

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT

This Administrative Services Agreement ("Agreement"), which, as of the effective date stated herein, replaces the Agreement that was effective as of January 1, 2019 is entered into by and between City of LaCrosse ("Employer") and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield ("Anthem") and is effective as of January 1, 2025 upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Employer is the sponsor of a self-funded Group Health Plan (as defined below) providing, among other things, health care benefits to certain eligible employees and their qualified dependents.
2. Employer desires to retain Anthem as an independent contractor to administer certain elements of Employer's Group Health Plan.
3. Anthem desires to administer certain elements of Employer's Group Health Plan pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

In consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, Anthem and Employer (the "Party" or "Parties" as appropriate) agree as follows:

### ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Agreement and any amendments, attachments or schedules to this Agreement, the following words and terms have the following meanings unless the context or use clearly indicates another meaning or intent:

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FEES.** The amount payable to Anthem in consideration of its administrative services and operating expenses as indicated in Section 3 of Schedule A, excluding any cost for stop loss insurance coverage or any other policy of insurance, if applicable. All additional charges not included in the Administrative Services Fees are specified elsewhere in this Agreement.

**AGREEMENT PERIOD.** The period of time indicated in Section 1 of Schedule A.

**ANTHEM AFFILIATE.** An entity controlling, under common control with or controlled by Anthem.

**BENEFITS BOOKLET.** A description of the portion of the health care benefits provided under the Plan that is administered by Anthem.

**BILLED CHARGES.** The amount that appears on a Member's Claim form (or other written notification acceptable to Anthem that Covered Services have been provided) as the Provider's charge for the services rendered to a Member, without any adjustment or reduction and irrespective of any applicable reimbursement arrangement with the Provider.

**BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ASSOCIATION ("BCBSA").** An association of independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies.

**CLAIM.** Written or electronic notice of a request for reimbursement of any health care service or supply on a form acceptable to Anthem.

**CLAIMS RUNOUT SERVICES.** Processing, including adjustments, and payment of Claims that are incurred but unreported and/or unpaid as of the date this Agreement terminates.

**CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT ("CAA").** The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (42 USC 300gg, et seq. and 29 USC 1185, et seq.), as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

**COVERED SERVICE.** Any health care service or supply rendered to Members for which benefits are eligible for reimbursement pursuant to the terms of the applicable Benefits Booklet.

**EMPLOYER AFFILIATES.** Companies affiliated with Employer that are participating in the Plan and which, along with the Employer constitute a single "control group" as that term is used in the Internal Revenue Code.

**GROUP HEALTH PLAN OR PLAN.** An employee welfare benefit plan established by the Employer, in effect as of the Effective Date, as described in the Plan Documents, as they may be amended from time to time.

**INTER-PLAN ARRANGEMENTS.** Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association programs, including the BlueCard Program, where Anthem can process certain Claims for Covered Services received by Members, which may include accessing the reimbursement arrangement of a Provider that has contracted with another Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan.

**INVOICE DUE DATE.** The date on the invoice provided to Employer indicating when payment is due or as otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

**MEMBER.** The individuals, including the Subscriber and his/her dependents, as defined in the Benefits Booklet, who have satisfied the Plan eligibility requirements of Employer, applied for coverage, and been enrolled for Plan benefits.

**NETWORK PROVIDER.** A physician, health professional, hospital, pharmacy, or other individual, organization and/or facility that has entered into a contract, either directly or indirectly, with Anthem to provide Covered Services to Members through negotiated reimbursement arrangements.

**PAID CLAIM.** The amount charged to Employer for Covered Services provided during the term of this Agreement and any Claims Runout Period. Paid Claims may also include any applicable surcharges assessed by a state or government agency and any applicable interest paid. In addition, Paid Claims shall be determined as follows:

1. Provider and Vendor Claims. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Paid Claims shall mean the amount Anthem actually pays the Provider or Vendor without regard to: (i) whether Anthem reimburses such Provider or Vendor on a percentage of charges basis, a fixed payment basis, a global fee basis, single case rate, or other reimbursement methodology; (ii) whether such amount is more or less than the Provider's or Vendor's actual Billed Charges for a particular service or supply; or (iii) whether such payments are increased or decreased by the Provider's or Vendor's achievement of, or failure to achieve, certain specified goals, outcomes or standards adopted by Anthem.
2. This provision is intentionally removed.
3. Payment Innovation Programs. If a Provider or Vendor participates in any Anthem payment innovation program, excluding any programs described in paragraph 1 of this provision, in which performance incentives, rewards or bonuses are paid based on the achievement of cost, quality, efficiency, or service standards or metrics adopted by Anthem or in which fees are paid to Providers or Vendors for managing and/or coordinating the care or cost of care for designated Members ("Payment Innovation Programs"), Paid Claims shall also include the amount of such payments to Providers or Vendors for these Payment Innovation Programs. Such payments may be charged to Employer on a per Claim, lump sum, per Subscriber, or per Member basis and shall be based on Anthem's predetermined methodology for such Payment Innovation Program, as may be amended from time to time. The total monies charged in advance to fund a Payment Innovation Program shall be actuarially determined as the amount necessary to fund the expected payments attributable to the Payment Innovation Program. Prior to its implementation, Anthem shall provide Employer with a description of the Payment Innovation Program, the methodology that will be utilized to charge the Employer, and any reconciliation process performed in connection with such program. Payments to Providers or Vendors under these Payment Innovation Programs shall not impact Member cost shares.
4. This provision is intentionally omitted.
5. Claims Payment Pursuant to any Judgment, Settlement, Legal or Administrative Proceeding. Subject to Article 16 as applicable, Paid Claims shall include any Claim amount paid as the result of a settlement, judgment, or legal, regulatory or administrative proceeding brought against the Plan and/or Anthem, or otherwise agreed to by Anthem, with respect to the decisions made by Anthem regarding the coverage of or amounts paid for services under the terms of the Plan. Paid Claims also includes any amount paid as a result of dispute resolution procedures.
6. Claims Payment Pursuant To Inter-Plan Arrangements And Other BCBSA Programs. Paid Claims shall include any amount paid for Covered Services that are processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements or for any amounts paid for Covered Services provided through another BCBSA program (e.g., BCBSA Blue Distinction Centers for Transplant). More information about Inter-Plan Arrangements is found in the Inter-Plan Arrangements Schedule of this Agreement.
7. Claims Payment Pursuant To A Consumer Directed Health Plan Account. If applicable to Plan benefits and as indicated on Schedule A or B of this Agreement, Paid Claims shall include any amount actually paid by Anthem from a consumer directed health plan account, such as a health reimbursement account or a health incentive account.

**PLAN DOCUMENTS.** The documents that set forth the terms of the Plan, and which include the Benefits Booklet.

**PROPRIETARY INFORMATION AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

Employer's Proprietary Information is information about the systems, procedures, methodologies and practices used by Employer to run its operations and the Plan and other non-public information about Employer.

Anthem's Proprietary Information is non-public, trade secret, commercially valuable, or competitively sensitive information, or other material and information relating to the products, business, or activities of Anthem or an Anthem Affiliate, including but not limited to: (1) information about Anthem's Vendors and Vendor contract terms, Provider networks, Provider negotiated fees, Provider discounts, and Provider contract terms; (2) information about the systems, procedures, methodologies, and practices used by Anthem and Anthem Affiliates in performing their services such as underwriting, Claims processing, Claims payment, and health care management activities; and (3) combinations of data elements that could enable information of this kind to be derived or calculated.

Anthem's Confidential Information is information that Anthem or an Anthem Affiliate is obligated by law or contract to protect, including but not limited to: (1) Social Security Numbers; (2) Provider Tax Identification Numbers; (3) National Provider Identification Numbers; (4) Provider names, Provider addresses, and other identifying information about Providers; and (5) Drug Enforcement Administration Numbers, pharmacy numbers, and other identifying information about pharmacies.

To the extent practicable, Anthem shall mark all applicable records as "Proprietary Information" or "Confidential Information." However, the Parties agree that the following specific records shall be subject to the procedures outlined in Article 10, even if those records are not marked as such: (1) an unredacted copy of this Agreement, including any amendment, or any drafts thereof, as well as any communications attaching an unredacted copy of this Agreement or any amendment; (2) an unredacted copy of any responses to a request for information/request for proposal and information submitted in connection thereto; (3) custom/nonstandard ad hoc data reports; (4) material containing Provider discount information; and (5) any rating and/or pricing information/exhibits provided to Employer during renewal, including but not limited to, underwriting documents, pharmacy pricing exhibits, and rebate calculations, rebate reconciliations.

**PROVIDER.** A duly licensed physician, health professional, hospital, pharmacy or other individual, organization and/or facility that provides health services or supplies within the scope of an applicable license and/or certification and meets any other requirements set forth in the Benefits Booklet.

**SUBSCRIBER.** An employee or retiree of Employer or other eligible person (other than a dependent) who is enrolled in the Plan.

**VENDOR.** A person or entity other than a Provider, including an Anthem Affiliate, that provides services or supplies pursuant to a contract with Anthem.

**ARTICLE 2 - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY ANTHEM**

- a. Anthem shall process the enrollment of eligible individuals and termination of Members as directed by the Employer subject to the provisions of this Agreement. Anthem shall, with the assistance of Employer, respond to direct routine inquiries made to it by employees and other persons concerning eligibility in the Plan.
- b. Anthem shall perform the following Claims administrative services:
  1. Process Claims with a Claims Incurred Date indicated in Section 1 of Schedule A and provide customer service, including investigating and reviewing such Claims to determine what amount, if any, is due and payable according to the terms and conditions of the Benefits Booklet and this Agreement. Anthem shall perform coordination of benefits ("COB") with other payors, including Medicare. In processing Claims, Anthem shall utilize Anthem's medical policies and medical policy exception process, its definition of medical necessity, its precertification and/or preauthorization policies, Provider contract requirements and applicable Claim timely filing limits.
  2. Disburse to the applicable individuals or entities (including Providers and Vendors) payments that it determines to be due according to the provisions of the Benefits Booklet.

