permitted in the sole discretion of the Plan Administrator or the insurance company. The Plan may also seek recovery of the erroneous payment or benefit overpayment from any other appropriate party.

Any benefit payments or reimbursements made by check must be cashed or deposited within one year after the check is issued. If any check or other payment for a benefit is not cashed or deposited within one year of the date of issue, the Plan will have no liability for the benefit payment and the amount of the check will be deemed a forfeiture. No funds will escheat to any state.

## **9. Amendment or Termination of the Plan**

### **Amendment or Termination**

The Plan and any benefit program under the Plan may be amended or terminated at any time, in the sole discretion of the Company as Plan sponsor, by a written instrument signed by an authorized individual. Some benefit programs may also be amended or terminated by an insurance carrier, as more fully described in any attached documents from an insurance carrier. The policies and agreements may also be amended or terminated at any time in accordance with their terms. No individual (including a retired employee) shall have a right to continuing benefits except to the extent required by law.

## **10. No Contract of Employment**

The Plan is not intended to be, and may not be construed as, constituting a contract or other arrangement between you and the Company to the effect that you will be employed for any specific period of time.

## **11. No Assignment**

Except as may otherwise be specifically provided in this Plan, the benefit programs, or applicable law, an individual's rights, interests or benefits under this Plan or the benefit programs shall not be subject in any manner to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, charge, garnishment, execution or levy of any kind, either voluntary or involuntary, prior to being received by the persons entitled thereto under the terms of the benefit programs, and any such attempt shall be void.

Specifically, participants and beneficiaries covered under this plan cannot assign their rights to medical providers to pursue direct payment of claims either as the participant or beneficiaries' agent or under power of attorney. Under the terms of this plan, medical providers cannot take action enforcing a patient's right to recover benefits under ERISA or assert any claims under ERISA on behalf of patients, even where the patient(s) have assigned their rights to their medical providers.

## **12. Claims Procedure**

### **Claims for Fully-Insured Benefits**

For purposes of determining of the amount of, and entitlement to, benefits of the benefit programs provided under insurance contracts or policies, the respective insurer is the named fiduciary under the Plan, with the full power to interpret and apply the terms of the Plan as they relate to benefits.

To obtain benefits from the insurer of a benefit program, you must follow the claims procedures under the applicable insurance contract, which may require you to complete, sign and submit a written claim on the insurer's form.

The insurance company will decide your claim in accordance with its reasonable claims procedures as required by ERISA.

See the appropriate certificate of insurance or booklet for details regarding the insurance company's claims procedures. You must fully follow and exhaust these claims procedures before you can file a lawsuit in state or federal court. You may have a right to seek external review of your claims, if so noted in the applicable insurance contract or policy.

### **Claims for Self-Funded Benefits**

For purposes of determining the amount of, and entitlement to, benefits under the benefit programs which are self-funded, the Plan Administrator is the named fiduciary under the Plan, with the full power to make factual determinations and to interpret and apply the terms of the Plan.

To obtain benefits from a benefit program which is self-funded you must complete, execute, and submit to the Plan Administrator a written claim on the form available from the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator has the right to secure independent medical advice and to require such other evidence, as it deems necessary to decide your claim.

The Plan Administrator will decide your claim in accordance with reasonable claims procedures, as required by ERISA. You may have a right to seek external review of your claims, if so noted in the applicable attached document for the self-funded benefit program.

See the appropriate benefits description for information about how to file a claim and for details regarding the claims procedures applicable to your claim. You must fully follow and exhaust these claims procedures before you can file a lawsuit in court.

### **The Role of Authorized Representatives**

Under ERISA and the ACA participants and beneficiaries have the right to designate an Authorized Representative for certain purposes. These purposes are generally limited to requesting documents or other information on behalf of a participant or beneficiary or acting on their behalf during claims and appeals procedures that can follow an adverse benefits determination. In any situation that does not constitute an urgent care claim, to designate any third party as an Authorized Representative a participant or beneficiary must use the signed statement included as an appendix of this document with the required witness signature. A medical provider will not become a participant or beneficiary's Authorized Representative as a result of an attempt to secure an assignment of benefits. The Plan does not guarantee that any purported assignment will be valid under the terms of the Plan.

## **13. Statement of ERISA Rights**

This Statement of ERISA Rights applies to those benefit programs which are subject to ERISA. Not all benefit programs which are part of this Plan will be subject to ERISA. The following benefit programs are not subject to ERISA: Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account and Health Flexible Spending Account.

### **Your Rights**

As a participant in an ERISA plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under ERISA. ERISA provides that, as a participant, you are entitled to:

- examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, the Plan documents, including insurance contracts, and copies of all documents filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor (if any) such as annual reports and Plan descriptions;
- obtain copies of the benefit program documents and other program information on written request to the Plan Administrator (the Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies);
- receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report, if any (the Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report);
- continue health care coverage for yourself, spouse, or dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this Summary Plan Description and the

documents governing the Plan on the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

### **Fiduciary Obligations**

In addition to creating rights for participants, ERISA imposes duties on the people who are responsible for the operation of the benefit program. These people, called "fiduciaries" of the program, have a duty to operate the program prudently and in the interest of you and other program participants. Fiduciaries who violate ERISA may be removed and may be required to reimburse the Plan for any losses they have caused the program.

### **No Discrimination**

No one, including the Company or any other person, may fire you or discriminate against you in any way with the purpose of preventing you from obtaining welfare benefits or exercising your rights under ERISA.

### **Right to Review**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied in whole or in part, you must receive a written explanation of the reason for the denial. You have a right to have the Plan Administrator review and reconsider your claim.

### **Filing Suit**

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce these rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan Administrator and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits that is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, and if you have exhausted the claims procedures available to you under the Plan, you may file suit in a court.

Any lawsuit must be filed within 36 months of the final decision on the claim. Exhaustion of the internal claims and appeals procedure is required prior to filing suit.

If it should happen that benefit program fiduciaries misuse the Program's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose (for example, if the court finds your claim is frivolous), the court may order you to pay these costs and fees.

### **Questions**

If you have any questions about this statement or your rights under ERISA, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory, or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.



## 14. General Information

### COBRA

Benefit programs which provide health benefits generally are subject to the federal law known as COBRA. COBRA generally allows covered participants and beneficiaries to continue in the benefit program, even after a "qualifying event" occurs. For more information about COBRA please see Appendix A. You may also have state law continuation or conversion rights.

### Subrogation and Reimbursement

If an individual has a claim for benefits under this Plan or any benefit program, and that individual acquires any right or action against a third party for the person's injury, sickness or other illness which is so covered, then: (a) the Plan shall be entitled to reimbursement for such benefits from such third party up to 100% of the benefits paid by the Plan; and (b) the Plan is automatically subrogated to all such rights or claims of the covered person. The covered person shall cooperate fully with the Plan in the enforcement of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights. In addition, the person shall permit suit to be brought in the person's name under the direction of and at the expense of the Company if the Company so chooses. The Plan shall not be liable for such a person's attorney's fees absent prior written approval from the Plan. The Plan Administrator may require the receipt of a signed and dated subrogation and reimbursement agreement from the person before advancing any monies.

The failure or refusal of a covered person to fully cooperate with the Plan in the enforcement of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights shall result in a forfeiture of all benefits payable to that person, even if such benefits have already been paid, in which event the Company shall retain a right to recover paid benefits which are forfeited in such a manner.

The Company, on behalf of this Plan, shall have a first priority right to recover from and a lien against any payment, whether designated as a payment for medical benefits or any other type of damages, from the proceeds of any recovery, including but not limited to any settlement, award or judgment which results from a claim or lawsuit by or on behalf of a covered person who received benefits under this Plan (even if such covered person is not made whole). The plan is not required to contribute to any expenses or fees (including attorney's fees or costs) incurred in obtaining the funds. The plan's recovery will not be limited or reduced by doctrines (equitable or other) including but not limited to, the make-whole doctrine, contributory or comparative negligence, or the common fund doctrine. The plan's right to full recovery is not reduced if settlement funds or other payments to you are spent or no longer in an individual's possession or control. Notice of the Plan's claim shall be sufficient to establish this Plan's lien against the third party or insurance carrier. The Company shall be entitled to deduct the amount of the lien from any future claims payable to or on behalf of the covered person or payee if the covered person or payee fails to promptly notify the Plan Administrator of a payment received from a third party or insurance carrier that is subject to this Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights.

In the event that the Plan obtains a recovery against a third party in excess of payments made to or on behalf of the covered person and reasonable out of pocket expenses of the recovery, then the Plan shall pay to the covered person that excess amount recovered by the Plan.

In the event of any direct conflict between this Section 13 and the subrogation and reimbursement provisions in any benefit program, the subrogation and reimbursement provisions in the benefit program shall control. Otherwise, the provisions of this Section 13 shall apply and may supplement those contained in any benefit program.

The above provisions of this "Subrogation and Reimbursement" section apply with respect to a benefit program that is self-funded and does not, in its governing documents (but excluding this Plan document) have a subrogation and reimbursement section. If the benefit program does have such a section that section shall control. With respect to a fully-insured benefit program, the contract or policy from the insurer shall control with respect to subrogation and reimbursement matters.

### **No Vesting of Benefits**

Nothing in the Plan, nor anything in any benefit program, shall be construed as creating any vested rights to benefits in favor of any employee, former employee or covered person.

### **Waiver and Estoppel**

No term, condition, or provision of this Plan or any benefit program shall be deemed to be waived, and there shall be no estoppel against enforcing any provision of the Plan or benefit program, except through a writing of the party to be charged by the waiver or estoppel. No such written waiver shall be deemed a continuing waiver unless explicitly made so, and shall operate only with regard to the specific term or condition waived, and shall not be deemed to waive such term or condition in the future, or as to any act other than as specifically waived. No covered person other than as named or described by class in the waiver shall be entitled to rely on the waiver for any purposes.

### **Effect on Other Benefit Plans**

Amounts credited or paid under this Plan or any benefit program shall not be considered to be compensation for purposes of any benefit program hereunder or any qualified or nonqualified pension plan maintained by the Company unless expressly provided in such benefit program or qualified or nonqualified pension plan, as applicable, or if required by applicable law. The treatment of amounts paid under this Plan or any benefit program for purposes of any other employee benefit plan maintained by the Company shall be determined under the provisions of the applicable employee benefit plan.

### **Severability**

If any provision of this Plan or any benefit program is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions hereof shall continue to be fully effective.

### **Rebates**

In some situations, a rebate may be paid by an insurance company which provides coverage under the Plan. For example, a rebate may be provided under the Medical Loss Ratio ("MLR") rules, which are part of the Affordable Care Act. Except as specifically and unambiguously provided in a Benefit Description, or as otherwise required by applicable law, any rebate from any source will be:

- Considered an asset of the Company, not the Plan. The Company does not need to use such a rebate to benefit Employees, participants or beneficiaries. The Company can use such a rebate for the Company's own purposes
- An asset of the Plan in proportion to how much of the rebate relates to Employee, participant, or beneficiary contributions. The portion relating to Company contributions shall not be considered a Plan asset. The Company will have the ability to make certain assumptions or minor changes (such as rounding to the nearest \$1 or \$10) when determining the amount which is considered a plan asset. The Company shall have discretion to determine how to use all amounts. Amounts which are plan assets will be used to benefit individuals selected by the Company. This group of individuals may not be identical to the group which relates to the rebate. In addition, certain individuals can receive the rebate (or the benefit of the rebate) even if the rebate related to a different benefit, to the extent allowed by applicable law.
- The entire amount shall be an asset of the Plan, to be used for the benefit of individuals covered by the Plan.

In all situations where ERISA applies the use of any ERISA-covered plan assets will be governed by applicable law, including but not limited to U.S. Department of Labor Technical Release 2011-04.

### **Controlling Law**

This Plan shall be administered, construed, and enforced according to the federal law and the laws of the State of California to the extent not preempted by federal law. However, with respect to a fully-insured benefit program, the applicable insurance policy or contract will control with respect to which state's laws apply.

