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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- 1 EOB Explanation of Benefits:
 - A statement sent to you by your health insurance company explaining what medical treatments and/or services were paid for on your behalf.
- **2 Deductible:** The amount you pay for covered healthcare services before your insurance plan starts to pay.
- **3 Co-Pay:** A fixed amount you pay for a covered healthcare service after you have paid your deductible.
- **4 Co-Insurance:** The percentage of costs of a covered healthcare service.
- **5 Out-of-Pocket:** The portion of your covered medical expenses that you can expect to pay during the course of a plan year.
- **6 Estimate:** The total amount you may have to pay for services, which is calculated before you receive your services.
- 7 Coordination of Benefits: A way to figure out who pays first when two or more health insurance plans are responsible for paying the same medical claim.

- 8 Medically Necessary: Healthcare services or supplies needed to diagnose or treat an illness, injury condition, disease or its symptoms, and that meet accepted standards of medicine.
- 9 Pre-Authorization: A decision by your health insurer or plan that a healthcare service, treatment plan, prescription drug or durable medical equipment is medically necessary. Pre-authorization is not a promise your health insurance or plan will cover the cost.
- **10 Appeal:** A request for your health insurer or plan to review a decision or grievance again.
- 11 ABN Advanced Beneficiary Notice: A
 Medicare waiver of liability that providers are
 required to give a Medicare patient before
 services if, based on Medicare rules, those
 services may not be covered or considered
 medically necessary.
- 12 Denial: When an insurance company does not approve payment for a specific claim or does not pre-authorize a service or services before you have received the healthcare service.

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