3. Provide notice in writing when a Claim for benefits has been denied which notice shall set forth the reasons for the denial and the right to a full and fair review of the denial under the terms of the Benefits Booklet and shall otherwise satisfy applicable regulatory requirements governing the notice of a denied Claim.
  4. Administration of independent dispute resolution process for non-Network Provider Claims (including non-network air ambulance Provider Claims) as set forth under the CAA or, if applicable, through state law with Employer election as required, for the fee set forth in Section 3.C of Schedule A. Employer agrees to promptly notify Anthem if an independent dispute resolution request is received. Failure to promptly notify Anthem may impact independent dispute resolution process.
- c. Employer delegates to Anthem fiduciary authority to determine claims for benefits under the Plan as well as the authority to act as the appropriate fiduciary to determine appeals of any adverse benefit determinations under the Plan. Anthem shall administer complaints, appeals and requests for independent review according to Anthem's complaint and appeals policy, and any applicable law or regulation unless otherwise provided in the Benefits Booklet. In carrying out this authority, Anthem is delegated full discretion to determine eligibility for benefits under the Plan and to interpret the terms of the Plan. Anthem shall be deemed to have properly exercised such authority unless a court or other regulatory authority determines that Anthem has abused its discretion or that its decision is arbitrary and capricious. Anthem is a fiduciary of the Plan only to the extent necessary to perform its obligations and duties as expressed in this Agreement and only to the extent that its performance of such actions constitutes fiduciary action. Anthem shall charge Employer the fee described in Section 3.C of Schedule A for any independent review conducted pursuant to this provision.
  - d. Anthem shall have the authority, in its discretion, to institute from time to time, pilot initiatives in certain designated geographic areas. A pilot initiative may affect some, but not all Members under the Plan. These programs will not result in the payment of benefits which are not provided in the applicable Benefits Booklet, unless approved by Employer. Anthem reserves the right to discontinue a pilot initiative at any time without advance notice to Employer.
  - e. Anthem shall perform Claims prepayment analysis and recovery services as provided in Articles 4 and 13.
  - f. Anthem shall issue identification cards to Subscribers and/or Members, as applicable, and the content and design of the identification cards shall comply with CAA and BCBSA requirements.
  - g. Recommendations on replacement products may be offered to Members becoming Medicare eligible.
  - h. Consistent with the requirements of the CAA, Anthem shall provide Members and potential Members access to an online directory of Providers contracted with Anthem ("Provider Directories"). Members may also contact customer service for a listing of applicable Network Providers. Additionally, if applicable to Plan benefits, Anthem shall ensure that Members and potential Members have access to the BlueCard directory of Providers via a website sponsored by BCBSA. Anthem grants Employer the permission to link to Anthem's website to allow Members to access Provider Directories and other available information, including information needed to comply with requirements of applicable law such as posting of machine readable files.
  - i. Anthem reserves the right to make benefit payments to either Providers or Members at its discretion. Employer agrees that the terms of the Plan will include provisions for supporting such discretion in determining the direction of payment including, but not limited to, a provision prohibiting Members from assigning their rights to receive benefit payments, unless otherwise prohibited by applicable law.
  - j. If applicable to the Plan benefits and as indicated in Schedule A or B of this Agreement, Anthem may provide or arrange for the provision of the following managed care services:
    1. Conduct medical necessity review, utilization review, and a referral process, which may include, but is not limited to: (a) preadmission review to evaluate and determine the medical necessity of an admission or procedure and the appropriate level of care, and for an inpatient admission, to authorize an initial length of stay; (b) concurrent review throughout the course of the inpatient admission for authorization of additional days of care as warranted by the patient's medical condition; (c) retrospective review; and (d) authorizing a referral to a non-Network Provider. Anthem shall have the authority to waive a requirement if, in Anthem's discretion, such exception is in the best interest of the Member or the Plan, or is in furtherance of the provision of cost effective services under this Agreement.

2. Perform case management to identify short and long term treatment programs in cases of severe or chronic illness or injury. Anthem may, but is not required to, customize benefits in limited circumstances by approving otherwise non-Covered Services if, in the discretion of Anthem, such exception is in the best interest of the Member and the Plan.
  3. Provide access to a specialty network of Providers if the Plan includes a specialty network. Anthem reserves the right to establish specialty networks for certain specialty or referral care.
  4. Provide any other managed care services incident to or necessary for the performance of the services set forth in this Article 2.
- k. If applicable to the Plan benefits and as indicated in Schedule A or B of this Agreement, Anthem shall offer wellness programs and other programs to help Employer effectively manage the cost of care, and Employer shall pay fees for the programs selected by Employer only if such fees are indicated in Section 3(B) of Schedule A. Employer shall abide by all applicable policies and procedures of the programs selected, which may require Employer to provide requested information prior to Anthem initiating the service.
  - l. Unless otherwise elected by Employer, Anthem shall produce and maintain a master copy of the Benefits Booklet, using its standard template and make changes and amendments to the master copy of the Benefits Booklet. Anthem shall incorporate any approved changes or amendments pursuant to Article 18(a) and Article 18(b) of this Agreement. Employer shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether Anthem has accurately produced the Benefits Booklet and has fully implemented the approved changes or amendments. Until Employer has approved the Benefits Booklet, Anthem will administer the quoted benefits according to Anthem's most similar standard Benefits Booklet language. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Employer elects to produce and maintain its own Benefits Booklet, Employer agrees to incorporate language that is consistent with Anthem's standard processes.
  - m. Anthem will provide Employer with Plan data and assistance necessary for preparation of the Plan's information returns and forms required by federal or state laws. Anthem shall prepare and mail all IRS Form 1099's and any other similar form that is given to Providers or brokers.
  - n. Anthem shall administer unclaimed funds associated with Paid Claims that are not processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements pursuant to unclaimed property or escheat laws and shall make any required payment and file any required reports under such laws. Inter-Plan Arrangement Paid Claims are processed according to the Host Blue's procedures and may be escheated to the state.
  - o. Anthem's standard policies and procedures, as well as Provider contracts, as they may be amended from time to time, will be used in the provision of services specified in this Agreement. In the event of any conflict between this Agreement and any of Anthem's policies and procedures, this Agreement will govern. In the event of any conflict between this Agreement and the Provider contracts, the Provider contracts will govern the rights and obligations as between the Parties and Providers (e.g., reimbursement rates and methodologies, filing and Claim adjustment time frames, and high dollar Claim review).
  - p. This provision is intentionally omitted.
  - q. Select state laws require Employers to finance health related initiatives through residency-based assessments and/or surcharges added to certain Paid Claims. After Employer completes any applicable forms, Anthem shall make all assessment and/or surcharge payments on behalf of Employer to the appropriate pools administered by the respective states, based primarily upon Anthem's Paid Claims information and Member information provided to Anthem by Employer. Examples of such assessments and surcharges include, but are not limited to, the Massachusetts Health Safety Net Trust Fund and the New York Health Care Reform Act.
  - r. Anthem shall provide required notices describing Member's rights under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) upon a Member's enrollment and at least annually thereafter.
  - s. Anthem shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, to build and maintain its Provider network on its own behalf. In building and maintaining its Provider network, Anthem is not acting on behalf of or as an agent for any employer or member. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to require Anthem to maintain negotiated fees or reimbursement arrangements or other relationships with certain Providers or Vendors or to negotiate on behalf of or for the benefit of Employer or Employer's Members. Anthem will be solely responsible for acting as a liaison with Providers including, but not limited to, responding to Provider inquiries, negotiating contract language and negotiating rates with Providers or auditing Providers, and Employer agrees that it will be governed by the terms and conditions of these agreements.

- t. If a catastrophic event (whether weather-related, caused by a natural disaster, or caused by war, terrorism, pandemic, or similar event) occurs that affects Members in one or more locations, and such catastrophic event prevents or interferes with Anthem's ability to conduct its normal business with respect to such Members or prevents or interferes with Members' ability to access their benefits, Anthem shall have the right, without first seeking consent from Employer, to take reasonable and necessary steps to process Claims and provide managed care services in a manner that may be inconsistent with the Benefits Booklet in order to minimize the effect such catastrophic event has on Members. As soon as practicable after a catastrophic event, Anthem shall report its actions to Employer. Employer shall reimburse Anthem for amounts paid in good faith under the circumstances and such amounts shall constitute Paid Claims, even if the charges incurred were not for services otherwise covered under the Benefits Booklet.
- u. Anthem shall submit any claim that is required to be filed under any stop loss policy issued by Anthem or an Anthem Affiliate. Anthem shall have no obligation to prepare or file any claim for excess risk or stop loss coverage under a policy not issued by Anthem or an Anthem Affiliate. Anthem shall provide Employer with Claims data pursuant to Article 11 of this Agreement if Employer chooses to file a claim under a stop loss policy issued by an entity other than Anthem or an Anthem Affiliate. Anthem shall assume no liability or responsibility to Employer if an unaffiliated stop loss carrier determines that a stop loss claim is not covered for any reason.
- v. This provision is intentionally omitted.
- w. If a Member is a Massachusetts resident, Anthem shall mail the Member notices required by the Massachusetts Health Connector for Plans that are in compliance with Massachusetts minimum creditable coverage requirements on an annual basis. If a Member works in Massachusetts for Employer, but resides in another State, Anthem will provide such notices upon Member request.
- x. Anthem is the responsible reporting entity ("RRE") for the Plan as that term is defined pursuant to Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007. In order to fulfill its RRE obligation, Anthem requires information from the Employer, including, but not limited to, Member Social Security Numbers. Employer shall cooperate with Anthem and timely respond to any request for information made by Anthem.
- y. Anthem will provide Employer with Plan information and assistance necessary for the preparation of the Plan's Summary of Benefits and Coverage ("SBC") related to the elements of the Plan that Anthem administers. Employer is solely responsible for ensuring that the SBC accurately reflects the benefits Employer will offer and for finalizing and distributing the SBC to Subscribers. Notwithstanding the provisions in Article 18(a), if Employer's open enrollment period is at a time other than 30 days prior to the end of an Agreement Period, Employer agrees to provide Anthem with any changes to the benefits Anthem administers at least 60 days prior to the start of the open enrollment period.
- z. Anthem generally receives Member telephone numbers from Employer through enrollment files or the online employer access portal. Telephone numbers are provided directly to Employer by Members with the understanding that Anthem may contact them, and Employer does not obtain telephone numbers through a service or a third party. Anthem may contact Members by telephone for clinical purposes, benefit related issues or to perform services under the Agreement. Telephone numbers may be updated periodically by Members, and Anthem will honor do not call requests. With regard to Anthem's use of Member telephone numbers, Employer agrees to retain Member enrollment records for a period of at least 4 years or as otherwise set forth in the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and, upon request, will provide such records to Anthem in a timely manner.
- aa. Anthem shall provide reporting as indicated in Schedule B to assist with compliance under the CAA.
- ab. Anthem's Information Security Schedule is attached hereto and is made part of this Agreement.
- ac. Anthem will provide reasonable assistance to Employer in the event of a regulatory audit.

### ARTICLE 3 - OBLIGATIONS OF EMPLOYER

- a. Employer shall furnish to Anthem initial eligibility information regarding Members. Employer is responsible for determining eligibility of individuals and advising Anthem in a timely manner, through a method agreed upon by the Parties, as to which employees, dependents, and other individuals are to be enrolled Members. Anthem reserves the right to limit the effective date of retroactive enrollment as indicated in Schedule A. Such retroactive enrollments shall be subject to Anthem's receipt of any applicable fees as indicated in Section 3 of Schedule A. Employer shall keep such records and furnish to Anthem such notification and other information as may be required by Anthem for the purpose of enrolling Members, processing terminations, effecting COBRA coverage elections, effecting changes in single or family coverage status, effecting changes due to a Member becoming eligible or ineligible for Medicare, effecting changes due to a leave of absence, or for any other purpose reasonably related to the administration of eligibility under this Agreement. Employer acknowledges that prompt and complete furnishing of the required eligibility information is essential to the timely, accurate, and efficient processing of Claims. As part of its obligation to provide eligibility information to Anthem, Employer agrees to use best efforts at the time of enrollment to request Member email addresses and/or smart phone numbers. Consistent with 29 CFR 2520.104B-31, Anthem will provide Employer with materials to share with Members advising that providing email addresses/smart phone numbers serves as the Member's consent to receive documents digitally, explaining that Anthem will use the email address/smart phone number to provide the documents described in the Anthem materials, describing how Members may access those documents, and clarifying that Members may withdraw consent to receive documents digitally at any time. Nothing herein prohibits Employer from providing its required disclosures in a digital manner.

Employer shall notify Anthem on at least a monthly basis of the Subscribers, dependents, or other individuals that will be or have become ineligible for benefits under the Plan. Upon receipt of such notice, Anthem shall terminate coverage in accordance with the Benefits Booklet. Employer shall give Anthem advance notice, if possible, of any Member's expected termination and/or retirement. Anthem reserves the right to limit retroactive terminations as indicated in Schedule A. Anthem shall credit Employer applicable fee for such retroactive terminations as indicated in Section 3 of Schedule A.