## 15. Benefit Program Information

### Summary of Eligibility and Participation Provisions

Note: If you have any questions about eligibility or participation, contact the Plan Administrator

<b>Benefit Program</b>	<b>Fully-insured or self-funded? if fully-insured, carrier name</b>	<b>Policy or Group #, if fully-insured</b>	<b>Who is eligible</b>	<b>When Participation begins</b>	<b>When Participation Ends<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>To File a Claim, Contact:</b>
<b>Cafeteria Plan (pre-tax premium payments)</b>	N/A	N/A	All employees who are eligible for the Medical benefit program.	At the same time as Medical benefit program eligibility.	Immediately upon termination of employment.	Plan Administrator (see section for address)
<b>Medical</b>	Self-Funded / Aetna	804020	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week. Spouses and children generally are covered.	Immediately upon hire.	At the end of the month in which coverage is dropped or employment is terminated. Continuation coverage usually is available.	Aetna at: P.O. Box 14079 Lexington, KY 40512-4079 (877) 204-9186
<b>Medical</b>	Fully-Insured / Kaiser	NCA: 605444 SCA: 233406	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week. Spouses and children generally are covered.	Immediately upon hire.	At the end of the month in which coverage is dropped or employment is terminated. Continuation coverage usually is available.	Kaiser at: P.O. Box 12923 Oakland, CA 94604 (800) 464-4000
<b>Dental</b>	Self-Funded / Delta Dental	19045	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week. Spouses and children generally are covered.	Immediately upon hire.	At the end of the month in which coverage is dropped or employment is terminated. Continuation coverage usually is available.	Delta at: P.O. Box 997330 Sacramento, CA 95899 (888) 335-8227

<sup>1</sup> Other Events (such as fraud or intentional misrepresentation of a material fact) can also terminate coverage -- see the benefit program details.

<b>Benefit Program</b>	<b>Fully-insured or self-funded? if fully-insured, carrier name</b>	<b>Policy or Group #, if fully-insured</b>	<b>Who is eligible</b>	<b>When Participation begins</b>	<b>When Participation Ends<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>To File a Claim, Contact:</b>
<b>Vision</b>	Self-Insured / VSP	33710	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week. Spouses and children generally are covered.	Immediately upon hire.	At the end of the month in which coverage is dropped or employment is terminated. Continuation coverage usually is available.	VSP at: P.O. Box 385018 Birmingham, AL 35238-5018 (800) 877-7195
<b>Health FSA</b>	Self-Insured / HealthEquity	N/A	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week. Expenses of spouses and children generally can be reimbursed at employee election.	Immediately upon hire, after proper election filed.	Immediately upon termination of employment. Continuation coverage usually is available unless Health FSA is "overspent"	HealthEquity at: (866) 346-5800
<b>Life / AD&amp;D, LTD</b>	Fully-Insured / The Hartford	68115	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week.	Immediately upon hire.	Date of Termination.	The Hartford at: P.O. Box 14299 Lexington KY 40512-4299 (888) 563-1124
<b>Voluntary Life / AD&amp;D</b>	Fully-Insured / The Hartford	68115	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week. Spouses and children generally are covered.	Immediately upon hire.	Date of Termination.	The Hartford at: P.O. Box 14299 Lexington KY 40512-4299 (888) 563-1124
<b>Voluntary Accident, Voluntary Critical Illness</b>	Fully-Insured / The Hartford	681155	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week.	Immediately upon hire.	Date of Termination.	The Hartford at: P.O. Box 99906 Grapevine Tx, 76099 (888) 563-1124
<b>Prepaid Legal</b>	Fully-Insured / LegalShield	202853	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week.	Immediately upon hire.	Date of Termination.	LegalShield at: (800) 654-7757

<b>Benefit Program</b>	<b>Fully-insured or self-funded? if fully-insured, carrier name</b>	<b>Policy or Group #, if fully-insured</b>	<b>Who is eligible</b>	<b>When Participation begins</b>	<b>When Participation Ends<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>To File a Claim, Contact:</b>
			Spouses and children generally are covered.			Legalshield.com
<b>International Business Travel Medical</b>	Fully-Insured / MetLife	4415	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week. Spouses and children generally are covered.	Immediately upon hire.	At the end of the month in which coverage is dropped or employment is terminated. Continuation coverage usually is available.	MetLife at: 600 North King Street Wilmington, DE 19801 (931) 814-6142
<b>Employee Assistance Program (EAP)</b>	Fully-Insured / Modern Life Inc. dba Modern Health	n/a	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week. Spouses and children generally are covered.	Immediately upon hire.	At the end of the month in which coverage is dropped or employment is terminated. Continuation coverage usually is available.	n/a
<b>Employee Assistance Program (EAP)</b>	Fully-Insured / The Hartford	68115	Full-time employees working 26+ hours per week. Spouses and children generally are covered.	Immediately upon hire.	Date of Termination.	n/a

## Additional Information on ACA FT Status Determination

Under the ACA, employers are required to report specific benefits information to IRS on “full-time” employees as defined by the ACA. A “full-time” employee is generally an employee who works on average 130 hours per month. ACA full-time status can affect or determine major medical benefits eligibility but is not a guarantee of benefits eligibility.

New employees hired to work full-time. If you are hired as a new full-time employee (work on average 130 or more hours a month), you and your dependents are generally eligible for group health plan coverage as of date of hire.

**New employees hired to work a part-time, variable hour or seasonal schedule.** If you are hired into a part-time position, a position where your hours vary and Rakuten USA, Inc. is unable to determine — as of your date of hire — whether you will be a full-time employee (work on average 130 or more hours a month), or you are hired as a seasonal employee who will work for six (6) consecutive months or less (regardless of monthly hours worked), you will be placed in an initial measurement period (IMP) of 12 months to determine whether you are a full-time employee. Your 12-month IMP will begin on the first of the month following your date of hire and will last for 12 months. If, during your IMP, you average 130 or more hours a month over that 12 month period, you will be full time and, if otherwise eligible for benefits, you will be offered coverage by the first of the second month after your IMP ends. Your full-time status will remain in effect during an associated stability period that will last 12 months from the date that status is determined. If your employment is terminated during that stability period, and you were enrolled in benefits, you will be offered coverage under COBRA.

**Ongoing employees.** Rakuten USA, Inc. uses the look-back measurement method to determine group health plan eligibility for ongoing employees. An ongoing employee is an individual who has been employed for an entire standard measurement period. A standard measurement period is the 12-month period of time over which Rakuten counts employee hours to determine which employees work full-time. An employee is deemed full-time if he or she averages 130 or more hours a month over the 12-month standard measurement period. Those employees who average 130 or more hours a month over the 12-month standard measurement period will be full time and, if otherwise eligible for benefits, offered coverage as of the first day of the stability period associated with the standard measurement period. Full-time status will be in effect for a 12-month stability period. If your employment is terminated during a stability period, and you were enrolled in benefits, you will be offered continued coverage under COBRA.

Rakuten USA, Inc. uses the standard measurement period and associated stability period annual cycle set forth below.

Plan Year Start Date	Measurement Period	Stability Period
January 1st	October 1 <sup>st</sup> – September 30 <sup>th</sup>	January 1 <sup>st</sup> – December 31 <sup>st</sup>

## Appendix A: COBRA Continuation

This Notice is provided for your information only. You are receiving this notice because you recently gained coverage through the group health plan benefits sponsored by Rakuten USA, Inc. (the “Plan(s)”). Rakuten USA, Inc. has retained WageWorks, Inc. to assist with its COBRA administration. The following information about your rights and obligations under a federal law known as the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended (COBRA) is very important. While no action or response is required unless you or your eligible dependent(s) experience a loss of coverage under the Plan(s), both you and your covered spouse (if applicable) should read this summary of rights very carefully, retain it with other Plan(s) documents, and refer to it in the event that any action is required on your part.

COBRA requires that most employers providing group health plans offer participants and/or their covered family members the opportunity for a temporary extension of group health plan coverage (“COBRA coverage”) at group rates under certain circumstances when coverage under the Plan(s) would otherwise end. COBRA (and the description of COBRA coverage contained in this notice) generally applies only to the group health plan benefits offered under the Plan(s) – such as any major medical, dental, vision, health flexible spending account (“Health FSA”), or any other employer-sponsored Plan(s) component which provides medical care - and not to any other benefits offered under the Plan(s) or by Rakuten USA, Inc. (e.g., life insurance).

This notice generally explains COBRA coverage, when it may become available to you and/or your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to receive it. This notice does not fully describe COBRA coverage or other rights under the Plan(s). You will find a more detailed summary of your rights and obligations under COBRA in the applicable group health plan Summary Plan Description(s) (SPD) and from the Plan Administrator. For additional information about your rights and obligations under the Plan(s) and under federal law, you should review the Plan(s) SPD, contact the Plan Administrator identified in that SPD, or you can contact WageWorks, Inc.

You may have other options available to you when you lose group health plan coverage. For example, you may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace (“Marketplace”). By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, you may qualify for lower costs on your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. You can learn more about many of these options at [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov). In addition, you may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse’s plan), even if that plan generally does not accept late enrollees.

### What is COBRA Coverage?

COBRA coverage is continuation of coverage under the Plan(s) by qualified beneficiaries who lose coverage as a result of certain qualifying events (described below). After a qualifying event occurs and any required notice of that event is properly provided to the Plan Administrator, COBRA coverage must be offered to individuals who lose coverage under the Plan(s) and are qualified beneficiaries.

A qualified beneficiary is any of the following who are covered under the Plan(s) on the day before a qualifying event: (1) the employee (including retired employee), (2) the employee’s spouse (including the spouse of a retired employee), and/or (3) a dependent child (as defined by the Plan(s)) (including the dependent child of a retired employee). Also, a child who is born to, adopted by, or placed for adoption with a covered employee during a COBRA



coverage period is considered a qualified beneficiary if enrolled in accordance with the terms of the Plan(s).

A child of the covered employee receiving benefits pursuant to a qualified medical child support order (QMCSO), if enrolled in accordance with the terms of the Plan(s), is entitled to the same rights to elect COBRA coverage as any other covered dependent child.

You do not have to show that you are insurable to elect COBRA coverage. Under the Plan(s), however, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA coverage must pay for COBRA coverage. Generally, a qualified beneficiary will have to pay 102 percent of the "applicable premium" (as defined in COBRA) for your COBRA coverage (and possibly up to 150 percent of the "applicable premium" during the 11-month disability extension [see "Disability Extension of an 18-Month COBRA Coverage Period," below]). The "applicable premium" is the total cost of coverage to the Plan(s), as determined in accordance with COBRA. The first COBRA premium is due 45 days after the date you make your COBRA coverage election. All subsequent premiums are typically due the first day of each month with a 30-day grace period by which a complete premium must be made.

The law also requires that, at the end of the 18-, 29-, or 36-month COBRA coverage period, you must be allowed to enroll in an individual conversion health plan provided under the current group health plan, if the plan provides a conversion privilege.

#### What is a Qualifying Event?

If you are a covered employee, you may elect COBRA coverage if you lose coverage under the Plan(s) because of either one of the following qualifying events: (1) your hours of employment are reduced; or (2) your employment ends for any reason (other than gross misconduct on your part).

If you are the covered spouse of a covered employee (including the spouse of a retired employee), you may elect COBRA coverage if you lose coverage under the Plan(s) because of any of the following qualifying events: (1) the covered employee dies; (2) the covered employee's hours of employment are reduced; (3) the covered employee's employment ends (for reasons other than gross misconduct); (4) the covered employee becomes entitled to Medicare under Part A, Part B, or both (typically, this will not be a qualifying event for spouses of active employees due to the Medicare Secondary Payer rules); or (5) you and the covered employee divorce or legally separate. Also, if the covered spouse's coverage is reduced or dropped by the covered employee in anticipation of a divorce or legal separation, and a divorce or legal separation later occurs, then the divorce or legal separation may be considered a qualifying event for the spouse even though the coverage was canceled or reduced before the divorce or legal separation. If the ex-spouse notifies the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the divorce or legal separation and the Plan Administrator determines, at its sole discretion based on the applicable facts and circumstances, that the coverage was dropped in anticipation of the divorce or legal separation, then COBRA coverage may be available beginning with the date of the divorce or legal separation (if properly elected).

