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The Importance of Preventive Care

CIGNA's mission is to improve the health, well-being and security of the individuals we serve. Accordingly, we fully support in-network coverage of evidence-based preventive care services at no cost-share for our customers. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requirement that health plans cover preventive care services with no cost-sharing is consistent with the objective of shifting our U.S. health care model from one focused on treating illness to one focused on improving health by preventing illness and detecting illness early when it is most optimally treated.

We are in the process of implementing the Interim Final Rules for Coverage of Preventive Services with respect to the health plans we insure or administer. We are aligning our interpretation of these regulations with the A and B recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (as referenced in the interim final regulations), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP), and the services identified thus far by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

As a company focused on prevention and health improvement, CIGNA has long utilized the recommendations of national health care experts including those noted above. We stress preventive care for all individuals, and the consumer directed benefit plans we administer already cover 100% of preventive benefits with no out-of-pocket cost to our customers.

CIGNA expects ongoing clarification of the specific requirements of the PPACA legislation, and our policies and coverage standards will evolve accordingly. More information will be available in the near future once our interpretations are finalized.

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