- b. Employer has all discretionary authority and control over the management of the Plan, and all discretionary authority and responsibility for the administration of the Plan except as delegated to Anthem in Article 2(c) and Article 2(j) of this Agreement. Employer retains all final authority and responsibility for the Plan and its operation and Anthem is empowered to act on behalf of Employer in connection with the Plan only as expressly stated in this Agreement or as otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing. Employer shall provide Anthem with timely, accurate and complete information necessary for any services administered by Anthem. Employer or its designee shall provide Anthem with timely, accurate and complete information necessary for any Anthem obligation under the Agreement.
- c. It is understood and agreed that the provision of any notice, election form, or communication and the collection of any applicable premium or fees required by or associated with Title X of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended ("COBRA"), or any other applicable law governing continuation of health care coverage, shall be the sole responsibility of Employer and not Anthem, except as otherwise agreed to in a written agreement between the Parties.
- d. This provision is intentionally omitted.
- e. Employer agrees to and shall collect those contributions from Subscribers that are required by Employer for participation in the Plan. If Employer elects Anthem's stop loss coverage, Employer shall abide by Anthem's participation and contribution guidelines.
- f. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties in writing, Employer shall prepare and distribute all notices or summaries of changes or material modifications to the Plan. Employer shall ensure that if it creates any documents that refer to benefits offered under the Plan, the documents will accurately reflect the terms of the Benefits Booklet. Employer is solely responsible for determining the tax status of the Plan and for compliance with applicable tax laws, regulations, and guidance.
- g. To the extent that Medicare, Medicaid, the Veterans Administration or any other federal or state agency or entity asserts a reimbursement right against Employer, the Plan, or Anthem pursuant to that agency's or entity's rights under applicable law with respect to Claims processed by Anthem under this Agreement, the Employer shall be responsible for reimbursing Anthem any such amounts determined to be owed.

- h. Employer shall give notice to Anthem of the expected occurrence of any of the following events (including a description of the event), with such notice to be given at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the event, unless such advance notice is prohibited by law or contract in which case, notice will be provided as soon as practicable:
  - 1. Change of Employer's name; or
  - 2. The sale or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of either Employer or any Employer Affiliates or the sale or other transfer of the equity of Employer or any Employer Affiliates, or;
  - 3. Any bankruptcy, receivership, insolvency or inability of Employer to pay its debts as they become due.
- i. This provision is intentionally omitted.
- j. The Employer may request Anthem, on an exception basis, to process and pay Claims that were denied by Anthem or take other actions with respect to the Plan that are not specifically set forth in this Agreement or the Benefits Booklet. In such cases, any payments shall not count toward the stop loss accumulators under a stop loss agreement issued by Anthem, unless otherwise agreed to by Anthem. Anthem may charge Employer a processing fee that has been mutually agreed to by the Parties prior to the processing of the Claim. Anthem shall not be responsible for any liability associated with any act or omission undertaken at the direction of, or in accordance with, instructions received from the Employer under this provision.
- k. Employer acknowledges and agrees that full payment of amounts due to Anthem by the Invoice Due Date as set forth in Articles 4 and 5 of this Agreement is a condition precedent to Anthem's fulfillment of its obligations as set forth in Article 2, including but not limited to Anthem's performance of Claims administrative services set forth in Article 2(b).

#### **ARTICLE 4 - CLAIMS PAYMENT METHOD**

- a. Employer shall pay or fund Paid Claims according to the Claims payment method described in Section 4 of Schedule A. Employer shall pay or fund such amounts by the Invoice Due Date. In addition, from time to time, the Parties acknowledge that Employer may request a review of the appropriateness of a Claim payment and, during the review period, Employer shall pay or fund such Claim.
- b. Consistent with Article 13, the Parties acknowledge that, from time to time, a Claims adjustment may be necessary as a result of coordination of benefits, subrogation, workers' compensation, other third party recoveries, settlements with a Provider or Vendor, payment errors and the like, and that the adjustment will take the form of a debit (for an additional amount paid by Anthem) or a credit (for an amount refunded to Employer) ("Adjusted Claims"). Employer will be assessed or will receive, as applicable, a proportionate share of Paid Claims that are the result of Anthem's settlement with a Provider or Vendor. The Adjusted Claim shall be reflected as a line item on the invoice and shall be treated as an adjustment to the Claims payment made in the billing period or Claims Runout Period in which the adjustment occurs, rather than as a retroactive adjustment to the Claim in the billing period or Claims Runout Period in which it was initially reported as paid. Any Claims credit may be reduced by a fee as indicated in Schedule A of this Agreement. In addition, a credit shall not be provided to Employer for a recovery related to a Claim that was covered under stop loss coverage provided by Anthem.
- c. Employer acknowledges and directs Anthem to utilize offsetting and cross-plan offsetting to recover overpaid Claims from Network Providers. Offsetting and cross-plan offsetting will be conducted only in cooperation with non-Network Providers who have expressly agreed to such procedures and have agreed that members will be held harmless. Offsetting is the practice of Anthem recovering overpayments made to a Network Provider by withholding overpaid amounts from subsequent payments to be made to the same Network Provider. Cross-plan offsetting is the practice of Anthem recovering overpayments made to a Network Provider for one member by withholding the overpaid amount from subsequent payments to be made to the same Network Provider for another member, who receives benefits under a different group health plan for which Anthem pays the Claims on behalf of a different employer.



## **ARTICLE 5 - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FEES**

During the term of this Agreement, Employer shall pay Anthem the Administrative Services Fees, described in Section 3 of Schedule A. Employer shall pay the Administrative Services Fees and other fees authorized under this Agreement by the applicable Invoice Due Date according to the payment method described in Section 5 of Schedule A.

## **ARTICLE 6 - RENEWAL SCHEDULES**

If Anthem offers to renew this Agreement at the end of an Agreement Period, then Anthem shall provide Employer with the terms and conditions of the proposed renewal in writing within the time period provided in Section 1 of Schedule A. Employer shall notify Anthem in writing of its selection from the renewal options by indicating its selection and signing Anthem's designated renewal form. If Anthem does not receive a signed acceptance of the renewal from Employer prior to the start of the next Agreement Period, Employer's payment of the amounts set forth in the renewal shall constitute Employer's acceptance of the terms. Anthem shall provide a revised Schedule A that will become part of this Agreement without the necessity of securing Employer's signature.

## **ARTICLE 7 - CLAIMS RUNOUT SERVICES**

- a. Claims Runout Services shall be provided for the period of time provided in Section 6 of Schedule A (the "Claims Runout Period"), except such Claims Runout services shall not be provided in the event that termination is due to non-payment pursuant to Article 19(a) of this Agreement. During the Claims Runout Period, the terms of this Agreement shall continue to apply. Anthem shall have no obligation to process or pay any Claims or forward Claims to Employer beyond the Claims Runout Period. Any amounts recovered beyond the Claims Runout Period shall be retained by Anthem as reasonable compensation for services under this Agreement. Anthem shall, however, return any recoveries for which Anthem had received monies, but had not processed the recovery prior to the end of the Claims Runout Period. In addition, Employer shall have no obligation to reimburse Anthem for any amounts paid by Anthem due to Adjusted Claims after the end of the Claims Runout Period.
- b. The fee for providing Claims Runout Services during the Claims Runout Period, if applicable, is provided in Section 6 of Schedule A. Paid Claims and the fee for providing Claims Runout Services shall be invoiced and paid in the same manner as provided in Sections 4 and 5 of Schedule A, unless otherwise provided or agreed to in writing by the Parties.

## **ARTICLE 8 - LATE PAYMENT PENALTY**

If Employer fails to timely pay or fund any amount due to Anthem under this Agreement, Employer agrees to pay a late payment penalty for each day the payment is late. The late payment penalty shall be calculated at the rate of 12% simple interest per annum (365 days), and shall be included on a subsequent invoice and payable by the Invoice Due Date. If applicable, Employer agrees to reimburse Anthem for any expenses charged to Anthem by a financial institution, Provider or Vendor due to Employer's failure to maintain sufficient funds in a designated bank account. Any acceptance by Anthem of late payments shall not be deemed a waiver of its rights to terminate this Agreement for any future failure of Employer to make timely payments.

## **ARTICLE 9 - HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

- a. Anthem's duties and responsibilities in connection with the requirements imposed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") and the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification and Standard Transactions regulations promulgated thereunder will be set forth in a separate Business Associate Agreement between the Parties. Business Associate is defined as a person or entity that performs certain functions or activities that involve the use or disclosure of protected health information on behalf of, or provides services to, a Covered Entity, as defined under 45 CFR 160.103. Business Associate Agreement is defined as a legal contract that describes how Anthem, as a Business Associate, and Plan, as a Covered Entity, may use or disclose protected health information so that the Plan may comply with the applicable requirements of HIPAA and its regulations.
- b. In the event the Plan submits Claims or eligibility inquiries or any other HIPAA covered transaction as defined in 45 CFR Part 160 and 162 to Anthem through electronic means, the Plan and Anthem shall comply with all applicable requirements of HIPAA and the Plan and Anthem shall require any of their respective agents or subcontractors to comply with all applicable requirements of HIPAA.

## **ARTICLE 10 - PROPRIETARY AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

- a. Each Party retains ownership of its Proprietary Information and Confidential Information (collectively "Information") and neither conveys ownership rights in its Information nor acquires ownership rights in the other Party's Information by entering into this Agreement or performing its obligations hereunder. Nothing in this Agreement shall impair or limit a Party's right to use and disclose its Information for its own lawful business purposes.
- b. Each Party shall maintain the other Party's Information in strict confidence, and shall institute commercially reasonable safeguards to protect it.
- c. Employer shall use and disclose Anthem's Information solely for the purpose of administering the Plan. Employer shall not, without Anthem's advance written consent, (1) use or disclose Anthem's Information, or reports or summaries thereof, for any purpose other than administering the Plan; (2) combine Anthem's Information with other data to create or add to an aggregated database that will or could be made available to any third party; (3) combine Anthem's Information provided for a particular purpose with Anthem's Information provided for another purpose; or (4) sell or disclose Anthem's Information to any other person or entity except as expressly permitted by this Article 10.
- d. Employer may disclose the minimum amount of Anthem's Information necessary to Employer's stop loss carriers, consultants, auditors, and other third parties engaged by Employer (each a "Plan Contractor"), provided that: (i) each such Plan Contractor needs to know such Information in order to provide services to Employer; (ii) the restrictions set forth in subsection c. of this Article 10 shall apply to each such Plan Contractor as well as to Employer; and (iii) prior to such disclosure, each such Plan Contractor shall enter into Anthem confidentiality agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Plan Contractor shall not be required to execute a confidentiality agreement prior to the planned disclosure if a confidentiality agreement between Anthem and Plan Contractor is in effect when such disclosure is made. A sample copy of Anthem's confidentiality agreement shall be provided upon request.
- e. Upon termination of this Agreement, each Party shall return or destroy the other Party's Information or retain the Information in accordance with its reasonable record retention policies and procedures; provided; however that each Party shall continue to comply with the provisions of this Article 10 for as long as it retains the other Party's Information.
- f. This Agreement shall not be construed to restrict the use or disclosure of information that: (1) is public knowledge other than as a result of a breach of this Agreement; (2) is independently developed by a Party not in violation of this Agreement; (3) is made available to a Party by any person other than the other Party, provided the source of such information is not subject to any confidentiality obligations with respect to it; (4) is required to be disclosed pursuant to law, order, regulation or judicial or administrative process, but only to the extent of such required disclosures and after reasonable notice to the other Party; or (5) is required to be disclosed to a Member.
- g. Anthem acknowledges that Employer is subject to Wisconsin Statutes Sections 19.31-19.39 (the "Public Records Statutes") that requires political subdivisions of the State to grant public access to information about the government and the official acts or public officials and employees and the retention of records. The

disclosure of information under the Public Records Statutes is subject to certain exemptions, including exemptions from disclosing information otherwise prohibited by law, including an exemption that protects trade secret information from release. "Trade secrets" are defined and protected in the State by operation of Wisconsin Statutes Uniform Trade Secrets Act, section 134.90. Wisconsin Statutes Section 134.90(1)(c) defines "trade secret" as follows:

(c) "Trade secret" means information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or process to which all of the following apply:

(1) The information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.