For a covered dependent child of the covered employee (including the dependent child of a retired employee), you may elect COBRA coverage if you lose coverage under the Plan(s) because of any of the following qualifying events: (1) the covered employee dies; (2) the covered employee's hours of employment are reduced; (3) the covered employee's employment ends (for reasons other than gross misconduct); (4) the covered employee becomes entitled to Medicare under Part A, Part B, or both (typically, this will not be a qualifying event for dependent children of active employees due to the Medicare Secondary

Payer rules); (5) the covered employee and his/her spouse divorce or legally separate; or (6) you cease to be eligible for coverage under the Plan(s) as a “dependent child.”

Covered retired employees, covered spouses of retired employees, surviving spouses of retired employees, and covered dependent children of retired employees also have a right to elect COBRA coverage if coverage is lost within one year before or after the commencement of proceedings under Title 11 (bankruptcy), United States Code.

#### How is COBRA Coverage Provided?

Rakuten USA, Inc. is obligated to notify the Plan Administrator of the occurrence of these qualifying events: (1) the reduction in hours of an employee’s employment; (2) the termination of the employee’s employment (for reasons other than his or her gross misconduct); (3) the death of the employee; (4) the commencement proceedings under Title 11 (bankruptcy), United States Code with respect to the employer (in the case of retiree coverage only); or (5) the employee’s becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both).

You must give notice of some qualifying events. For the other qualifying events (i.e., divorce or legal separation of the employee and a covered dependent child losing eligibility for coverage under the Plan(s) as a “dependent child”), a COBRA election will be available to you only if you notify the Plan Administrator in accordance with the notice procedures described in the section of this notice titled “Notice Procedures for All Required Notices from Qualified Beneficiaries,” unless other procedures are specified in the most recent SPD. Contact Rakuten USA, Inc., to request a copy of your SPD. Such notice must be provided no later than 60 days after the date of the qualifying event or the date on which the qualified beneficiary loses (or would lose) coverage under the terms of the Plan(s) as a result of the qualifying event, whichever is later. If you fail to provide a timely qualifying event notice in accordance with the notice procedures specified in this notice (or the procedures specified in the most recent SPD, if those are different), the qualified beneficiaries will lose their right to a COBRA election. If any claims are mistakenly paid for expenses incurred after the qualifying event, then you and your eligible dependent(s) will be required to reimburse the Plan(s) for any claims so paid.

#### How do Qualified Beneficiaries Elect COBRA Coverage?

When the Plan Administrator is notified that one of these events has happened, notice of your right to elect COBRA will be provided.

Each qualified beneficiary has an independent right to make a COBRA election. Covered employees and covered spouses (if the spouse is a qualified beneficiary) may elect COBRA coverage on behalf of all the qualified beneficiaries, and parents or legal guardians (whether qualified beneficiaries or not) may elect COBRA coverage on behalf of their covered minor children who are qualified beneficiaries. However, a qualified beneficiary employee or spouse may not decline COBRA coverage on behalf of his or her covered spouse or an adult covered dependent child (if the spouse or adult covered dependent child is a qualified beneficiary).

Under the law, you will have 60 days from the later of the date you would lose coverage under the Plan(s) or the date the COBRA Election Notice is provided. Any qualified beneficiary for whom COBRA coverage is not timely elected, will lose COBRA coverage election rights.

#### How Long Does COBRA Coverage Last?

Unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable SPD, COBRA coverage is measured from the date of the qualifying event, even if coverage is not immediately lost.

In the case of a loss of coverage due to the covered employee's termination of employment or reduction in hours of the covered employee's employment, COBRA coverage may generally last for up to 18 months.

In the case of all other qualifying events (except the commencement of proceedings under Title 11 (bankruptcy), United States Code), COBRA coverage may last for up to 36 months.

If retiree coverage is lost within one year before or after the commencement of proceedings under Title 11 (bankruptcy), United State Code, COBRA coverage may last for the retired employee for life; COBRA coverage may last for the covered spouse and dependent children of the retired employee's for the life of the retiree (and if they survive the retired employee, for 36 months after the retired employee's death); and, if the retired employee is not living when the qualifying event occurs, but the retired employee's surviving spouse is covered by the Plan(s), then COBRA coverage may last for the surviving spouse for life.

If the covered employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both) less than 18 months before a termination or reduction in hours of employment, COBRA coverage for qualified beneficiaries (other than the employee) who lose coverage as a result of the qualifying event can last up to 36 months from the date of Medicare entitlement. For example, if a covered employee becomes entitled to Medicare 8 months before the date on which her employment ends, COBRA coverage for her spouse and children who lost coverage as a result of the qualifying event can last up to 36 months from the date of Medicare entitlement, which is equal to 28 months after the date of the qualifying event (36 months minus 8 months).

COBRA coverage under a Health FSA may only last through the end of the plan year in which the qualifying event occurs, except for a grace period or carryover applicable to the plan year (unless stated otherwise in the group health plan SPD). In addition, you may not be able to elect COBRA coverage if the reimbursement available at the time of the qualifying event is less than the COBRA premium required to continue coverage through the end of the plan year.

The COBRA periods described above are maximum coverage periods. The law provides that COBRA coverage may be terminated prior to the end of the maximum coverage periods described in this notice for several reasons (please consult the Plan(s) applicable SPD for more information).

There are two ways in which the 18-month COBRA period of coverage resulting from a covered employee's termination of employment or reduction in hours of employment may be extended. (NOTE: The period of COBRA coverage under a Health FSA generally cannot be extended beyond the end of the plan year.)

#### Disability Extension of an 18-Month COBRA Coverage Period

If a qualified beneficiary is determined by the Social Security Administration ("SSA") to have been disabled under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act, all of the covered qualified beneficiaries may be entitled to receive an additional 11 months of COBRA coverage, for a maximum of 29 months. This extension is only available for qualified beneficiaries who are receiving COBRA coverage because of a qualifying event that was the covered employee's termination of employment or reduction of hours. This disability must have started prior to or within the first 60 days of the COBRA period and must last at least until the end of the period of COBRA coverage that would otherwise be available without the disability extension (generally 18 months, as described above). The disability extension is only available if you notify WageWorks, Inc. in a timely fashion (described in the next paragraph). All qualified beneficiaries who are receiving COBRA coverage because of a qualifying

event that was the covered employee's termination of employment or reduction in hours may be eligible to receive up to an additional 11 months of COBRA coverage (for a total of 29 months).

The disability extension is available only if you notify WageWorks, Inc. of the SSA's determination of disability within 60 days after the latest of (1) the date of the determination of disability by the SSA; (2) the date of the covered employee's termination or reduction in hours of the covered employee's employment; (3) the date on which the qualified beneficiary loses (or would lose) coverage under the terms of the plan as a result of the covered employee's termination or reduction in hours of the covered employee's employment; or (4) the date that you receive this notice or the SPD. Notwithstanding the 60-day period, you must provide notice of the SSA's determination of disability prior to the end of the 18-month continuation period (irrespective of when the 60-day period would otherwise end).

To provide notice of the SSA's determination of disability, you must mail the SSA determination document to WageWorks, Inc. The SSA determination document must include the date you became disabled. If the date is not on your documentation, you must contact your local SSA office to obtain this information to send to WageWorks, Inc. in order to apply for the 11-month extension.

The Plan(s) can charge up to 150 percent of the applicable premium during the 11-month extension in most circumstances. The disabled individual must notify the employer within 30 days of any final determination that he or she is no longer disabled. If COBRA coverage is extended to a total of 29 months, extended COBRA coverage will cease on the first day of the month that begins more than 30 days after the SSA's notice that the qualified beneficiary is no longer disabled.

#### Second Qualifying Event Extension of COBRA Coverage

If a qualified beneficiary who is a covered spouse or covered dependent child experiences another qualifying event during the first 18 months of COBRA coverage (because of the covered employee's termination of employment or reduction in hours) or during an 11-month disability extension period (see "Disability Extension of an 18-Month COBRA Coverage Period," above), this qualified beneficiary receiving COBRA coverage may receive up to 18 additional months of COBRA coverage (for a total of 36 months from the original qualifying event), if notice of the second qualifying event is provided in accordance with applicable notice procedures.

This extension may be available to the covered spouse and any covered dependent children receiving COBRA coverage if the employee/former employee dies, becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), or gets divorced or legally separated, or if the covered dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan(s) as a "dependent child," but only if the event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan(s) had the first qualifying event not occurred.

#### Notice Procedures for all Required Notices from Qualified Beneficiaries

As described earlier in this notice, you must provide notice of certain qualifying events. Notices of these qualifying events must be sent to the Plan Administrator in writing to Rakuten USA, Inc., 215 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003-1603.

In addition, as described earlier in this notice, you must provide notice of the SSA's determination of disability and certain second qualifying events. These notices must generally be sent to WageWorks, Inc. in writing (by mail or electronic transmittal [e.g.

facsimile]) to WageWorks, Inc., P.O. Box 223684, Dallas, TX 75222-3684; or Fax#: 866-450-5634.

If a different address and/or procedures for providing notices to the Plan(s) appear in the most recent SPD, you must follow those notice procedures or deliver your notice to that address.

Oral notice (including notice by telephone) is not acceptable.

Any notice you provide to WageWorks, Inc. must contain the name of the Plan(s) (the group health plan benefits sponsored by Rakuten USA, Inc.); the name, WageWorks, Inc. account number or Social Security number, and address of the employee/former employee who is or was covered under the Plan(s); the name(s) and address(es) of all qualified beneficiaries who lost or will lose coverage as a result of the qualifying event (if applicable); the qualifying event (e.g. divorce or legal separation, child's loss of dependent status, death of the covered employee) (if applicable) and the certification, signature, name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the notice.

Any notice you provide to the Plan Administrator must also contain the information indicated directly above, unless other procedures are specified in the most recent SPD. Contact Rakuten USA, Inc. to request a copy of your SPD.

The employee/former employee who is or was covered under the Plan(s), a qualified beneficiary who lost coverage due to the qualifying event described in the notice, or a representative acting on behalf of either may provide the notices. A notice provided by any of these individuals will satisfy any responsibility to provide notice on behalf of all qualified beneficiaries who lost coverage due to the qualifying event described in the notice.

#### Special Rules for Leaves of Absence Due to Services in the Uniformed Services

If a covered employee takes a leave of absence to perform services in the Uniformed Services (as addressed in the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act [USERRA]) that is expected to last 31 days or more, the covered employee may be able to continue health coverage for the employee and any covered dependents until the earlier of 24 months from the date the leave began or the date the employee fails to return to or apply for work as required under USERRA. The cost to continue this coverage for periods lasting 31 days or more is 102 percent of the applicable premium. The USERRA continuation period will run concurrent with the COBRA period described herein. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this notice, the rights described in this notice apply only to the COBRA continuation period. Continuation of coverage following a military leave of absence covered under USERRA will be administered in accordance with the requirements of USERRA.

#### Are There Other Coverage Options Besides COBRA Coverage?

Yes. Instead of enrolling in COBRA Coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA Coverage. You can learn about many of these options at [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

#### Can I Enroll in Medicare Instead of COBRA Continuation Coverage After My Group Health Plan Coverage Ends?

In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the initial enrollment period for Medicare Part A or B, you have an 8-month special enrollment period<sup>1</sup> to sign up, beginning on the earlier of

- the month after your employment ends; or
- the month after your group health plan coverage based on current employment ends.

If you don't enroll in Medicare Part B and elect COBRA continuation coverage instead, you may have to pay a Part B late enrollment penalty and you may have a gap in coverage if you decide you want Part B later. If you elect

COBRA continuation coverage and then enroll in Medicare Part A or B before the COBRA continuation coverage ends, the Plan may terminate your continuation coverage. However, if Medicare Part A or B is effective on or before the date on the COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued on account of Medicare entitlement, even if you enroll in the other part of Medicare after the date of the election of COBRA coverage.

If you are enrolled in both COBRA continuation coverage and Medicare, Medicare will generally pay first (primary payer) and COBRA will pay second. Certain COBRA continuation coverage plans may pay as if secondary to Medicare, even if you are not enrolled in Medicare. For more information, visit <https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you>.

#### Keep the Plan(s) Informed of Address Changes

To protect your family's rights, it is important that you keep the Plan Administrator informed of any changes in your or your family members' addresses. In such an event, please notify Rakuten USA, Inc., 215 Park Avenue South New York, NY 10003-1603. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator and/or WageWorks, Inc.

#### If You Have Questions

Questions concerning the Plan(s) should be addressed to Rakuten USA, Inc., 215 Park Avenue South New York, NY 10003-1603. For additional information about your COBRA rights and obligations under federal law, please review the Plan(s) SPD, contact the Plan Administrator identified in the SPD, or you can contact WageWorks, Inc. at 888-678-4881 or you can go to [mybenefits.wageworks.com](http://mybenefits.wageworks.com).

In addition, you may obtain more information about your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), including COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other laws affecting group health plans, by contacting the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit the EBSA website at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). Address and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA offices are on the EBSA website. For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

## Appendix B: Medicare Part D

### Important Notice from Rakuten Americas Regional Headquarters, Inc. About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Rakuten Americas Regional Headquarters, Inc. and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. Rakuten Americas Regional Headquarters, Inc. has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the Rakuten USA, Inc. Welfare Benefits Plan is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

#### When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

#### What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your Rakuten Americas Regional Headquarters, Inc. coverage will not be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan.

Since the existing prescription drug coverage under the Rakuten USA, Inc. Welfare Benefits Plan is creditable (e.g., as good as Medicare coverage), you can retain your existing prescription drug coverage and choose not to enroll in a Part D plan; or you can enroll in a Part D plan as a supplement to, or in lieu of, your existing prescription drug coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your Rakuten Americas Regional Headquarters, Inc. prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents can only get this coverage back at open enrollment or if you experience an event that gives rise to a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right.

### **When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with Rakuten Americas Regional Headquarters, Inc. and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

### **For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...**

Contact the person listed below for further information. NOTE: You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through Rakuten Americas Regional Headquarters, Inc. changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

### **For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...**

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). TTY users should call 877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [socialsecurity.gov](https://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date: January 1, 2024  
Name of Entity/Sender: Rakuten Americas Regional Headquarters, Inc.  
Contact-Position/Office: Human Resources  
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## Appendix C: Cafeteria Plan and FSA Provisions

### RAKUTEN USA INC. DBA RAKUTEN AMERICAS FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN

#### INTRODUCTION

We have amended the "Flexible Benefits Plan" that we previously established for you and other eligible employees. Under this Plan, you will be able to choose among certain benefits that we make available. The benefits that you may choose are outlined in this Summary Plan Description. We will also tell you about other important information concerning the amended Plan, such as the rules you must satisfy before you can join and the laws that protect your rights.

One of the most important features of our Plan is that the benefits being offered are generally ones that you are already paying for, but normally with money that has first been subject to income and Social Security taxes. Under our Plan, these same expenses will be paid for with a portion of your pay before Federal income or Social Security taxes are withheld. This means that you will pay less tax and have more money to spend and save.

Read this Summary Plan Description carefully so that you understand the provisions of our amended Plan and the benefits you will receive. This SPD describes the Plan's benefits and obligations as contained in the legal Plan document, which governs the operation of the Plan. The Plan document is written in much more technical and precise language. If the non-technical language in this SPD and the technical, legal language of the Plan document conflict, the Plan document always governs. Also, if there is a conflict between an insurance contract and either the Plan document or this Summary Plan Description, the insurance contract will control. If you wish to receive a copy of the legal Plan document, please contact the Administrator.

This SPD describes the current provisions of the Plan which are designed to comply with applicable legal requirements. The Plan is subject to federal laws, such as the Internal Revenue Code and other federal and state laws which may affect your rights. The provisions of the Plan are subject to revision due to a change in laws or due to pronouncements by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or other federal agencies. We may also amend or terminate this Plan. If the provisions of the Plan that are described in this SPD change, we will notify you.

We have attempted to answer most of the questions you may have regarding your benefits in the Plan. If this SPD does not answer all of your questions, please contact the Administrator (or other plan representative). The name and address of the Administrator can be found in the Article of this SPD entitled "General Information About the Plan."

#### I ELIGIBILITY

##### 1. When can I become a participant in the Plan?

Before you become a Plan member (referred to in this Summary Plan Description as a "Participant"), there are certain rules which you must satisfy. First, you must meet the eligibility requirements and be an active employee. After that, the next step is to actually join the Plan on the "entry date" that we have established for all employees. The "entry date" is defined in

Question 3 below. You will also be required to complete certain application forms before you can enroll in the Health Flexible Spending Account or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.

**2. What are the eligibility requirements for our Plan?**

You will be eligible to join the Plan once you have satisfied the conditions for coverage under our group medical plan. Of course, if you were already a participant before this amendment, you will remain a participant.

**3. When is my entry date?**

You can join the Plan on the same day you can enter our group medical plan.

**4. What must I do to enroll in the Plan?**

Before you can join the Plan, you must complete an application to participate in the Plan. The application includes your personal choices for each of the benefits which are being offered under the Plan. You must also authorize us to set some of your earnings aside in order to pay for a portion of the benefits you have elected.

However, if you are already covered under any of the insured benefits, you will automatically participate in this Plan to the extent of your premiums unless you elect not to participate in this Plan.

**II  
OPERATION**

**1. How does this Plan operate?**

Before the start of each Plan Year, you will be able to elect to have some of your upcoming pay contributed to the Plan. These amounts will be used to pay for the benefits you have chosen. The portion of your pay that is paid to the Plan is not subject to Federal income or Social Security taxes. In other words, this allows you to use tax-free dollars to pay for certain kinds of benefits and expenses which you normally pay for with out-of-pocket, taxable dollars. Also, we will make additional Employer contributions to the Plan that you may use to increase the amounts used to pay benefits. However, if you receive a reimbursement for an expense under the Plan, you cannot claim a Federal income tax credit or deduction on your return. (See the Article entitled "General Information About Our Plan" for the definition of "Plan Year.")

**III  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

**1. How much of my pay may the Employer redirect?**

Each year, we will automatically contribute on your behalf enough of your compensation to pay for the coverage provided unless you elect not to receive any or all of such coverage. You may also elect to have us contribute on your behalf enough of your compensation to pay for any other benefits that you elect under the Plan. These amounts will be deducted from your pay over the course of the year.

## **2. How much will the Employer contribute each year?**

We will contribute an amount equal to \$1000 per Participant and \$2000 per Participant + Dependent(s) each year. This contribution can be used for the Health Savings Account and will be made at the beginning of the Plan Year. If you elect not to participate, the Employer will not contribute to the Plan on your behalf.

## **3. What happens to contributions made to the Plan?**

Before each Plan Year begins, you will select the benefits you want and how much of the contributions should go toward each benefit. It is very important that you make these choices carefully based on what you expect to spend on each covered benefit or expense during the Plan Year. Later, they will be used to pay for the expenses as they arise during the Plan Year. In addition, you should also note that any previous benefit payments made from any Account under the Plan that are unclaimed (e.g., uncashed benefit checks) by the end of the Plan Year following the period of coverage in which the qualifying expense was incurred will be forfeited to the Employer.

## **4. When must I decide which accounts I want to use?**

You are required by Federal law to decide before the Plan Year begins, during the election period (defined below). You must decide two things. First, which benefits you want and, second, how much should go toward each benefit.

If you are already covered by any of the insured benefits offered by this Plan, you will automatically become a Participant to the extent of the premiums for such insurance unless you elect, during the election period (defined below), not to participate in the Plan.

## **5. When is the election period for our Plan?**

You will make your initial election on or before your entry date. (You should review Section I on Eligibility to better understand the eligibility requirements and entry date.) Then, for each following Plan Year, the election period is established by the Administrator and applied uniformly to all Participants. It will normally be a period of time prior to the beginning of each Plan Year. The Administrator will inform you each year about the election period. (See the Article entitled "General Information About Our Plan" for the definition of Plan Year.)

## **6. May I change my elections during the Plan Year?**

Generally, you cannot change the elections you have made after the beginning of the Plan Year. However, there are certain limited situations when you can change your elections. You are permitted to change elections if you have a "change in status" and you make an election change that is consistent with the change in status. Currently, Federal law considers the following events to be a change in status:

- Marriage, divorce, death of a spouse, legal separation or annulment;
  
- Change in the number of dependents, including birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or death of a dependent;

-- Any of the following events for you, your spouse or dependent: termination or commencement of employment, a strike or lockout, commencement or return from an unpaid leave of absence, a change in worksite, or any other change in employment status that affects eligibility for benefits;

-- One of your dependents satisfies or ceases to satisfy the requirements for coverage due to change in age, student status, or any similar circumstance; and

-- A change in the place of residence of you, your spouse or dependent that would lead to a change in status, such as moving out of a coverage area for insurance.

In addition, if you are participating in the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, then there is a change in status if your dependent no longer meets the qualifications to be eligible for dependent care.

However, with respect to the Health Savings Account, you may modify or revoke your elections without having to have a change in status.

There are detailed rules on when a change in election is deemed to be consistent with a change in status. In addition, there are laws that give you rights to change health coverage for you, your spouse, or your dependents. If you change coverage due to rights you have under the law, then you can make a corresponding change in your elections under the Plan. If any of these conditions apply to you, you should contact the Administrator.

If the cost of a benefit provided under the Plan increases or decreases during a Plan Year, then we will automatically increase or decrease, as the case may be, your salary redirection election. If the cost increases significantly, you will be permitted to either make corresponding changes in your payments or revoke your election and obtain coverage under another benefit package option with similar coverage, or revoke your election entirely.

If the coverage under a Benefit is significantly curtailed or ceases during a Plan Year, then you may revoke your elections and elect to receive on a prospective basis coverage under another plan with similar coverage. In addition, if we add a new coverage option or eliminate an existing option, you may elect the newly-added option (or elect another option if an option has been eliminated) and make corresponding election changes to other options providing similar coverage. If you are not a Participant, you may elect to join the Plan. There are also certain situations when you may be able to change your elections on account of a change under the plan of your spouse's, former spouse's or dependent's employer.

These rules on change due to cost or coverage do not apply to the Health Flexible Spending Account, and you may not change your election to the Health Flexible Spending Account if you make a change due to cost or coverage for insurance or if you decide to participate in the Health Savings Account.

You may not change your election under the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account if the cost change is imposed by a dependent care provider who is your relative.

You may revoke your coverage under the employer's group health plan outside of our open enrollment period, if your employment status changes from working at least 30 hours per week to less than 30 hours. This is regardless of whether the reduction in hours has resulted in loss of eligibility. You must show intent to enroll in another health plan.

You may also revoke your coverage under our Employer sponsored group health plan if you are eligible to obtain coverage through the health exchanges.

## **7. May I make new elections in future Plan Years?**

Yes, you may. For each new Plan Year, you may change the elections that you previously made. You may also choose not to participate in the Plan for the upcoming Plan Year. If you do not make new elections during the election period before a new Plan Year begins, we will assume you want your elections for insured or self-funded benefits only to remain the same and you will not be considered a Participant for the non-insured benefit options under the Plan for the upcoming Plan Year.

## **IV BENEFITS**

### **1. Health Flexible Spending Account**

The Health Flexible Spending Account enables you to pay for expenses allowed under Sections 105 and 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code which are not covered by our medical plan and save taxes at the same time. The Health Flexible Spending Account allows you to be reimbursed by the Employer for expenses incurred by you and your dependents.

However, if you participate in a HSA, you can only be reimbursed by the Employer for out-of-pocket dental or vision expenses incurred by you and your dependents.

If you are a HSA participant, drug costs, including insulin, may be reimbursed if they are considered for dental or vision expenses.

You may not be reimbursed for the cost of other health care coverage maintained outside of the Plan, or for long-term care expenses. A list of covered expenses is available from the Administrator.

For 2024, the most you can contribute is \$3,200. After 2024, the dollar limit may increase for cost of living adjustments. The minimum amount that you may contribute to the Health Flexible Spending Account each Plan Year is \$25. In addition, you will be eligible to carryover amounts left in your Health Flexible Spending Account, up to \$640. This means that amounts you do not use during a Plan Year can be carried over to the next Plan Year and used for expenses incurred in the next Plan Year. The carryover amount is subject to be increased via indexing in future years.