(2) The information is the subject of efforts to maintain its secrecy that are reasonable under the circumstances.

- h. Anthem Information provided under this Agreement to Employer is protected from disclosure under the application of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act if such Information is within the definition of a "Trade Secret" under the Wisconsin Statutes or is otherwise protected and exempted as a public record under another provision of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act or other applicable law.
- i. If Employer receives a request for Anthem Information under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act or otherwise become subject to any disclosure of records potentially containing Anthem Information, Employer agrees to immediately notify Anthem in writing of such request prior to any disclosure of Anthem Information. Anthem will have 30 days from the date of Anthem's receipt of such notice to provide redacted copies of such requested Information, defend its proprietary rights, and/or seek any other such remedy as may be provided under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act before an unredacted copy of Anthem's RFP proposal or any other unredacted Information in related attachments, electronic and other correspondence, or any additional agreements between the parties is released.
- j. If (1) Employer releases the redacted version of Anthem's RFP; or (2) after the 30-day notice period, Employer releases any other unredacted Information approved in writing by Anthem or redacted Information provided by Anthem in any related attachments, electronic and other correspondence, or any additional agreements between the Parties; or (3) Anthem fails to take any action in such 30-day period; or (4) a final court order, not subject to an appeal, provides for the release of such Information, Anthem will release Employer from liability associated with the release of such Information after the later of such 30-day period or final court order.

#### **ARTICLE 11 - DATA REPORTS**

- a. Anthem shall provide online data reports that are part of Anthem's standard account reporting package. In addition, upon Employer's request, Anthem shall provide data reports that are not part of Anthem's standard account reporting package for an additional fee as set forth in Schedule A. Prior to Anthem providing data reports to Employer, the Parties must mutually agree to the types, format, content and purpose of the reports. Any agreement by Anthem to provide non-standard reports shall be considered confidential. Employer and its Plan Contractors agree not to disclose, promote, or advertise the non-standard reporting arrangement or fee agreed to under this paragraph.
- b. If Employer requests Anthem to provide a data extract or report to any Plan Contractor for use on Employer's behalf and Anthem agrees to do so: (1) to the extent such extract or report includes protected health information ("PHI") as defined in HIPAA, Anthem's disclosure of the PHI and Plan Contractor's subsequent obligations with respect to the protection, use, and disclosure of the PHI will be governed by Employer's applicable business associate agreements with Anthem and the Plan Contractor; and (2) to the extent such data or report includes Anthem's Proprietary Information and/or Anthem's Confidential Information, Employer acknowledges and agrees that Plan Contractor shall be subject to the requirements set forth in Article 10 of this Agreement.
- c. Employer agrees not to contact, or to engage or permit a Plan Contractor to contact on Employer's behalf, any health care Provider concerning the information in any reports or data extracts provided by Anthem unless the contact is coordinated by Anthem.

- d. In addition to their unlimited rights to use Anthem's Proprietary Information and Confidential Information, Anthem and Anthem Affiliates shall also have the right to use and disclose other Claim-related data collected in the performance of services under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties, so long as such use and disclosure is in compliance with HIPAA. Examples of such use and disclosure include: (1) the use and disclosure of data that is de-identified in a manner consistent with the requirements of HIPAA; (2) the use and disclosure of data is for research, health oversight activities, or as otherwise permitted in the applicable Business Associate Agreement; and (3) the release of individually identifiable data following Member direction, including by authorization.
- e. If any data provided pursuant to Article 11(a) or Article 11(b) is used to conduct an audit or any type of review of Claim payment outcomes and Employer requests that Anthem research the findings, such request shall be considered a Claims Audit pursuant to Article 12. As described in Article 2(b)(1), Article 2(o), and Article 2(s), Employer acknowledges that Anthem's reimbursement policies and procedures may differ from those of a Plan Contractor and that Anthem's reimbursement policies and procedures shall control the findings of any audit. A maximum of 250 Claims will be reviewed by Anthem under this paragraph, and Employer agrees to pay the data audit fee set forth in Schedule A.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - CLAIMS AUDIT**

- a. At Employer's expense, Employer shall have the right to audit Claims, during regular business hours and in accordance with Anthem's audit policy, which may be revised from time to time. A copy of the audit policy shall be made available to Employer upon request.
- b. If Employer elects to utilize a third-party auditor to conduct an audit pursuant to this Agreement and Anthem's audit policy, such auditor must be mutually acceptable to Employer and Anthem. Anthem will only approve auditors that are independent and objective and will not approve auditors paid on a contingency fee or other similar basis. Anthem reserves the right to charge a fee to Employer as described in Anthem's audit policy for expenditure of time by Anthem's employees in completing any audit. An auditor or consultant must execute Anthem's confidentiality agreement pertaining to Anthem's Proprietary Information and Confidential Information prior to conducting an audit to the extent that a confidentiality agreement is not already in place.
- c. Employer may conduct an audit once each calendar year and the audit may only relate to Claims processed during the current year or immediately preceding calendar year (the "Audit Period") and neither Employer nor anyone acting on Employer's or the Plan's behalf, shall have a right to audit Claims processed prior to the Audit Period. The scope of the audit shall be agreed to in writing by the Parties prior to the commencement of the audit.
- d. Employer shall provide to Anthem copies of draft, interim and/or final audit reports at such time as they are made available by the auditor or consultants to Employer. Any errors identified as the result of the audit shall be subject to Anthem's review and acceptance prior to initiating any recoveries of Paid Claims pursuant to Article 13 of this Agreement. Anthem reserves the right to terminate any audit being performed by or for Employer if Anthem determines that the confidentiality of its information is not properly being maintained or if Anthem determines that Employer or auditor is not following Anthem's audit policy.
- e. An audit performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be the final audit for the Audit Period and for any prior Audit Period unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties.

## ARTICLE 13 - RECOVERY AND PREPAYMENT ANALYSIS SERVICES

- a. Pursuant to the provisions of this Article 13(a), Anthem shall conduct recovery activities including review of Paid Claims processed under this Agreement (including during any Claims Runout Period) and audits of Provider and Vendor contracts. The purpose of these services is to determine whether Paid Claims processed under this Agreement have been paid accurately and identify recoveries that can be pursued. Anthem shall not be obligated to retain outside counsel or other third parties if Anthem's recovery efforts are not successful. If Anthem makes a recovery as a result of the services described in this Article 13(a), then Anthem shall receive a fee provided in Schedule A as compensation for its services, except in instances of Anthem's sole error or Provider voluntary reimbursement, and Employer will receive the remaining recovery amount.

Anthem shall also engage in various Claims prepayment analysis activities. These activities analyze Claims after services are rendered by a Provider or Vendor but prior to Claims payment to determine whether the billing and Claims submission are accurate and are intended to prevent inaccurate payments from being made. If the amount charged to Employer as a Paid Claim is less than the amount that would have been charged to Employer absent the services described in this Article 13(a), then Anthem shall be entitled to receive the fee provided in Schedule A as compensation for its services. This fee shall only be charged where the prepayment analysis activities relate to a specific Claim(s).

- b. Anthem may become aware of additional recovery opportunities by means other than those described in Article 13(a). Employer grants Anthem the authority and discretion in those instances to do the following: (1) determine and take steps reasonably necessary and cost-effective to pursue the recovery such as filing a proof of claim in a class action settlement, commencing litigation, opting out of or objecting to a proposed settlement, and/or engaging in settlement negotiations; (2) select and retain outside counsel when needed; (3) reduce any recovery obtained on behalf of the Plan by its proportionate share of the outside counsel fees and costs incurred during litigation or settlement activities to obtain such recovery; and (4) implement or effect any settlement of the Employer's and Plan's rights by, among other things, executing a release waiving the Employer's and Plan's rights to take any action inconsistent with the settlement.
- c. During the term of this Agreement and any applicable Claims Runout Period, Anthem may pursue payments to Members by any other person, insurance company or other entity on account of any action, claim, request, demand, settlement, judgment, liability or expense that is related to a Claim for Covered Services ("Subrogation Services"). Anthem shall charge Employer a fee provided in Schedule A to this Agreement ("Subrogation Fee"). Any subrogation recoveries shall be net of the Subrogation Fee. Subrogation Fees will not be assessed on subrogation recoveries until they are received by Anthem and credited to Employer.
- d. This provision is intentionally omitted.
- e. In exercising its authority pursuant to this Article 13, Anthem shall determine which recoveries it will pursue or Claims that it will review prior to payment, and in no event will Anthem pursue a recovery if it reasonably believes that the cost of the collection is likely to exceed the recovery amount or if the recovery is prohibited by law or an agreement with a Provider or Vendor. Anthem will not be liable for any amounts it does not successfully recover or prevent from being paid based on Claims prepayment analysis activities. Anthem shall retain any recoveries it obtains as a result of its recovery services or audits if the cost to administer the refund is likely to exceed the amount of the refund. Employer further understands and agrees that Anthem shall have authority to enter into a settlement or compromise on behalf of the Employer and Plan regarding these recovery, subrogation and audit services, including, but not limited to, the right to reduce future reimbursement to Provider or Vendor in lieu of a lump sum settlement. Anthem may adjust Claims by offsetting or cross-plan offsetting as described in Article 4. Anthem may have contracts with Network Providers or Vendors or there may be judgments, orders, settlements, applicable laws or regulations that limit, under certain circumstances, Anthem's right to make recoveries or engage in Claims prepayment analysis activities. Anthem may, but is not required to, readjudicate Claims or adjust Members' cost share payments related to the recoveries made from a Provider or a Vendor. Anthem shall credit Employer net recovery amounts after deduction of fees and costs as set forth in this Article 13 not later than 150 days following the receipt of the total recovery amount. If Anthem does not credit Employer within 150 days of its receipt of the total recovery amount, Anthem shall pay Employer interest calculated at the Federal Reserve Funds Rate in effect at the time of the payment. In no event, however, will Anthem be liable to credit Employer for any recovery after the termination date of this Agreement and any Claims Runout Period, and Employer acknowledges and agrees that such sums shall be retained by Anthem as reasonable compensation for recovery services provided by Anthem.

## **ARTICLE 14 - PHARMACY BENEFITS AND SERVICES**

This Article is intentionally omitted.

## **ARTICLE 15 - INTER-PLAN ARRANGEMENTS**

This Article is intentionally omitted and replaced by the Inter-Plan Arrangements Schedule.