In order to be reimbursed for a health care expense, you must submit to the Administrator an itemized bill from the service provider. We will also provide you with a debit or credit card to use to pay for medical expenses. The Administrator will provide you with further details. Amounts reimbursed from the Plan may not be claimed as a deduction on your personal income tax return. Reimbursement from the fund shall be paid at least once a month. Expenses under this Plan are treated as being "incurred" when you are provided with the care that gives rise to the expenses, not when you are formally billed or charged, or you pay for the medical care.

You may be reimbursed for expenses for any child until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches age 26. A child is a natural child, stepchild, foster child, adopted child,

or a child placed with you for adoption. If a child gains or regains eligibility due to these new rules, that qualifies as a change in status to change coverage.

**Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act:** Group health plans generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

**Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act:** This plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, will reimburse up to plan limits for benefits for mastectomy-related services including reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy (including lymphedema). Contact your Plan Administrator for more information.

## **2. Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account**

The Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account enables you to pay for out-of-pocket, work-related dependent day-care cost with pre-tax dollars. If you are married, you can use the account if you and your spouse both work or, in some situations, if your spouse goes to school full-time. Single employees can also use the account.

An eligible dependent is someone for whom you can claim expenses on Federal Income Tax Form 2441 "Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses." Children must be under age 13. Other dependents must be physically or mentally unable to care for themselves. Dependent Care arrangements which qualify include:

- (a) A Dependent (Day) Care Center, provided that if care is provided by the facility for more than six individuals, the facility complies with applicable state and local laws;
- (b) An Educational Institution for pre-school children. For older children, only expenses for non-school care are eligible; and
- (c) An "Individual" who provides care inside or outside your home: The "Individual" may not be a child of yours under age 19 or anyone you claim as a dependent for Federal tax purposes.

You should make sure that the dependent care expenses you are currently paying for qualify under our Plan.

The law places limits on the amount of money that can be paid to you in a calendar year from your Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account. Each Plan Year, the minimum amount you may contribute to the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account is \$25. Generally, your reimbursements may not exceed the lesser of: (a) \$5,000 (if you are married filing a joint return or you are head of a household) or \$2,500 (if you are married filing separate returns); (b) your taxable compensation; (c) your spouse's actual or deemed earned income (a spouse who is a full time student or incapable of caring for himself/herself has a monthly earned income of \$250 for one dependent or \$500 for two or more dependents).

Also, in order to have the reimbursements made to you from this account be excludable from your income, you must provide a statement from the service provider including the name, address, and in most cases, the taxpayer identification number of the service provider on your tax form for the year, as well as the amount of such expense as proof that the expense has been incurred. In addition, Federal tax laws permit a tax credit for certain dependent care expenses you may be paying for even if you are not a Participant in this Plan. You may save more money if you take advantage of this tax credit rather than using the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account under our Plan. Ask your tax adviser which is better for you.

### **3. Premium Expense Account**

A Premium Expense Account allows you to use tax-free dollars to pay for certain premium expenses under various insurance programs that we offer you. These premium expenses include:

- Health care premiums under our self-funded medical plan.
- Group term life insurance premiums.
- Dental insurance premiums.
- Vision insurance premiums.
- Accidental death and dismemberment insurance premiums.
- Prescription drug coverage.

Under our Plan, we will establish sub-accounts for you for each different type of coverage that is available. Also, certain limits on the amount of coverage may apply.

The Administrator may terminate or modify Plan benefits at any time, subject to the provisions of any contracts providing benefits described above. Also, your coverage will end when you leave employment, are no longer eligible under the terms of any coverage, or when coverage terminates.

Any benefits to be provided by insurance will be provided only after (1) you have provided the Administrator the necessary information to apply for insurance, and (2) the insurance is in effect for you.

If you cover your children up to age 26 under your insurance, you can pay for that coverage through the Plan.

### **4. May I direct Plan contributions to my Health Savings Account?**

Yes. Any monies that you do not apply toward available benefits can be contributed to your Health Savings Account, which enables you to pay for expenses which are not covered by our medical plan and save taxes at the same time. Please see your Plan Administrator for further details.

**V**  
**BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

**1. When will I receive payments from my accounts?**

During the course of the Plan Year, you may submit requests for reimbursement of expenses you have incurred. Expenses are considered "incurred" when the service is performed, not necessarily when it is paid for. The Administrator will provide you with acceptable forms for submitting these requests for reimbursement. If the request qualifies as a benefit or expense that the Plan has agreed to pay, you will receive a reimbursement payment soon thereafter. Remember, these reimbursements which are made from the Plan are generally not subject to federal income tax or withholding. Nor are they subject to Social Security taxes. The provisions of the insurance contracts will control what benefits will be paid and when. You will only be reimbursed from the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account to the extent that there are sufficient funds in the Account to cover your request.

**2. What happens if I don't spend all Plan contributions during the Plan Year?**

If you have not spent all the amounts in your Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account by the end of the Plan Year, you may continue to incur claims for expenses during the "Grace Period." The "Grace Period" extends 2 1/2 months after the end of the Plan Year, during which time you can continue to incur claims and use up all amounts remaining in your Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.

Any monies left at the end of the Plan Year and the Grace Period will be forfeited, except for amounts contributed to your Health Savings Account. Obviously, qualifying expenses that you incur late in the Plan Year or during the Grace Period for which you seek reimbursement after the end of such Plan Year and Grace Period will be paid first before any amount is forfeited. For the Health Flexible Spending Account, you must submit claims no later than 90 days after the end of the Plan Year. For the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, you must submit claims no later than 90 days after the end of the Plan Year. Because it is possible that you might forfeit amounts in the Plan if you do not fully use the contributions that have been made, it is important that you decide how much to place in each account carefully and conservatively. Remember, you must decide which benefits you want to contribute to and how much to place in each account before the Plan Year begins. You want to be as certain as you can that the amount you decide to place in each account will be used up entirely.

**3. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)**

If you take leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act, you may revoke or change your existing elections for health insurance, group-term life insurance and the Health Flexible Spending Account. If your coverage in these benefits terminates, due to your revocation of the benefit while on leave or due to your non-payment of contributions, you will be permitted to reinstate coverage for the remaining part of the Plan Year upon your return. For the Health Flexible Spending Account, you may continue your coverage or you may revoke your coverage and resume it when you return. You can resume your coverage at its original level and make payments for the time that you are on leave. For example, if you elect \$1,200 for the year and are out on leave for 3 months, then return and elect to resume your coverage at that level, your remaining payments will be increased to cover the difference - from \$100 per month to \$150 per month. Alternatively your maximum amount will be reduced proportionately for the time that you were gone. For example, if you elect \$1,200 for the year and are out on leave for 3 months, your



amount will be reduced to \$900. The expenses you incur during the time you are not in the Health Flexible Spending Account are not reimbursable.

If you continue your coverage during your unpaid leave, you may pre-pay for the coverage, you may pay for your coverage on an after-tax basis while you are on leave, or you and your Employer may arrange a schedule for you to "catch up" your payments when you return.

#### **4. Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)**

If you are going into or returning from military service, you may have special rights to health care coverage under your Health Flexible Spending Account under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. These rights can include extended health care coverage. If you may be affected by this law, ask your Administrator for further details.

#### **5. What happens if I terminate employment?**

If you terminate employment during the Plan Year, your right to benefits will be determined in the following manner:

- (a) You will remain covered by insurance, but only for the period for which premiums have been paid prior to your termination of employment.
- (b) You will still be able to request reimbursement for qualifying dependent care expenses incurred during the remainder of the Plan Year from the balance remaining in your dependent care account at the time of termination of employment. However, no further salary redirection and contributions will be made on your behalf after you terminate. You must submit claims within 90 days after the end of the Plan Year in which termination occurs.
- (c) Your Health Savings Account amounts will remain yours even after your termination of employment.
- (d) For health benefit coverage and Health Flexible Spending Account coverage on termination of employment, please see the Article entitled "Continuation Coverage Rights Under COBRA." Upon your termination of employment, your participation in the Health Flexible Spending Account will cease, and no further salary redirection and contributions will be contributed on your behalf. However, you will be able to submit claims for health care expenses that were incurred before the end of the period for which payments to the Health Flexible Spending Account have already been made. Your further participation will be governed by "Continuation Coverage Rights Under COBRA."

#### **6. Will my Social Security benefits be affected?**

Your Social Security benefits may be slightly reduced because when you receive tax-free benefits under our Plan, it reduces the amount of contributions that you make to the Federal Social Security system as well as our contribution to Social Security on your behalf.

## VI HIGHLY COMPENSATED AND KEY EMPLOYEES

### 1. Do limitations apply to highly compensated employees?

Under the Internal Revenue Code, highly compensated employees and key employees generally are Participants who are officers, shareholders or highly paid. You will be notified by the Administrator each Plan Year whether you are a highly compensated employee or a key employee.

If you are within these categories, the amount of contributions and benefits for you may be limited so that the Plan as a whole does not unfairly favor those who are highly paid, their spouses or their dependents. Federal tax laws state that a plan will be considered to unfairly favor the key employees if they as a group receive more than 25% of all of the nontaxable benefits provided for under our Plan.

Plan experience will dictate whether contribution limitations on highly compensated employees or key employees will apply. You will be notified of these limitations if you are affected.

## VII PLAN ACCOUNTING

### 1. Periodic Statements

The Administrator will provide you with a statement of your account periodically during the Plan Year that shows your account balance. It is important to read these statements carefully so you understand the balance remaining to pay for a benefit. Remember, you want to spend all the money you have designated for a particular benefit by the end of the Plan Year.

## VIII GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PLAN

This Section contains certain general information which you may need to know about the Plan.

### 1. General Plan Information

Rakuten USA, Inc. Welfare Benefits Plan is the name of the Plan.

Your Employer has assigned Plan Number 501 to your Plan.

The provisions of your amended Plan become effective on November 1, 2021. Your Plan was originally effective on January 1, 2012.

Your Plan's records are maintained on a twelve-month period of time. This is known as the Plan Year. The Plan Year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

## **2. Employer Information**

Your Employer's name, address, and identification number are:

Rakuten USA Inc. dba Rakuten Americas  
800 Concar Drive  
San Mateo, California 94402  
94-3377047

## **3. Plan Administrator Information**

The name, address and business telephone number of your Plan's Administrator are:

Rakuten USA Inc. dba Rakuten Americas  
800 Concar Drive  
San Mateo, California 94402  
801-308-7742

The Administrator keeps the records for the Plan and is responsible for the administration of the Plan. The Administrator will also answer any questions you may have about our Plan. You may contact the Administrator for any further information about the Plan.

## **4. Service of Legal Process**

The name and address of the Plan's agent for service of legal process are:

Rakuten USA Inc. dba Rakuten Americas  
800 Concar Drive  
San Mateo, California 94402

## **5. Type of Administration**

The type of Administration is Employer Administration.

## **6. Claims Submission**

Claims for expenses should be submitted to:

HealthEquity Inc  
P.O. Box 14053  
Lexington, KY 40512

**IX**  
**ADDITIONAL PLAN INFORMATION**

**1. Your Rights Under ERISA**

Plan Participants, eligible employees and all other employees of the Employer may be entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Internal Revenue Code. For those benefits subject to ERISA, these laws provide that Participants, eligible employees and all other employees are entitled to:

- (a) examine, without charge, at the Administrator's office, all Plan documents, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor, and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration;
- (b) obtain copies of all Plan documents and other Plan information upon written request to the Administrator. The Administrator may charge a reasonable fee for the copies;
- (c) continue health coverage for a Participant, Spouse, or other dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. Employees or dependents may have to pay for such coverage; and
- (d) review this summary plan description and the documents governing the plan on the rules governing COBRA continuation rights.

In addition to creating rights for Plan Participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of an employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the best interest of you and other Plan Participants.

No one, including your employer or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

If your claim for a benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a medical child support order, you may file suit in Federal court.

Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within thirty (30) days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may request the Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court.

If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees; for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

If you have any questions about the Plan, you should contact the Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement, or about your rights under ERISA or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Administrator, you should contact either the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) or visit the EBSA website at [www.dol.gov/ebsa/](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/). (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.) You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

## **2. Claims Process**

You should submit all reimbursement claims during the Plan Year. For the Health Flexible Spending Account, you must submit claims no later than 90 days after the end of the Plan Year. However, if you terminate employment during the Plan Year, you must submit your Health Flexible Spending Account claims within 90 days after your termination of employment. For the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, you must submit claims no later than 90 days after the end of the Plan Year. Any claims submitted after that time will not be considered.

Claims that are insured or self-funded will be handled in accordance with procedures contained in the insurance policies or contracts. All other general requests should be directed to the Administrator of our Plan. If a dependent care claim under the Plan is denied in whole or in part, you or your beneficiary will receive written notification. The notification will include the reasons for the denial, with reference to the specific provisions of the Plan on which the denial was based, a description of any additional information needed to process the claim and an explanation of the claims review procedure. Within 60 days after denial, you or your beneficiary may submit a written request for reconsideration of the denial to the Administrator.

Any such request should be accompanied by documents or records in support of your appeal. You or your beneficiary may review pertinent documents and submit issues and comments in writing. The Administrator will review the claim and provide, within 60 days, a written response to the appeal. (This period may be extended an additional 60 days under certain circumstances.) In this response, the Administrator will explain the reason for the decision, with specific reference to the provisions of the Plan on which the decision is based. The Administrator has the exclusive right to interpret the appropriate plan provisions. Decisions of the Administrator are conclusive and binding.

In the case of a claim for medical expenses under the Health Flexible Spending Account, the following timetable for claims applies:

Notification of whether claim is accepted or denied	30 days
Extension due to matters beyond the control of the Plan	15 days
Insufficient information to process the claim:	
Notification to Participant	15 days
Response by Participant	45 days
Review of claim denial	60 days

The Plan Administrator will provide written or electronic notification of any claim denial. The notice will state:

- (a) The specific reason or reasons for the denial;
- (b) Reference to the specific Plan provisions on which the denial was based;
- (c) A description of any additional material or information necessary for the claimant to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
- (d) A description of the Plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures. This will include a statement of your right to bring a civil action under section 502 of ERISA following a denial on review;
- (e) A statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim; and
- (f) If the denial was based on an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion, the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or criterion will be provided free of charge. If this is not practical, a statement will be included that such a rule, guideline, protocol, or criterion was relied upon in making the denial and a copy will be provided free of charge to the claimant upon request.

When you receive a denial, you will have 180 days following receipt of the notification in which to appeal the decision. You may submit written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to the claim. If you request, you will be provided, free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim.

The period of time within which a denial on review is required to be made will begin at the time an appeal is filed in accordance with the procedures of the Plan. This timing is without regard to whether all the necessary information accompanies the filing.

A document, record, or other information shall be considered relevant to a claim if it:

- (a) was relied upon in making the claim determination;
- (b) was submitted, considered, or generated in the course of making the claim determination, without regard to whether it was relied upon in making the claim determination;
- (c) demonstrated compliance with the administrative processes and safeguards designed to ensure and to verify that claim determinations are made in accordance with Plan documents and Plan provisions have been applied consistently with respect to all claimants; or
- (d) constituted a statement of policy or guidance with respect to the Plan concerning the denied claim.

The review will take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial claim determination. The review will not afford deference to the initial denial and will be conducted by a fiduciary of the Plan who is neither the individual who made the adverse determination nor a subordinate of that individual.

### **3. Qualified Medical Child Support Order**

A medical child support order is a judgment, decree or order (including approval of a property settlement) made under state law that provides for child support or health coverage for the child of a participant. The child becomes an "alternate recipient" and can receive benefits under the health plans of the Employer, if the order is determined to be "qualified." You may obtain, without charge, a copy of the procedures governing the determination of qualified medical child support orders from the Plan Administrator.

## **X CONTINUATION COVERAGE RIGHTS UNDER COBRA**

Under federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), certain employees and their families covered under health benefits under this Plan will be entitled to the opportunity to elect a temporary extension of health coverage (called "COBRA continuation coverage") where coverage under the Plan would otherwise end. This notice is intended to inform Plan Participants and beneficiaries, in summary fashion, of their rights and obligations under the continuation coverage provisions of COBRA, as amended and reflected in final and proposed regulations published by the Department of the Treasury. This notice is intended to reflect the law and does not grant or take away any rights under the law.

The Plan Administrator or its designee is responsible for administering COBRA continuation coverage. Complete instructions on COBRA, as well as election forms and other information, will be provided by the Plan Administrator or its designee to Plan Participants who become Qualified Beneficiaries under COBRA. While the Plan itself is not a group health plan, it does provide health benefits. Whenever "Plan" is used in this section, it means any of the health benefits under this Plan including the Health Flexible Spending Account.

### **1. What is COBRA continuation coverage?**

COBRA continuation coverage is the temporary extension of group health plan coverage that must be offered to certain Plan Participants and their eligible family members (called

"Qualified Beneficiaries") at group rates. The right to COBRA continuation coverage is triggered by the occurrence of a life event that results in the loss of coverage under the terms of the Plan (the "Qualifying Event"). The coverage must be identical to the coverage that the Qualified Beneficiary had immediately before the Qualifying Event, or if the coverage has been changed, the coverage must be identical to the coverage provided to similarly situated active employees who have not experienced a Qualifying Event (in other words, similarly situated non-COBRA beneficiaries).

There may be other options available when you lose group health coverage. For example, you may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, you may qualify for lower costs on your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, you may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse's plan), even if that plan generally doesn't accept late enrollees.

## **2. Who can become a Qualified Beneficiary?**

In general, a Qualified Beneficiary can be:

(a) Any individual who, on the day before a Qualifying Event, is covered under a Plan by virtue of being on that day either a covered Employee, the Spouse of a covered Employee, or a Dependent child of a covered Employee. If, however, an individual who otherwise qualifies as a Qualified Beneficiary is denied or not offered coverage under the Plan under circumstances in which the denial or failure to offer constitutes a violation of applicable law, then the individual will be considered to have had the coverage and will be considered a Qualified Beneficiary if that individual experiences a Qualifying Event.

(b) Any child who is born to or placed for adoption with a covered Employee during a period of COBRA continuation coverage, and any individual who is covered by the Plan as an alternate recipient under a qualified medical support order. If, however, an individual who otherwise qualifies as a Qualified Beneficiary is denied or not offered coverage under the Plan under circumstances in which the denial or failure to offer constitutes a violation of applicable law, then the individual will be considered to have had the coverage and will be considered a Qualified Beneficiary if that individual experiences a Qualifying Event.

The term "covered Employee" includes any individual who is provided coverage under the Plan due to his or her performance of services for the employer sponsoring the Plan. However, this provision does not establish eligibility of these individuals. Eligibility for Plan coverage shall be determined in accordance with Plan Eligibility provisions.

An individual is not a Qualified Beneficiary if the individual's status as a covered Employee is attributable to a period in which the individual was a nonresident alien who received from the individual's Employer no earned income that constituted income from sources within the United States. If, on account of the preceding reason, an individual is not a Qualified Beneficiary, then a Spouse or Dependent child of the individual will also not be considered a Qualified Beneficiary by virtue of the relationship to the individual. A domestic partner is not a Qualified Beneficiary.

Each Qualified Beneficiary (including a child who is born to or placed for adoption with a covered Employee during a period of COBRA continuation coverage) must be offered the opportunity to make an independent election to receive COBRA continuation coverage.



### 3. What is a Qualifying Event?

A Qualifying Event is any of the following if the Plan provided that the Plan participant would lose coverage (i.e., cease to be covered under the same terms and conditions as in effect immediately before the Qualifying Event) in the absence of COBRA continuation coverage:

- (a) The death of a covered Employee.
- (b) The termination (other than by reason of the Employee's gross misconduct), or reduction of hours, of a covered Employee's employment.
- (c) The divorce or legal separation of a covered Employee from the Employee's Spouse. If the Employee reduces or eliminates the Employee's Spouse's Plan coverage in anticipation of a divorce or legal separation, and a divorce or legal separation later occurs, then the divorce or legal separation may be considered a Qualifying Event even though the Spouse's coverage was reduced or eliminated before the divorce or legal separation.
- (d) A covered Employee's enrollment in any part of the Medicare program.
- (e) A Dependent child's ceasing to satisfy the Plan's requirements for a Dependent child (for example, attainment of the maximum age for dependency under the Plan).

If the Qualifying Event causes the covered Employee, or the covered Spouse or a Dependent child of the covered Employee, to cease to be covered under the Plan under the same terms and conditions as in effect immediately before the Qualifying Event, the persons losing such coverage become Qualified Beneficiaries under COBRA if all the other conditions of COBRA are also met. For example, any increase in contribution that must be paid by a covered Employee, or the Spouse, or a Dependent child of the covered Employee, for coverage under the Plan that results from the occurrence of one of the events listed above is a loss of coverage.

The taking of leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended ("FMLA") does not constitute a Qualifying Event. A Qualifying Event will occur, however, if an Employee does not return to employment at the end of the FMLA leave and all other COBRA continuation coverage conditions are present. If a Qualifying Event occurs, it occurs on the last day of FMLA leave and the applicable maximum coverage period is measured from this date (unless coverage is lost at a later date and the Plan provides for the extension of the required periods, in which case the maximum coverage date is measured from the date when the coverage is lost.) Note that the covered Employee and family members will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage even if they failed to pay the employee portion of premiums for coverage under the Plan during the FMLA leave.

### 4. What factors should be considered when determining to elect COBRA continuation coverage?

When considering options for health coverage, Qualified Beneficiaries should consider:

- **Premiums:** This plan can charge up to 102% of total plan premiums for COBRA coverage. Other options, like coverage on a spouse's plan or through the Marketplace, may be less expensive. Qualified Beneficiaries have special enrollment rights under federal law (HIPAA). They have the right to request special enrollment in another group health plan for which they are otherwise eligible (such as a plan sponsored by a

spouse's employer) within 30 days after Plan coverage ends due to one of the Qualifying Events listed above.

- **Provider Networks**: If a Qualified Beneficiary is currently getting care or treatment for a condition, a change in health coverage may affect access to a particular health care provider. You may want to check to see if your current health care providers participate in a network in considering options for health coverage.
- **Drug Formularies**: For Qualified Beneficiaries taking medication, a change in health coverage may affect costs for medication – and in some cases, the medication may not be covered by another plan. Qualified beneficiaries should check to see if current medications are listed in drug formularies for other health coverage.
- **Severance payments**: If COBRA rights arise because the Employee has lost his job and there is a severance package available from the employer, the former employer may have offered to pay some or all of the Employee's COBRA payments for a period of time. This can affect the timing of coverage available in the Marketplace. In this scenario, the Employee may want to contact the Department of Labor at 1-866-444-3272 to discuss options.
- **Medicare Eligibility**: You should be aware of how COBRA coverage coordinates with Medicare eligibility. If you are eligible for Medicare at the time of the Qualifying Event, or if you will become eligible soon after the Qualifying Event, you should know that you have 8 months to enroll in Medicare after your employment –related health coverage ends. Electing COBRA coverage does not extend this 8-month period. For more information, see [medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plan](http://medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plan).
- **Service Areas**: If benefits under the Plan are limited to specific service or coverage areas, benefits may not be available to a Qualified Beneficiary who moves out of the area.
- **Other Cost-Sharing**: In addition to premiums or contributions for health coverage, the Plan requires participants to pay copayments, deductibles, coinsurance, or other amounts as benefits are used. Qualified beneficiaries should check to see what the cost-sharing requirements are for other health coverage options. For example, one option may have much lower monthly premiums, but a much higher deductible and higher copayments.

**Are there other coverage options besides COBRA Continuation Coverage?** Yes. Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for Qualified Beneficiaries through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

## 5. What is the procedure for obtaining COBRA continuation coverage?

The Plan has conditioned the availability of COBRA continuation coverage upon the timely election of such coverage. An election is timely if it is made during the election period.