## **ARTICLE 16 - CLAIMS LITIGATION**

- a. For purposes of Articles 16 and 17 of this Agreement, "Claims Litigation" means a demand asserted or litigation, proceedings, or arbitration commenced, by a Member, Plan beneficiary or Network or non-Network Provider, or any individual or entity working on any of their behalf ("Claimant(s)"), regardless of how pled or how asserted, where the Claimant seeks to recover monetary damages (including but not limited to actual, compensatory, punitive or other damages), equitable relief, declaratory relief, attorneys' fees, costs, expenses, or other relief, in connection with Anthem's alleged failure to properly handle a request for Covered Services or to pay for all or any portion of Covered Services, including any allegations related to the sufficiency of the amount paid for all or any portion of a Covered Service. References to "Employer" in this Article 16 shall mean Employer or Plan or both as appropriate given the context.
- b. Anthem shall direct the defense of any Claims Litigation brought against Anthem. If Employer (in addition to Anthem) is also a named party in the Claims Litigation, Anthem shall direct the defense of the Claims Litigation and the Employer will cooperate in defending against the Claims Litigation. Employer will direct the defense of the Claims Litigation where Anthem is not a named party. Unless there is a conflict that is not waived, in any of the above scenarios, if Anthem requests, Anthem and the Employer will enter a common interest and/or joint defense agreement to address the sharing of information and any other matters the Parties deem appropriate. Whether there is such a conflict or not, all other provisions of this Article 16 will continue to apply. Anthem shall provide notice of Claims Litigation to the Employer as soon as practicable; provided, however, that this notice obligation shall not apply to Claims Litigation brought by any Provider or to any Claims Litigation to which Employer is a named party.
- c. For any Claims Litigation to which Anthem is a named party, Anthem will select and retain counsel for itself and, if Employer is also named, for the representation of Anthem and Employer contemplated by Article 16(b). If, at the outset or during such Claims Litigation, Employer and Anthem have a conflict of interest, the selected counsel shall represent Anthem only. Employer shall waive any conflict for such representation and retain separate counsel for Employer. Further, during and after the conclusion of Claims Litigation, Employer agrees that counsel selected and retained by Anthem to defend Claims Litigation may represent Anthem in any matter (historical, existing, or future) without seeking or requiring Employer's consent, including in litigation where Anthem's interests are or may be adverse to Employer. Subject to Article 16(d), Employer will assume liability for payment of all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Anthem and/or Employer in the defense of Claims Litigation.
- d. If it is determined by the third-party decision maker in the Claims Litigation that Anthem failed to perform its responsibility to review and determine Claims for benefits under the Plan in a manner that is consistent with the standard of care in Article 17 of this Agreement, Anthem will assume liability for payment of its legal fees and costs.
- e. Anthem is authorized to settle or compromise any Claims Litigation with the approval of Employer, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the above, settlements of disputes brought by Providers do not require the approval of Employer.
- f. Anthem is not an insurer of benefits under the Plan nor does it underwrite the risk or otherwise assume any risk for the payment of benefits under the Plan. Under all circumstances, Employer shall be liable to pay Plan benefits awarded or paid by settlement, judgment, or otherwise.

## **ARTICLE 17 - INDEMNIFICATION**

Except for Claims Litigation, which is governed exclusively by Article 16 of this Agreement, Anthem and Employer shall each indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party, and its directors, officers, employees, agents and affiliates, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) that are recovered in direct actions between the Parties or actions brought by a third party asserting liability for: (1) the indemnifying Party's or its subcontractor's gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of the obligations under this Agreement, including but not limited to the performance of obligations regarding compliance with HIPAA, HITECH, or applicable privacy or security laws pursuant to the Parties' Business Associate Agreement; (2) the indemnifying Party's failure to provide information required under this Agreement or otherwise required by law that results in a sanction or penalty being assessed against the other Party, and/or (3) the indemnifying Party's or its subcontractor's breach of fiduciary duties. The obligation to provide indemnification under this Agreement shall be contingent upon the Party seeking indemnification: (1) providing the indemnifying Party with prompt written notice of any claim for which indemnification is sought, (2) allowing the indemnifying Party to control the defense and settlement of such claim; provided, however, that the indemnifying Party agrees not to enter into any settlement or compromise of any claim or action in a manner that admits fault or imposes any restrictions or obligations on an indemnified Party without that indemnified Party's prior written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld; and, (3) cooperating fully with the indemnifying Party in connection with such defense and settlement.

Nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to be a waiver or estoppel of Employer, or its insurer (or otherwise affect or alter their ability) to rely upon the limitations, defenses and immunities contained within Wis. Stat. §§ 345.05 and 893.80, or other applicable law. To the extent that indemnification is available and enforceable against Employer, Employer or its insurer shall not be liable in indemnity, contribution, or otherwise for an amount greater than the limits of liability of municipal claims established by applicable Wisconsin or federal law. The parties represent that, as of the effective date, neither party has any notice or knowledge of any claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses asserted or threatened by any third party with respect to the matters contemplated in this Agreement. Under no circumstances shall any trustee, officer, official, commissioner, director, member, partner or employee of the Employer have any personal liability arising out of this Agreement, and Anthem shall not seek or claim any such personal liability.

## **ARTICLE 18 - CHANGES IN BENEFITS BOOKLET AND AGREEMENT**

- a. Either Party reserves the right to propose changes to the provisions described in the Benefits Booklet by giving written notice to the other Party not less than 90 days prior to the start of an Agreement Period and such changes will be made to the Benefits Booklet as mutually agreed to in writing by the Parties. Either Party may also propose changes to the Benefits Booklet at a time other than the start of an Agreement Period and such changes will be made to the Benefits Booklet if mutually agreed to in writing by the Parties. Anthem's incorporation of the requested changes into the Benefits Booklet shall constitute Anthem's acceptance of the Employer's requested changes. If Anthem initiates the proposed changes and does not receive written notice from Employer prior to the effective date of the proposed changes that such changes are unacceptable, the changes shall be deemed approved by Employer and Anthem shall incorporate such changes into the Benefits Booklet.
- b. If changes to the provisions of the Benefits Booklet are mandated as a result of a change to any applicable state or federal law, Anthem shall have the right to make such changes to the Benefits Booklet to comply with the law and shall use best efforts to provide written notice to Employer at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change, unless the effective date specified in the law is earlier.

- c. Anthem also reserves the right to change the Base Administrative Services Fee provided in Section 3(A) of Schedule A at a time other than the start of an Agreement Period upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events: (1) a change to the Plan benefits initiated by Employer that results in a substantial change in the services to be provided by Anthem; (2) a change in ownership as described in Article 3(h) of this Agreement; (3) a change in the total number of Members resulting in either an increase or decrease of 10% or more of the number of Members enrolled for coverage on the date the Base Administrative Services Fee was last modified; (4) a change in Employer contribution as described in Article 3(e) of this Agreement; (5) a change in nature of Employer's business resulting in a change in its designated Standard Industrial Classification ("SIC") code; or (6) a change in applicable law that results in an increase in the cost or amount of administrative services from those currently being provided by Anthem under this Agreement. Anthem shall provide notice to Employer of the change in the Base Administrative Services Fee at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such change. If such change is unacceptable to Employer, either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination to the other Party before the effective date of the change. If Employer accepts the proposed Base Administrative Services Fee, Anthem shall provide a revised Schedule A that will then become part of this Agreement without the necessity of securing Employer's signature on the Schedule.
- d. In the event any action of any department, branch or bureau of the federal, state or local government is initiated or taken ("Action") against a Party to this Agreement and such Action materially and adversely affects that Party's performance of the obligations under this Agreement, the affected Party shall notify the other Party of the nature of the Action and provide copies of pertinent documents supporting the reason(s) for the Action. If a modification to the Agreement is needed as a result of the Action, the Parties shall meet within 30 days of the notice by the affected Party to the other Party and shall, in good faith, attempt to negotiate a modification to this Agreement that minimizes or eliminates the impact of the Action. If the Parties are unable to minimize or eliminate the impact of the Action, then either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving at least 90 days notice of termination. This Agreement may be terminated sooner if agreed to by the Parties or required by the government entity initiating or taking the Action.
- e. No modification or change in any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless and until approved in writing by an authorized representative of Anthem and evidenced by an amendment or new Schedule attached to this Agreement. If Anthem proposes such a modification or change, Anthem shall provide written notice to Employer at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such change. The modification or change will be deemed accepted by Employer unless Anthem receives written notice from Employer prior to the effective date that such change is unacceptable. If Employer does not accept the proposed change, the Parties will meet and confer.

#### **ARTICLE 19 - TERMINATION AND/OR SUSPENSION OF PERFORMANCE**

- a. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, this Agreement automatically terminates, without further notice or action, if Employer fails to pay or fund any amount due under this Agreement within 7 days of the date of Anthem's notice to the Employer of a delinquent amount owed. Such termination shall be effective as of the last period for which full payment was made. In addition, this Agreement automatically terminates, without further notice or action, at the end of each Agreement Period unless Anthem offers to renew this Agreement and Employer accepts such offer of renewal pursuant to Article 6 of this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement, Employer shall remain liable for all payments due to Anthem under the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the above, Anthem has the right to suspend performance of its obligations under this Agreement if full payment is not made by the Invoice Due Date. Anthem shall have no obligation to pay any Claims under the Agreement until all required payments have been paid in full.
- b. If either Party fails to comply with any material duties and obligations under this Agreement other than payment of amounts due under this Agreement, the other Party shall have the right to: (1) terminate this Agreement by giving the non-compliant Party at least 60 days prior written notice of termination; or (2) upon written notice to the other Party, suspend performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Employer acknowledges and agrees that in the event it is the non-compliant Party, Anthem shall have no liability to any Member. Either Party, at its option, may allow the non-compliant Party to cure a breach of this Agreement and, upon acceptance in writing by that Party that a breach is cured, this Agreement may be reinstated retroactive to the date of the breach or suspension of performance. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, a Party may seek injunctive or other equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction should there be any unauthorized use or disclosure of Proprietary Information or Confidential Information by the other Party.



- c. If there shall occur any change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of Employer or an Employer Affiliate that, in the reasonable opinion of Anthem, has a material adverse effect upon the validity, performance, or enforceability of this Agreement, on the financial condition or business operation of Employer (or Employer Affiliate), or on the ability of Employer to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, then Anthem shall have the right to require Employer to provide adequate assurance of future performance, which may include a payment of a cash deposit, letter of credit, or other method of assurance acceptable to Anthem. Examples of such a change could include, but would not be limited to the actual, or Anthem's reasonable anticipation of: (1) any voluntary or involuntary case or proceedings under bankruptcy law with respect to Employer or an Employer Affiliate; (2) any receivership, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or other similar case or proceeding with respect to Employer or an Employer Affiliate; (3) any appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, assignee, conservator or similar entity or official for Employer or an Employer Affiliate; or (4) any assignment for the benefit of creditors or sale of all or substantially all of Employer's assets or a key Employer Affiliate's assets.

Any deposit amount shall be paid to Anthem within 30 days of the request or in such shorter time as agreed to by the Parties. The deposit amount shall not be paid with Plan assets, shall not be funded in any part by Member contributions, and shall not be paid from any segregated fund or from funds in which the Plan or any Member has a beneficial interest. The deposit amount shall be the property of Anthem, may be held in Anthem's general account, may be subject to satisfy the claims of Anthem's general creditors, and does not govern or limit the benefits available under the terms of the Plan. At the termination of this Agreement and designated Claims Runout Period, if any, the deposit amount, net of any outstanding fees or Claims amounts payable to Anthem, shall be returned to Employer. Any deposit amount returned to Employer under this Article 19(c) shall not include interest. Neither Employer, the Plan, nor any Member shall have any beneficial or legal ownership interest in any deposit amount paid pursuant to this Section.

If such further assurance is required by Anthem, Anthem may, at any time after the date of notice to Employer of such requirement, suspend performance of its obligations under this Agreement until the date of receipt by Anthem of such adequate assurance without being liable to the Employer, the Plan or any Member for such suspension. If such adequate assurance is not received within 30 days of the request, Anthem may terminate this Agreement.

- d. Subject to the provisions of Article 7 of this Agreement, if this Agreement terminates and Anthem makes payment of any Claim that would otherwise have been payable under the terms of this Agreement after the termination date, Employer shall be liable to reimburse Anthem for such Claim to the extent that the amounts have not already been paid by Employer. Employer also agrees to cooperate fully with Anthem in the coordination of pharmacy Claims with any successor pharmacy benefit manager.
- e. Employer may terminate this Agreement at any time other than at the end of an Agreement Period by giving Anthem 90 days written notice of its intent to terminate.