## 6. What is the election period and how long must it last?

The election period is the time period within which the Qualified Beneficiary must elect COBRA continuation coverage under the Plan. The election period must begin no later than the date the Qualified Beneficiary would lose coverage on account of the Qualifying Event and ends 60 days after the later of the date the Qualified Beneficiary would lose coverage on account of the Qualifying Event or the date notice is provided to the Qualified Beneficiary of her or his right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If coverage is not elected within the 60 day period, all rights to elect COBRA continuation coverage are forfeited.

Note: If a covered Employee who has been terminated or experienced a reduction of hours qualifies for a trade readjustment allowance or alternative trade adjustment assistance under a federal law called the Trade Act of 2002, as extended by the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, and the employee and his or her covered dependents have not elected COBRA coverage within the normal election period, a second opportunity to elect COBRA coverage will be made available for themselves and certain family members, but only within a limited period of 60 days or less and only during the six months immediately after their group health plan coverage ended. Any person who qualifies or thinks that he or she and/or his or her family members may qualify for assistance under this special provision should contact the Plan Administrator or its designee for further information about the special second election period. If continuation coverage is elected under this extension, it will not become effective prior to the beginning of this special second election period.

## 7. Is a covered Employee or Qualified Beneficiary responsible for informing the Plan Administrator of the occurrence of a Qualifying Event?

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to Qualified Beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator or its designee has been timely notified that a Qualifying Event has occurred. The Employer (if the Employer is not the Plan Administrator) will notify the Plan Administrator or its designee of the Qualifying Event within 30 days following the date coverage ends when the Qualifying Event is:

- (a) the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment,
- (b) death of the employee,
- (c) commencement of a proceeding in bankruptcy with respect to the Employer, or
- (d) entitlement of the employee to any part of Medicare.

### **IMPORTANT:**

**For the other Qualifying Events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you or someone on your behalf must notify the Plan Administrator or its designee in writing within 60 days after the Qualifying Event occurs, using the procedures specified below. If these procedures are not followed or if the notice is not provided in writing to the Plan Administrator or its designee during the 60-day notice period, any spouse or dependent child who loses coverage will not be offered the option to elect continuation coverage. You must send this notice to the Plan Administrator or its designee.**

**NOTICE PROCEDURES:**

Any notice that you provide must be ***in writing***. Oral notice, including notice by telephone, is not acceptable. You must mail, fax or hand-deliver your notice to the person, department or firm listed below, at the following address:

Rakuten USA Inc. dba Rakuten Americas  
800 Concar Drive  
San Mateo, California 94402

If mailed, your notice must be postmarked no later than the last day of the required notice period. Any notice you provide must state:

- the **name of the plan or plans** under which you lost or are losing coverage,
- the **name and address of the employee** covered under the plan,
- the **name(s) and address(es) of the Qualified Beneficiary(ies)**, and
- the **Qualifying Event** and the **date** it happened.

If the Qualifying Event is a **divorce or legal separation**, your notice must include **a copy of the divorce decree or the legal separation agreement**.

Be aware that there are other notice requirements in other contexts, for example, in order to qualify for a disability extension.

Once the Plan Administrator or its designee receives ***timely notice*** that a Qualifying Event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each Qualified Beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered employees may elect COBRA continuation coverage for their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children. For each Qualified Beneficiary who elects COBRA continuation coverage, COBRA continuation coverage will begin on the date that plan coverage would otherwise have been lost. If you or your spouse or dependent children do not elect continuation coverage within the 60-day election period described above, the right to elect continuation coverage will be lost.

**8. Is a waiver before the end of the election period effective to end a Qualified Beneficiary's election rights?**

If, during the election period, a Qualified Beneficiary waives COBRA continuation coverage, the waiver can be revoked at any time before the end of the election period. Revocation of the waiver is an election of COBRA continuation coverage. However, if a waiver is later revoked, coverage need not be provided retroactively (that is, from the date of the loss of coverage until the waiver is revoked). Waivers and revocations of waivers are considered made on the date they are sent to the Plan Administrator or its designee, as applicable.

**9. Is COBRA coverage available if a Qualified Beneficiary has other group health plan coverage or Medicare?**

Qualified Beneficiaries who are entitled to elect COBRA continuation coverage may do so even if they are covered under another group health plan or are entitled to Medicare benefits on or before the date on which COBRA is elected. However, a Qualified Beneficiary's COBRA

coverage will terminate automatically if, after electing COBRA, he or she becomes entitled to Medicare or becomes covered under other group health plan coverage.

#### **10. When may a Qualified Beneficiary's COBRA continuation coverage be terminated?**

During the election period, a Qualified Beneficiary may waive COBRA continuation coverage. Except for an interruption of coverage in connection with a waiver, COBRA continuation coverage that has been elected for a Qualified Beneficiary must extend for at least the period beginning on the date of the Qualifying Event and ending not before the earliest of the following dates:

- (a) The last day of the applicable maximum coverage period.
- (b) The first day for which Timely Payment is not made to the Plan with respect to the Qualified Beneficiary.
- (c) The date upon which the Employer ceases to provide any group health plan (including a successor plan) to any employee.
- (d) The date, after the date of the election, that the Qualified Beneficiary first becomes entitled to Medicare (either part A or part B, whichever occurs earlier).
- (e) In the case of a Qualified Beneficiary entitled to a disability extension, the later of:
  - (1) (i) 29 months after the date of the Qualifying Event, or (ii) the first day of the month that is more than 30 days after the date of a final determination under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act that the disabled Qualified Beneficiary whose disability resulted in the Qualified Beneficiary's entitlement to the disability extension is no longer disabled, whichever is earlier; or
  - (2) the end of the maximum coverage period that applies to the Qualified Beneficiary without regard to the disability extension.

The Plan can terminate for cause the coverage of a Qualified Beneficiary on the same basis that the Plan terminates for cause the coverage of similarly situated non-COBRA beneficiaries, for example, for the submission of a fraudulent claim.

In the case of an individual who is not a Qualified Beneficiary and who is receiving coverage under the Plan solely because of the individual's relationship to a Qualified Beneficiary, if the Plan's obligation to make COBRA continuation coverage available to the Qualified Beneficiary ceases, the Plan is not obligated to make coverage available to the individual who is not a Qualified Beneficiary.

#### **11. What are the maximum coverage periods for COBRA continuation coverage?**

The maximum coverage periods are based on the type of the Qualifying Event and the status of the Qualified Beneficiary, as shown below.

- (a) In the case of a Qualifying Event that is a termination of employment or reduction of hours of employment, the maximum coverage period ends 18 months after the Qualifying

Event if there is not a disability extension and 29 months after the Qualifying Event if there is a disability extension.

(b) In the case of a covered Employee's enrollment in the Medicare program before experiencing a Qualifying Event that is a termination of employment or reduction of hours of employment, the maximum coverage period for Qualified Beneficiaries ends on the later of:

(1) 36 months after the date the covered Employee becomes enrolled in the Medicare program. This extension does not apply to the covered Employee; or

(2) 18 months (or 29 months, if there is a disability extension) after the date of the covered Employee's termination of employment or reduction of hours of employment.

(c) In the case of a Qualified Beneficiary who is a child born to or placed for adoption with a covered Employee during a period of COBRA continuation coverage, the maximum coverage period is the maximum coverage period applicable to the Qualifying Event giving rise to the period of COBRA continuation coverage during which the child was born or placed for adoption.

(d) In the case of any other Qualifying Event than that described above, the maximum coverage period ends 36 months after the Qualifying Event.

## **12. Under what circumstances can the maximum coverage period be expanded?**

If a Qualifying Event that gives rise to an 18-month or 29-month maximum coverage period is followed, within that 18- or 29-month period, by a second Qualifying Event that gives rise to a 36-months maximum coverage period, the original period is expanded to 36 months, but only for individuals who are Qualified Beneficiaries at the time of and with respect to both Qualifying Events. In no circumstance can the COBRA maximum coverage period be expanded to more than 36 months after the date of the first Qualifying Event. The Plan Administrator must be notified of the second qualifying event within 60 days of the second qualifying event. This notice must be sent to the Plan Administrator or its designee in accordance with the procedures above.

## **13. How does a Qualified Beneficiary become entitled to a disability extension?**

A disability extension will be granted if an individual (whether or not the covered Employee) who is a Qualified Beneficiary in connection with the Qualifying Event that is a termination or reduction of hours of a covered Employee's employment, is determined under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act to have been disabled at any time during the first 60 days of COBRA continuation coverage. To qualify for the disability extension, the Qualified Beneficiary must also provide the Plan Administrator with notice of the disability determination on a date that is both within 60 days after the date of the determination and before the end of the original 18-month maximum coverage. This notice must be sent to the Plan Administrator or its designee in accordance with the procedures above.

## **14. Does the Plan require payment for COBRA continuation coverage?**

For any period of COBRA continuation coverage under the Plan, Qualified Beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage may be required to pay up to 102% of the applicable premium and up to 150% of the applicable premium for any expanded period of COBRA continuation coverage covering a disabled Qualified Beneficiary due to a disability extension.

Your Plan Administrator will inform you of the cost. The Plan will terminate a Qualified Beneficiary's COBRA continuation coverage as of the first day of any period for which timely payment is not made.

**15. Must the Plan allow payment for COBRA continuation coverage to be made in monthly installments?**

Yes. The Plan is also permitted to allow for payment at other intervals.

**16. What is Timely Payment for COBRA continuation coverage?**

Timely Payment means a payment made no later than 30 days after the first day of the coverage period. Payment that is made to the Plan by a later date is also considered Timely Payment if either under the terms of the Plan, covered Employees or Qualified Beneficiaries are allowed until that later date to pay for their coverage for the period or under the terms of an arrangement between the Employer and the entity that provides Plan benefits on the Employer's behalf, the Employer is allowed until that later date to pay for coverage of similarly situated non-COBRA beneficiaries for the period.

Notwithstanding the above paragraph, the Plan does not require payment for any period of COBRA continuation coverage for a Qualified Beneficiary earlier than 45 days after the date on which the election of COBRA continuation coverage is made for that Qualified Beneficiary. Payment is considered made on the date on which it is postmarked to the Plan.

If Timely Payment is made to the Plan in an amount that is not significantly less than the amount the Plan requires to be paid for a period of coverage, then the amount paid will be deemed to satisfy the Plan's requirement for the amount to be paid, unless the Plan notifies the Qualified Beneficiary of the amount of the deficiency and grants a reasonable period of time for payment of the deficiency to be made. A "reasonable period of time" is 30 days after the notice is provided. A shortfall in a Timely Payment is not significant if it is no greater than the lesser of \$50 or 10% of the required amount.

**17. Must a Qualified Beneficiary be given the right to enroll in a conversion health plan at the end of the maximum coverage period for COBRA continuation coverage?**

If a Qualified Beneficiary's COBRA continuation coverage under a group health plan ends as a result of the expiration of the applicable maximum coverage period, the Plan will, during the 180-day period that ends on that expiration date, provide the Qualified Beneficiary with the option of enrolling under a conversion health plan if such an option is otherwise generally available to similarly situated non-COBRA beneficiaries under the Plan. If such a conversion option is not otherwise generally available, it need not be made available to Qualified Beneficiaries.

**18. How is my participation in the Health Flexible Spending Account affected?**

You can elect to continue your participation in the Health Flexible Spending Account for the remainder of the Plan Year, subject to the following conditions. You may only continue to participate in the Health Flexible Spending Account if you have elected to contribute more money including any carryover amounts than you have taken out in claims. For example, if you elected to contribute an annual amount of \$500 and, at the time you terminate employment, you have contributed \$300 but only claimed \$150, you may elect to continue coverage under the

Health Flexible Spending Account. If you elect to continue coverage, then you would be able to continue to receive your health reimbursements up to the \$500. However, you must continue to pay for the coverage, just as the money has been taken out of your paycheck, but on an after-tax basis. The Plan can also charge you an extra amount (as explained above for other health benefits) to provide this benefit.

### **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

If you have questions about your COBRA continuation coverage, you should contact the Plan Administrator or its designee. For more information about your rights under ERISA, including COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, 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](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa).

### **KEEP YOUR PLAN ADMINISTRATOR INFORMED OF ADDRESS CHANGES**

In order to protect your family's rights, you should keep the Plan Administrator informed of any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator or its designee.