## **ARTICLE 20 - LIMITATION ON ACTIONS AND GOVERNING LAW**

- a. No legal action by either Party under this Agreement may be commenced after the expiration of 6 years from the date on which the claim arose.
- b. This Agreement shall be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Wisconsin but without giving effect to that state's rules governing conflict of laws.

## **ARTICLE 21 - NO WAIVER**

No failure or delay by either Party to exercise any right or to enforce any obligation herein, and, no course of dealing between Employer and Anthem, shall operate as a waiver of such right or obligation or be construed as or constitute a waiver of the right to enforce or insist upon compliance with such right or obligation in the future. Any single or partial exercise of any right or failure to enforce any obligation shall not preclude any other or further exercise, or the right to exercise any other right or enforce any other obligation.

## **ARTICLE 22 - ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING**

- a. Unless it has first obtained the written consent of an officer of the other Party, neither Party may assign this Agreement to any other person. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Anthem may, with advance written notice to Employer, assign or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations hereunder, in whole or in part, to: (1) any affiliate of Anthem; or (2) any entity surviving a transaction involving the merger, acquisition, consolidation, or reorganization of Anthem, or in which all or substantially all of Anthem's assets are sold. Additionally, Employer may, with advance written notice to Anthem, assign, delegate, or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations hereunder, in whole, to any entity surviving a transaction involving the merger, acquisition, consolidation or reorganization of Employer, or in which all or substantially all of Employer's assets are sold, provided that such assignee presents, in Anthem's opinion, an equivalent or better financial status and credit risk. Either Party is required to provide advance written notice under this provision only to the extent permissible under applicable law and the reasonable terms of the agreement(s) governing such merger, acquisition, consolidation, reorganization, or asset sale. If advance written notice is not allowed, notice shall be provided as soon as practicable. Upon receipt of notice of an assignment of this Agreement, the other Party may terminate this Agreement by providing the assigning Party with 30 days advance written notice of termination. Any assignee of rights or benefits under this Agreement shall be subject to all of the terms and provisions of this Agreement.
- b. Either Party may subcontract any of its duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of other Party; however, the Party subcontracting the services shall: (1) ensure that each subcontractor complies with applicable laws and regulations; and (2) remain responsible for fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 23 - NOTICES**

- a. Any notice or demand pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed sufficient when made in writing as follows: to Employer, by first class mail, personal delivery, or electronic mail or overnight delivery with confirmation capability, to its principal office shown upon the records of Anthem; to Anthem, by first class mail, personal delivery, electronic mail or overnight delivery with confirmation capability, to the designated Anthem sales representative.
- b. A notice or demand shall be deemed to have been given as of the date of deposit in the United States mail with postage prepaid or, in the case of delivery other than by mail, on the date of actual delivery at the appropriate physical or electronic mail address.
- c. Employer shall be obligated to provide all notices to Members as may be necessary to effectuate any change in or termination of the Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 24 - ADMINISTRATION**

- a. Employer, on behalf of itself and its Members, hereby expressly acknowledges its understanding that this Agreement constitutes a contract solely between Employer and Anthem, that Anthem is an independent corporation operating under a license with BCBSA permitting Anthem to use the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Service Marks in Wisconsin and that Anthem is not contracting as the agent of BCBSA. Employer further acknowledges and agrees that it has not entered into this Agreement based upon representations by any person other than Anthem and that no person, entity, or organization other than Anthem shall be held accountable or liable to it for any of Anthem's obligations to Employer created under this Agreement. This paragraph shall not create any additional obligations whatsoever on the part of Anthem other than those obligations created under other provisions of this Agreement.
- b. Anthem is providing administrative services only with respect to the portion of the Plan described in the Benefits Booklet. Anthem has only the authority granted it pursuant to this Agreement. Anthem is not the insurer or underwriter of any portion of the Plan. Anthem has no responsibility or liability for funding benefits provided by the Plan, notwithstanding any advances that might be made by Anthem. Employer retains the ultimate responsibility and liability for all benefits and expenses incident to the Plan, including but not limited to, any applicable taxes that might be imposed relating to the Plan.
- c. This provision has been intentionally deleted in its entirety.
- d. Employer shall ensure that sufficient amounts are available to cover Claims payments, the monthly Administrative Services Fees, and other fees or charges.

## **ARTICLE 25 - ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

- a. The following documents will constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties: this Agreement, including any amendments and Schedules thereto, and the Benefits Booklet.
- b. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. An electronic signature, including facsimile, shall be deemed equivalent to an original ink signature. In the event that Employer has not signed the Agreement within 90 days of Employer's receipt of the Agreement, payment of Administrative Services Fees by Employer will be considered confirmation of acceptance of the terms.
- c. This Agreement supersedes any and all prior agreements between the Parties, whether written or oral, and other documents, if any, addressing the subject matter contained in this Agreement.
- d. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under applicable law, order, judgment or settlement, such provision shall be excluded from the Agreement and the balance of this Agreement shall be interpreted as if such provision were so excluded and shall be enforceable in accordance with its terms.

## **ARTICLE 26 - THIS ARTICLE IS INTENTIONALLY OMITTED**

## **ARTICLE 27 - MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. Employer and Anthem are separate legal entities. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create any third party beneficiaries. Anthem is strictly an independent contractor. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall cause either Party to be deemed a partner, member, agent or representative of the other Party, nor shall either Party have the expressed or implied right or authority to assume or create any obligation on behalf of or in the name of the other Party through its actions, omissions or representations.
- b. Except as may be explicitly set forth in this Agreement, nothing herein shall be construed as an implied license by a Party to use the other Party's name, trademarks, domain names, or other intellectual property. Neither Party shall use the name, trademarks, domain names, or any other name or mark of the other Party in any press release, printed form, advertising or promotional materials or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the other Party. In addition, Employer has no license to use the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield trademarks or derivative marks (the "Brands") and nothing in the Agreement shall be deemed to grant a license to Employer to use the Brands. Any references to the Brands made by Employer in its own materials are subject to prior review and approval by Anthem.
- c. Nothing contained herein shall cause either Party to be deemed an agent for service of legal process for the other Party.
- d. As part of building its Provider network, Anthem or an Anthem Affiliate may enter into business arrangements with certain Network Providers and Anthem may have financial interest in such Network Providers through direct ownership, partnership, joint venture or other arrangements. The business arrangements may provide practice management or other services to Network Providers that are designed to promote a more effective and cost-efficient health care delivery system that emphasizes continuous improvement and increased patient access to high quality, cost-effective health care. Because of its ownership or financial interests in Network Providers, Anthem may share in the Network Provider's profits or other revenue. Any revenue received by Anthem in connection with these business arrangements shall be retained by Anthem.
- e. The Parties acknowledge that Anthem, in making decisions regarding the scope of coverage of services under the Benefits Booklet, is not engaged in the practice of medicine. Providers are not restricted in exercising their independent medical judgment by contract or otherwise and do not act on behalf of, or as agents for, Anthem or the Plan.

- f. In addition to any other provision providing for survival upon termination of this Agreement and any applicable Claims Runout Period, the Parties' rights and obligations under Articles 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 19(d), 20, 25(a), 25(c), 27(a) and 27(b) shall survive the termination of this Agreement for any reason.
- g. Each Party shall comply with all laws and regulations applicable to their respective duties and obligations assumed under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 28 - ADDITIONAL PROVISION(S)

Not applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by affixing the signatures of duly authorized officers.

City of LaCrosse

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield

By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTER-PLAN ARRANGEMENTS SCHEDULE  
TO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH  
City of LaCrosse**

This Inter-Plan Arrangement Schedule supplements and amends the Administrative Services Agreement and is effective as of January 1, 2025. In the event of an inconsistency between the applicable provisions of this Schedule, any other Schedule and/or the Agreement, the terms of this Schedule shall govern, but only as they relate to the Inter-Plan Arrangements. Except as set forth herein, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

**Out-of-Area Services**

**Overview**

Anthem has a variety of relationships with other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensees referred to generally as “Inter-Plan Arrangements”. These Inter-Plan Arrangements operate under rules and procedures issued by BCBSA. Whenever Members access healthcare services outside the geographic area Anthem serves (the “Anthem Service Area”), the Claim for those services may be processed through one of these Inter-Plan Arrangements. The Inter-Plan Arrangements are described generally below.

Typically, when accessing care outside the Anthem Service Area, Members obtain care from healthcare Providers that have a contractual agreement (“Participating Providers”) with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensee in that other geographic area (“Host Blue”). In some instances, Members may obtain care from healthcare Providers in the Host Blue geographic area that do not have a contractual agreement (“Non-Participating Providers”) with the Host Blue. Anthem remains responsible for fulfilling its contractual obligations to Employer. Anthem’s payment practices in both instances are described below.

This disclosure describes how Claims are administered for Inter-Plan Arrangements and the fees that are charged in connection with Inter-Plan Arrangements. Note that dental care, Prescription Drug or vision benefits may not be processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements.

If the Plan covers only limited healthcare services received outside of Anthem’s Service Area, services other than those listed as Covered Services (e.g., emergency services) in the Plan will not be covered when processed through any Inter-Plan Arrangements, unless authorized by Anthem. Providers providing such non-Covered Services will be considered Non-Participating Providers.

**A. BlueCard<sup>®</sup> Program**

The BlueCard<sup>®</sup> Program is an Inter-Plan Arrangement. Under this Arrangement, when Members access Covered Services outside the Anthem Service Area, the Host Blue will be responsible for contracting and handling all interactions with its Participating Providers. The financial terms of the BlueCard Program are described generally below.

**1. Liability Calculation Method Per Claim**

**a. Member Liability Calculation**

Unless subject to a fixed dollar copayment, the calculation of the Member liability on Claims for Covered Services will be based on the lower of the Participating Provider's Billed Charges or the negotiated price made available to Anthem by the Host Blue.

b. Employer Liability Calculation

The calculation of Employer liability on Claims for Covered Services will be based on the negotiated price made available to Anthem by the Host Blue. Sometimes, this negotiated price may be greater for a given service or services than the Billed Charges in accordance with how the Host Blue has negotiated with its Participating Provider(s) for specific healthcare services. In cases where the negotiated price exceeds the Billed Charges, Employer may be liable for the excess amount even when the Member's deductible has not been satisfied. This excess amount reflects an amount that may be necessary to secure (a) the Provider's participation in the network and/or (b) the overall discount negotiated by the Host Blue. In such a case, the entire contracted price is paid to the Participating Provider, even when the contracted price is greater than the Billed Charges.

## 2. Claims Pricing

Host Blues determine a negotiated price, which is reflected in the terms of each Host Blue's Participating Provider contracts. The negotiated price made available to Anthem by the Host Blue may be represented by one of the following:

- (i) An actual price. An actual price is a negotiated rate of payment in effect at the time a Claim is processed without any other increases or decreases; or
- (ii) An estimated price. An estimated price is a negotiated rate of payment in effect at the time a Claim is processed, reduced or increased by a percentage to take into account certain payments negotiated with the Provider and other Claim- and non-Claim-related transactions. Such transactions may include, but are not limited to, anti-fraud and abuse recoveries, Provider refunds not applied on a Claim-specific basis, retrospective settlements and performance-related bonuses or incentives; or
- (iii) An average price. An average price is a percentage of Billed Charges in effect at the time a Claim is processed representing the aggregate payments negotiated by the Host Blue with all of its Participating Providers or a similar classification of its Participating Providers and other Claim- and non-Claim-related transactions. Such transactions may include the same ones as noted above for an estimated price.