## **XI SUMMARY**

The money you earn is important to you and your family. You need it to pay your bills, enjoy recreational activities and save for the future. Our flexible benefits plan will help you keep more of the money you earn by lowering the amount of taxes you pay. The Plan is the result of our continuing efforts to find ways to help you get the most for your earnings.

If you have any questions, please contact the Administrator.



## Appendix D: Notice of HIPAA Privacy Practices

### RAKUTEN USA, INC. PRIVACY PRACTICES NOTICE

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THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY. THE PRIVACY OF YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US.

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#### Summary of Our Privacy Practices

We may use and disclose your protected health information ("medical information"), without your permission, for treatment, payment, and health care operations activities. We may use and disclose your medical information, without your permission, when required or authorized by law for public health activities, law enforcement, judicial and administrative proceedings, research, and certain other public benefit functions.

We may disclose your medical information to your family members, friends, and others you involve in your care or payment for your health care. We may disclose your medical information to appropriate public and private agencies in disaster relief situations.

We may disclose to your employer whether you are enrolled or disenrolled in the health plans it sponsors. We may disclose summary health information to your employer for certain limited purposes. We may disclose your medical information to your employer to administer your group health plan if your employer explains the limitations on its use and disclosure of your medical information in the plan document for your group health plan.

Except for certain legally-approved uses and disclosures, we will not otherwise use or disclose your medical information without your written authorization.

You have the right to examine and receive a copy of your medical information. You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures we may make of your medical information. You have the right to request that we amend, further restrict use and disclosure of, or communicate in confidence with you about your medical information.

You have the right to receive notice of breaches of your unsecured medical information.

Please review this entire notice for details about the uses and disclosures we may make of your medical information, about your rights and how to exercise them, and about complaints regarding or additional information about our privacy practices.

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#### Contact Information

For more information about our privacy practices, to discuss questions or concerns, or to

get additional copies of this notice, please contact our Contact Office.

Contact Office: Human Resources

E-mail: [hr-HRServices@mail.rakuten.com](mailto:hr-HRServices@mail.rakuten.com)

Address: 800 Concar Drive, San Mateo, CA 94402

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### Health Plans Covered by this Notice

This notice applies to the privacy practices of the health plans listed below. They may share with each other your medical information, and the Medical EPO, PPO, HDHP

Dental PPO, Vision

medical information of others they service, for the health care operations of their joint activities.

Healthcare FSA

Mental Health Counseling/EAP

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### Our Legal Duty

We are required by applicable federal and state law to maintain the privacy of your protected health information ("medical information"). We are also required to give you this notice about our privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights concerning your medical information.

We must follow the privacy practices that are described in this notice while it is in effect. This notice takes effect **1/1/2019** and will remain in effect unless we replace it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make any change in our privacy practices and the new terms of our notice applicable to all medical information we maintain, including medical information we created or received before we made the change.

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### Uses and Disclosures of Your Medical Information

**Treatment:** We may disclose your medical information, without your permission, to a physician or other health care provider to treat you.

**Payment:** We may use and disclose your medical information, without your permission, to pay claims from physicians, hospitals and other health care providers for services delivered to you that are covered by your health plan, to determine your eligibility for benefits, to coordinate your benefits with other payers, to determine the medical necessity of care delivered to you, to obtain premiums for your health coverage, to issue explanations of benefits to the subscriber of the health plan in which you participate, and the like. We may disclose your medical information to a health care provider or another health plan for that provider or plan to obtain payment or engage in other payment activities.

**Health Care Operations:** We may use and disclose your medical information, without your permission, for health care operations. Health care operations include:

- health care quality assessment and improvement activities;

- reviewing and evaluating health care provider and health plan performance, qualifications and competence, health care training programs, health care provider and health plan accreditation, certification, licensing and credentialing activities;
- conducting or arranging for medical reviews, audits, and legal services, including fraud and abuse detection and prevention;
- underwriting and premium rating our risk for health coverage, and obtaining stop-loss and similar reinsurance for our health coverage obligations; and
- business planning, development, management, and general administration, including customer service, grievance resolution, claims payment and health coverage improvement activities, de-identifying medical information, and creating limited data sets for health care operations, public health activities, and research.

We may disclose your medical information to another health plan or to a health care provider subject to federal privacy protection laws, as long as the plan or provider has or had a relationship with you and the medical information is for that plan's or provider's health care quality assessment and improvement activities,

competence and qualification evaluation and review activities, or fraud and abuse detection and prevention.

**Your Authorization:** You may give us written authorization to use your medical information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If you give us an authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will not affect any use or disclosure permitted by your authorization while it was in effect. Unless you give us a written authorization, we will not use or disclose your medical information for any purpose other than those described in this notice. We generally may use or disclose any psychotherapy notes we hold only with your authorization.

**Family, Friends, and Others Involved in Your Care or Payment for Care:** We may disclose your medical information to a family member, friend or any other person you involve in your care or payment for your health care. We will disclose only the medical information that is relevant to the person's involvement.

We may use or disclose your name, location, and general condition to notify, or to assist an appropriate public or private agency to locate and notify, a person responsible for your care in appropriate situations, such as a medical emergency or during disaster relief efforts.

We will provide you with an opportunity to object to these disclosures, unless you are not present or are incapacitated or it is an emergency or disaster relief situation. In those situations, we will use our professional judgment to determine whether disclosing medical information related to your care or payment is in your best interest under the circumstances.

Your medical information remains protected by us for at least 50 years after you die. After you die, we may disclose to a family member, or other person involved in your health care prior to your death, the medical information that is relevant to that person's involvement, unless doing so is inconsistent with your preference and you have told us so.

**Your Employer:** We may disclose to your employer whether you are enrolled or disenrolled in a health plan that your employer sponsors.

We may disclose summary health information to your employer to use to obtain premium bids for the health insurance coverage offered under the group health plan in which you participate or to decide whether to modify, amend or terminate that group health plan (this is sometimes called "underwriting"). Summary health information is aggregated claims history, claims expenses or types of claims experienced by the enrollees in your group health plan. Although summary health information will be stripped of all direct identifiers of these enrollees, it still may be possible to identify medical information contained in the summary health information as yours. We are expressly prohibited from using or disclosing any health information containing your genetic information for underwriting purposes.

We may disclose your medical information and the medical information of others enrolled in your group health plan to your employer to administer your group health plan. Before we may do that, your employer must amend the plan document for your group health plan to establish the limited uses and disclosures it may make of your medical information. Please see your group health plan document for a full explanation of those limitations.

**Health-Related Products and Services:** We may use your medical information to communicate with you about health-related products, benefits and services, and payment for those products, benefits and services that we provide or include in our benefits plan. We may use your medical information to communicate with you about treatment alternatives that may be of interest to you.

These communications may include information about the health care providers in our networks, about replacement of or enhancements to your health plan, and about health-related products or services that are available only to our enrollees that add value to our benefits plans.

**Public Health and Benefit Activities:** We may use and disclose your medical information, without your permission, when required by law, and when authorized by law for the following kinds of public health and public benefit activities:

- for public health, including to report disease and vital statistics, child abuse, and adult abuse, neglect or domestic violence;
- to avert a serious and imminent threat to health or safety;
- for health care oversight, such as activities of state insurance commissioners, licensing and peer review authorities, and fraud prevention agencies;
- for research;
- in response to court and administrative orders and other lawful process;
- to law enforcement officials with regard to crime victims and criminal activities;
- to coroners, medical examiners, funeral directors, and organ procurement organizations;
- to the military, to federal officials for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and national security activities, and to correctional institutions and law enforcement regarding persons in lawful custody; and
- as authorized by state worker's compensation laws.

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### Your Rights

**Access:** You have the right to examine and to receive a copy of your medical information, with limited exceptions. You should submit your request **{in writing}** to our Contact Office.

We may charge you reasonable, cost-based fees (including labor costs) for a copy of your medical information, for mailing the copy to you, and for preparing any summary or explanation of your medical information you request. Contact HR for information about our fees.

Your medical information may be maintained electronically. If so, you can request an electronic copy of your medical information. If you do, we will provide you with your medical information in the electronic form and format you requested, if it is readily producible in such form and format. If not, we will produce it in a readable electronic form and format as we mutually agree upon.

You may request that we transmit your medical information directly to another person you designate. If so, we will provide the copy to the designated person. Your request must be in writing, signed by you and must clearly identify the designated person and where we should send the copy of your medical information.

**Disclosure Accounting:** You have the right to a list of instances from the prior six years in which we disclose your medical information for purposes other than treatment, payment, health

care operations, as authorized by you, and for certain other activities.

You should submit your request to the contact at the end of this notice. We will provide you with information about each accountable disclosure that we made during the period for which you request the accounting, except we are not obligated to account for a disclosure that occurred more than 6 years before the date of your request and never for a disclosure that occurred before the plan's effective date (if the plan was created less than six years ago).

**Amendment.** You have the right to request that we amend your medical information. You should submit your request **in writing** to the contact at the end of this notice.

We may deny your request only for certain reasons. If we deny your request, we will provide you a written explanation. If we accept your request, we will make your amendment part of your medical information and use reasonable efforts to inform others of the amendment who we know may have and rely on the unamended information to your detriment, as well as persons you want to receive the amendment.

**Restriction:** You have the right to request that we restrict our use or disclosure of your medical information for treatment, payment or health care operations, or with family, friends or

others you identify. We are not required to agree to your request, except for certain required restrictions, described below. If we do agree, we will abide by our agreement, except in a medical emergency or as required or authorized by law. You should submit your request to the contact at the end of this notice. We will agree to (and not terminate) a restriction request if:

1. the disclosure is to a health plan for purposes of carrying out payment or health care operations and is not otherwise required by law; and

2. the medical information pertains solely to a health care item or service for which the individual, or person other than the health plan on behalf of the individual, has paid the covered entity in full.

**Confidential Communication:** You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your medical information in confidence by means or to locations that you specify. You should make your request in writing, and your request must represent that the information could endanger you if it is not communicated in confidence as you request. You should submit your request in writing to the contact at the end of this notice.

We will accommodate your request if it is reasonable, specifies the means or location for

communicating with you, and continues to permit us to collect premiums and pay claims under your health plan. Please note that an explanation of benefits and other information that we issue to the subscriber about health care that you received for which you did not request confidential communications, or about health care received by the subscriber or by others covered by the health plan in which you participate, may contain sufficient information to reveal that you obtained health care for which we paid, even though you requested that we communicate with you about that health care in confidence.

**Breach Notification:** You have the right to receive notice of a breach of your unsecured medical information. Notification may be delayed or not provided if so required by a law enforcement official. You may request that notice be provided by electronic mail. If you are deceased and there is a breach of your medical information, the notice will be provided to your next of kin or personal representatives if the plan knows the identity and address of such individual(s).

**Electronic Notice:** If you receive this notice on our web site or by electronic mail (e-mail), you are entitled to receive this notice in written form. Please contact our Contact Office to obtain this notice in written form.

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### Complaints

If you are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your medical information, about amending your medical information, about restricting our use or disclosure of your medical information, or about how we communicate with you about your medical information (including a breach notice communication), you may complain to our Contact Office.

You also may submit a written complaint to the Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201. You may contact the Office for Civil Rights' Hotline at 1-800-368-1019.

We support your right to the privacy of your medical information. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## Appendix E: Authorized Representatives

### Appointment of Authorized Representative

I, \_\_\_\_\_

[name of claimant]

hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to act on my behalf

[name of Authorized Representative]

or on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

[name of patient: plan participant or beneficiary]

in connection with any claim for coverage or benefits, including receipt of any approvals or authorizations that are required before medical services are provided under the plan named above ("Plan"). I authorize my representative to receive any and all information that is provided to me, and to act for me and for my covered spouse or dependent, if named above as the patient, in providing any information to the Plan that relates to any claim for coverage or benefits under the Plan.

This form does not constitute an assignment of rights for direct payment.

Distribute to me and to my Authorized Representative: All information and notifications should be distributed to me and to my Authorized Representative.

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Claimant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative's signature

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Date

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness signature

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Date