The Host Blue determines whether it will use an actual, estimated or average price. The use of estimated or average pricing may result in a difference (positive or negative) between the price Employer pays on a specific Claim and the actual amount the Host Blue pays to the Participating Provider. However, the BlueCard Program requires that the amount paid be a final price; no future price adjustment will result in increases or decreases to the pricing of past Claims.

Any positive or negative differences in estimated or average pricing are accounted for through variance accounts maintained by the Host Blue and are incorporated into future Claim prices. As a result, the amounts charged to Employer will be adjusted in a following year, as necessary, to account for over- or under-estimation of the past years' prices. The Host Blue will not receive compensation from how the estimated price or average price methods, described above, are calculated. Because all amounts paid are final, neither positive variance account amounts (funds available to be paid in the following year), nor negative variance amounts (the funds needed to be received in the following year), are due to or from Employer. Upon termination, Employer will not receive a refund or charge from the variance account.

Variance account balances are small amounts relative to the overall paid Claims amounts and will be liquidated over time. The timeframe for their liquidation depends on variables, including, but not limited to, overall volume/number of Claims processed and variance account balance. Variance account balances may earn interest at the federal funds or similar rate. Host Blues may retain interest earned on funds held in variance accounts.

## **B. Negotiated Arrangements**

With respect to one or more Host Plans, instead of using the BlueCard Program, Anthem may process Claims for Covered Services through negotiated arrangements. A negotiated arrangement is an agreement negotiated between Anthem and one or more Host Blues for any group health plan that is not delivered through the BlueCard Program ("Negotiated Arrangement").

In addition, if Anthem and Employer agree that (a) Host Blue(s) shall make available (a) custom healthcare Provider network(s) in connection with this Agreement, then the terms and conditions set forth in Anthem's Negotiated Arrangement(s) with such Host Blue(s) shall apply. These include the provisions governing the processing and payment of Claims when Members access such network(s). In negotiating such arrangement(s), Anthem is not acting on behalf of or as an agent for Employer, the Plan or Members.

### *Member Liability Calculation*

If Anthem has entered into a Negotiated Arrangement with a Host Blue, the calculation of Member cost-sharing will be based on the lower of either Billed Charges or negotiated price (refer to the description of negotiated price under Section A, BlueCard Program) that the Host Blue makes available to Anthem and that allows Members access to negotiated participation agreement networks of specified Participating Providers outside of Anthem's service area.

## **C. Special Cases: Value-Based Programs**

### *Definitions*

1. **Accountable Care Organization (ACO):** A group of Providers who agree to deliver coordinated care and meet performance benchmarks for quality and affordability in order to manage the total cost of care for their member populations.
2. **Care Coordination:** Organized, information-driven patient care activities intended to facilitate the appropriate responses to a Member's healthcare needs across the continuum of care.
3. **Care Coordinator:** An individual within a Provider organization who facilitates Care Coordination for patients.
4. **Care Coordinator Fee:** A fixed amount paid by a Host Plan to Providers periodically for Care Coordination under a Value-Based Program.
5. **Global Payment/Total Cost of Care:** A payment methodology that is defined at the patient level and accounts for either all patient care or for a specific group of services delivered to the patient, such as outpatient, physician, ancillary, hospital services, and prescription drugs.
6. **Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH):** A model of care in which each patient has an ongoing relationship with a primary care physician who coordinates a team to take collective responsibility for patient care and, when appropriate, arranges for care with other qualified physicians.
7. **Provider Incentive:** An additional amount of compensation paid to a Provider by a Host Blue, based on the Provider's compliance with agreed-upon procedural and/or outcome measures for a particular population of covered persons.
8. **Shared Savings:** A payment mechanism in which the Provider and the payer share cost savings achieved against a target cost budget based on agreed upon terms and may include downside risk.
9. **Value-Based Program (VBP):** An outcomes-based payment arrangement and/or a coordinated care model facilitated with one or more local Providers that is evaluated against cost and quality metrics/factors and is reflected in Provider payment.

### *Value-Based Programs Overview*

Members may access Covered Services from Providers that participate in a Host Blue's Value-Based Program. Value-Based Programs may be delivered either through the BlueCard Program or a Negotiated Arrangement. These Value-Based Programs may include, but are not limited to, Accountable Care Organizations, Global Payment/Total Cost of Care arrangements, Patient Centered Medical Homes and Shared Savings arrangements.

## *Value-Based Programs under the BlueCard Program*

### Value-Based Programs Administration

Under Value-Based Programs, a Host Blue may pay Providers for reaching agreed-upon cost/quality goals in the following ways: retrospective settlements, Provider Incentives, a share of target savings, Care Coordinator Fees and/or other allowed amounts.

The Host Blue may pass these Provider payments to Anthem, which Anthem will pass directly on to Employer as either an amount included in the price of the Claim or an amount charged separately in addition to the Claim.

When such amounts are included in the price of the Claim, the Claim may be billed using one of the following pricing methods, as determined by the Host Blue:

(i) Actual Pricing: The charge to accounts for Value-Based Programs incentives/Shared Savings settlements is part of the Claim. These charges are passed to Employer via an enhanced Provider fee schedule.

(ii) Supplemental Factor: The charge to accounts for Value-Based Programs incentives/Shared Savings settlements is a supplemental amount that is included in the Claim as an amount based on a specified supplemental factor (e.g., a small percentage increase in the Claim amount). The supplemental factor may be adjusted from time to time. This pricing method may be used only for non-attributed Value-Based Programs.

When such amounts are billed separately from the price of the Claim, they may be billed using a Per Member Per Month billing for Value-Based Programs incentives/Shared Savings settlements to accounts outside of the Claim system. Anthem will pass these Host Blue charges directly through to Employer as a separately identified amount on the Employer billings.

The amounts used to calculate either the supplemental factors for estimated pricing or PMPM billings are fixed amounts that are estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of a particular Value-Based Program. Because amounts are estimates, there may be positive or negative differences based on actual experience, and such differences will be accounted for in a variance account maintained by the Host Blue (in the same manner as described in the BlueCard Claim pricing section above) until the end of the applicable Value-Based Program payment and/or reconciliation measurement period. The amounts needed to fund a Value-Based Program may be changed before the end of the measurement period if it is determined that amounts being collected are projected to exceed the amount necessary to fund the program or if they are projected to be insufficient to fund the program.

At the end of the Value-Based Program payment and/or reconciliation measurement period for these arrangements, Host Blues will take one of the following actions:

- Use any surplus in funds in the variance account to fund Value-Based Program payments or reconciliation amounts in the next measurement period.
- Address any deficit in funds in the variance account through an adjustment to the PMPM billing amount or the reconciliation billing amount for the next measurement period.

The Host Blue will not receive compensation resulting from how estimated, average or PMPM price methods, described above, are calculated. If the Agreement terminates, Employer will not receive a refund or charge from the variance account. This is because any resulting surpluses or deficits would be eventually exhausted through prospective adjustment to the settlement billings in the case of Value-Based Programs. The measurement period for determining these surpluses or deficits may differ from the term of this Agreement.

Variance account balances are small amounts relative to the overall paid Claims amounts and will be liquidated over time. The timeframe for their liquidation depends on variables, including, but not limited to, overall volume/number of Claims processed and variance account balance. Variance account balances may earn interest, and interest is earned at the federal funds or similar rate. Host Blues may retain interest earned on funds held in variance accounts.

Note: Members will not bear any portion of the cost of Value-Based Programs except when a Host Blue uses either average pricing or actual pricing to pay Providers under Value-Based Programs.



## Care Coordinator Fees

Host Blues may also bill Anthem for Care Coordinator Fees for Provider services which Anthem will pass on to Employer as follows:

1. PMPM billings; or
2. Individual Claim billings through applicable care coordination codes from the most current editions of either Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) published by the American Medical Association (AMA) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) published by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Anthem and Employer will not impose Member cost-sharing for Care Coordinator Fees.

## *Value-Based Programs under Negotiated Arrangements*

If Anthem has entered into a Negotiated Arrangement with a Host Blue to provide Value-Based Programs to Members, Anthem will follow the same procedures for Value-Based Programs administration and Care Coordination Fees as noted above.

## **D. Non-Participating Providers Outside Anthem's Service Area**

### **1. Allowed Amounts and Member Liability Calculation**

Unless otherwise described in the Plan, when Covered Services are provided outside of Anthem's Service Area by Non-Participating Providers, Anthem may determine benefits and make payment based on pricing from either the Host Blue or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In these situations, the amount the Member pays for such services as deductible, copayment or coinsurance will be based on that allowed amount. Also, the Member may be responsible for the difference between the amount that the Non-Participating Provider bills and the payment Anthem will make for the covered services as set forth in this paragraph.

### **2. Exceptions**

In certain situations, which may occur at Employer's direction, Anthem may use other pricing methods, such as Billed Charges, the pricing Anthem would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within Anthem's Service Area, or a special negotiated price to determine the amount Anthem will pay for services provided by Non-Participating Providers. In these situations, the Member may be liable for the difference between the amount that the Non-Participating Provider bills and the payment Anthem makes for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph.

## **E. Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core<sup>®</sup>**

### **General Information**

If Members are outside the United States (hereinafter, "BlueCard Service Area"), they may be able to take advantage of Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core<sup>®</sup> when accessing Covered Services. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core is not served by a Host Blue. As such, when Members receive care from Providers outside the BlueCard Service Area, Members will typically have to pay the Providers and submit the Claims themselves to obtain reimbursement for these services.

## **Inpatient Services**

In most cases, if Members contact the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center for assistance, hospitals will not require Members to pay for covered inpatient services, except for their cost-share amounts. In such cases, the hospital will submit Member Claims to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center to initiate Claims processing. However, if the Member paid in full at the time of service, the Member must submit a Claim to obtain reimbursement for Covered Services. Members must contact Anthem to obtain precertification for non-emergency inpatient services.

## **Outpatient Services**

Physicians, urgent care centers and other outpatient Providers located outside the BlueCard Service Area will typically require Members to pay in full at the time of service. Members must submit a Claim to obtain reimbursement for Covered Services.

## **F. Recoveries**

Host Blues may conduct: (i) prepayment review activities including, but not limited to, data mining, itemized bill reviews, secondary claim code editing, and DRG audits and (ii) recoveries of overpayments including, but not limited to, anti-fraud and abuse reviews, audits/healthcare Provider/hospital bill audits, credit balance audits, and utilization review refunds (collectively, for (i) and (ii), "Recoveries"). Recoveries will be applied, in general, on either a Claim-by-Claim or prospective basis. If Recoveries are passed on a Claim-by-Claim basis from a Host Blue to Anthem, they will be credited to Employer. In some cases, the Host Blue will engage a third party to assist in identification related to Recoveries, including collection of overpayments. Employer may be charged a fee for Recoveries as described in Schedule A.

Unless otherwise agreed to by the Host Blue, for retroactive cancellations of membership, Anthem will request the Host Blue to provide full refunds from Participating Providers for a period of only one year after the date of the Inter-Plan financial settlement process for the original Claim. In some cases, recovery of Claim payments associated with a retroactive cancellation may not be possible if, as an example, the recovery (a) conflicts with the Host Blue's state law or healthcare Provider contracts, (b) would result from Shared Savings and/or Provider Incentive arrangements, and Care Coordination Fees or (c) would jeopardize the Host Blue's relationship with its Participating Providers, notwithstanding to the contrary any other provision of this Agreement.

## **G. Modifications or Changes to Inter-Plan Arrangement Fees or Compensation**

Modifications or changes to Inter-Plan Arrangement fees or compensation are generally made effective January 1 of the calendar year, but they may occur at any time during the year. In the case of any such modifications or changes resulting in an increase in fees paid by Employer, Anthem shall provide Employer with at least thirty (30) days' advance written notice of any modification or change to such Inter-Plan Arrangement fees or compensation describing the change and the effective date thereof and Employer right to terminate this Agreement without penalty by giving written notice of termination before the effective date of the change. If Employer fails to respond to the notice and does not terminate this Agreement during the notice period, Employer will be deemed to have approved the proposed changes, and Anthem will then allow such modifications to become part of this Agreement.

## **H. Fees and Compensation**

Employer understands and agrees to reimburse Anthem for certain fees and compensation which Anthem is obligated under the applicable Inter-Plan Arrangements described in this Schedule to pay to the Host Blues, to BCBSA and/or to vendors of Inter-Plan Arrangement related services. The specific Inter-Plan Arrangement fees and compensation, including any administrative and/or network access fee that a Host Blue may charge under the BlueCard Program, a Negotiated Arrangement, and Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core are charged to Employer are set forth in Section 7 of Schedule A to the Agreement. The various Inter-Plan Arrangement Fees and compensation may be revised from time to time as described in section G.

A description of the various Claim processing fees that may be listed on Schedule A is as follows:

**Access Fee:** The Access Fee is charged by the Host Blue to Anthem for making its applicable Provider network available to Members. The Access Fee will not apply to Non-Participating Provider Claims. The Access Fee is charged on a per Claim basis and is charged as a percentage of the discount/differential Anthem receives from the applicable Host Blue subject to a maximum of \$2,000 per Claim. When charged, Anthem passes the Access Fee directly on to Employer.

Instances may occur in which the Claim payment is zero or Anthem pays only a small amount because the amounts eligible for payment were applied to patient cost sharing (such as a deductible or coinsurance). In these instances, Anthem will pay the Host Blue's Access Fee and pass it along directly to Employer as stated above even though Employer paid little or had no Claim liability.

**Administrative Expense Allowance (AEA) Fee:** The AEA Fee is a fixed per Claim dollar amount charged by the Host Blue to Anthem for administrative services the Host Blue provides in processing Claims for Employer's Members. The dollar amount is normally based on the type of Claim (e.g. institutional, professional, international, etc.) and can also be based on the size of group enrollment. When charged, Anthem passes the AEA Fee directly on to Employer.

**Per Subscriber Per Month (PSPM) Fee:** The PSPM Fee is a financial arrangement negotiated between the Host Blue and Anthem and replaces all other fees, including the Access Fee and AEA Fee. The PSPM dollar amount is charged on a per Subscriber per month basis by the Host Blue to Anthem for administrative services the Host Blue provides in processing Claims for Employer's Members. The dollar amount can also be based on the size of group enrollment. When charged, Anthem passes the PSPM Fee directly on to Employer.

**Non-Standard AEA Fee:** The Non-Standard AEA Fee is a financial arrangement negotiated between the Host Blue and Anthem and replaces all other fees, including the Access Fee and AEA Fee. The Non-Standard AEA is a fixed per Claim dollar amount charged by the Host Blue to Anthem for administrative services the Host Blue provides in processing Claims for Employer's Members. When charged, Anthem passes the Non-Standard AEA Fee directly on to Employer.

**Central Financial Agency (CFA) Fee:** The CFA Fee is a fixed dollar amount per payment notice and is paid by Anthem to the BCBSA. This fee applies each time Anthem receives an electronic payment notice from the CFA indicating that a Host Blue incurred Claim-related liability on Anthem's behalf and requesting that Anthem either approve or deny payment. When charged, Anthem passes the CFA Fee directly on to Employer. The CFA Fee supports ongoing operations of BCBSA programs and services, including but not limited to Blue Cross Blue Shield AXIS® Data Services, network solutions, and BlueCard Program-related applications.

**Inter-Plan Teleprocessing System (ITS) Transaction Fee:** The ITS delivery platform allows all Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensees to connect with each other through a standardized system to facilitate the operation of Inter-Plan Arrangements. The ITS Transaction Fee applies each time a Claims transaction interchange occurs between Anthem and a Host Blue. When a Host Blue receives a Claim, it applies Provider pricing information, sets forth its discount and related savings and sends this information to Anthem electronically. Anthem then adjudicates the Claim, computes the approved Provider payment amount, calculates the AEA Fee and Access Fee, computes net liability and sends a response electronically to the Host Blue. The Host Blue then pays the Provider and issues an electronic payment notice to Anthem via the CFA. The ITS Transaction Fee is five cents per interchange and is paid to the BCBSA. For each Claim, there are a minimum of three interchanges, but there could be more depending on the complexity of the Claim. When charged, Anthem passes the ITS Transaction Fee directly on to Employer.

**SCHEDULE A  
TO  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH  
City of LaCrosse**

This Schedule A shall govern the Agreement Period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. For purposes of this Agreement Period, this Schedule shall supplement and amend the Agreement between the Parties. If there are any inconsistencies between the terms of the Agreement including any prior Schedules, and this Schedule A, the terms of this Schedule A shall control.

**Section 1.      Effective Date and Renewal Notice**

This Agreement Period shall be from 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2025 to the end of the day of December 31, 2025.

Paid Claims shall be processed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement when incurred and paid as follows:

- Incurred from 01/01/2019 through 12/31/2025 and
- Paid from 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025.

Anthem shall provide any offer to renew this Agreement at least 60 days prior to the end of an Agreement Period.

**Section 2.      Broker or Consultant Base Compensation**

Not Applicable.

**Section 3.      Administrative Services Fees**

Change to Administrative Services Fees. In addition to the provisions in Article 18(c), Anthem reserves the right to change the Administrative Services Fees provided in this Section 3 of Schedule A during the Agreement Period based upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- Employer's Member to Subscriber ratio is not within +/-5% of 2.62;
- Anthem is not the sole administrator for medical benefits under Employer's Plan;
- Employer's enrollment is not within +/-10% of 601 Subscribers;
- Employer moves any of the Plan benefits administered under this Agreement to another administrator or to a public or private exchange;
- A material reduction in Provider billed or published charges that results in a decrease in Anthem's discount of 10% or more;
- A change in law or regulation that materially impacts underwriting assumptions made at the time of the offer or renewal.

**A. Base Administrative Services Fee**

The fees below apply from 01/01/2025-12/31/2025:

**PPO (PPO)**

Base Administrative Services Fee \$23.13 per Subscriber per month

Base Administrative Services Fee \$19.57 per Subscriber per month

**Total Administrative Services Fee: \$42.70 per Subscriber per month**

**POS (POS)**

Base Administrative Services Fee \$23.13 per Subscriber per month

Base Administrative Services Fee \$19.57 per Subscriber per month

**Total Administrative Services Fee: \$42.70 per Subscriber per month**

**Article 3(a) Retroactivity.**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, Anthem reserves the right to limit the effective date of retroactive enrollment to a date not earlier than 60 days prior to the date the notice is received and Anthem reserves the right to limit retroactive terminations to a maximum of 60 days prior to the date the notice is received. Anthem reserves the right to not process Claims for retroactive additions beyond 60 days and to not pursue recovery of Claims for retroactive terminations beyond 60 days. Additionally, Anthem is not required to initiate recovery services if the Provider agreement or any law or regulation precludes recovery. Anthem shall credit per Subscriber per month and per Member per month Administrative Services Fees for each retroactive deletion up to a maximum of 60 days and shall charge Administrative Services Fees for each retroactive addition up to a maximum of 60 days.

**B. Health and Wellness Program Fees**

The fees below apply from 01/01/2025-12/31/2025:

**PPO & POS**

LiveHealth Online Included in Base Administrative Services Fee

Behavioral Health Advantage Included in Base Administrative Services Fee

Wellbeing Solutions ASO Core Foundational Program \$1.36 per Subscriber per month

Wellbeing Solutions ASO Core Foundational Program:

• MSK\* \$1.54 per Subscriber per month

• Oncology\* \$0.79 per Subscriber per month

• Behavioral Health\* \$1.48 per Subscriber per month

• Radiology\* \$2.59 per Subscriber per month

• Care Support\* \$0.55 per Subscriber per month

\*These charges are included in Paid Claims as claim related charges on the invoice and may accumulate towards aggregate stop loss purchased from Anthem.

**C. Other Fees or Credits**

Fee for Subrogation Services. The charge to Employer is 25% of gross subrogation recovery.

Fee for Overpayment Identification, Prevention, and Claims Prepayment Analysis Activities. The charge to Employer is 25% of (i) the amount recovered from review of Claims and membership data and audits of Provider and vendor activity to identify overpayments and (ii) the difference between the amount Employer would have been charged absent prevention or prepayment analysis activities and the amount that was charged to Employer following performance of prevention or prepayment analysis activities. This includes, but is not limited to, COB, Host Blue activities, contract compliance, and eligibility. The fee for Overpayment Identification, Prevention, and Claims Prepayment Analysis Activities will not exceed \$25,000.00 per Claim.

Fee for Independent Claims Review. \$500.00 per independent review.

Fees and Costs for Independent Dispute Resolution. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Agreement, Employer shall assume liability for payment of all fees and costs, including but not limited to arbitrator fees, charged to or paid by Anthem as part of independent dispute resolution processes.

Enhanced Personal Health Care Fee. A fee shall be charged for Anthem's oversight of Enhanced Personal Health Care with Providers or Vendors. Such fee shall be 25% of the per attributed Member per month amount charged to Employer for the Provider performance bonus portion of the Enhanced Personal Health Care program. These charges are included in Paid Claims on the invoice and may accumulate towards any stop loss policy amounts.

Discount Share. Employer agrees to pay an additional amount based on the difference between Billed Charges for Covered Services and the Negotiated Amount. The "Negotiated Amount" is the amount Anthem, an Anthem Affiliate and/or Host Blue is contractually obligated to pay a Network Provider under a negotiated reimbursement arrangement, before application of Member cost-share amounts, such as deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. Prescription Drug Claims, Payment Innovation Program payments and Claims paid on a capitated basis are all excluded from the fee calculation. In addition, Claims paid at the out-of-network level of benefits using the Traditional Network fee schedule are excluded from the fee calculation. The Discount Share is equal to: 2% per Claim, up to \$5,000.00 per Claim. These charges are included in Paid Claims as claim related charges on the invoice and may not accumulate towards any stop loss policy amounts.

Non-Network Savings Fee. If Anthem or its Vendor negotiates with a non-Network Provider for Covered Services from the non-Network Provider, Employer will pay a fee equal to 35% of the difference between the non-Network Provider's Billed Charges and the amount Anthem uses to calculate Plan liability for the Covered Service (the "Plan Liability Amount"). In the case of facility-based Provider Claims, Plan Liability Amount will be based on the negotiated rate; if negotiations are not successful, the Plan Liability Amount shall be determined using a pricing tool. Fees paid to Anthem for Claims priced through such tool will not exceed \$25,000 per claim. In the case of professional Provider Claims, Plan Liability Amount will be based upon the negotiated rate obtained by Anthem or its Vendor, if applicable (in the absence of successfully negotiated Claims, there will be no fee charged as the amount will be determined by the local Blue plan).

Medical Drug Rebates. Anthem shall retain 100% of the rebates it receives directly from pharmaceutical manufacturers for Claims for Prescription Drugs administered by Anthem and covered under the medical benefit portion of the Plan(s) ("Medical Drug Rebates").

Unidentified Recoveries. Anthem shall retain any funds received through recovery processes that are paid to Anthem and, following good faith and reasonable efforts, cannot be tied to a specific Employer or Member.

Fee for Pharmacy Carve-out. Employer has carved-out Prescription Drug management services. The charge to the Employer is \$4.75 per Subscriber per month.

Fee for Ad Hoc Reports. Anthem shall provide, on an annual basis, up to 20 hours of time needed to generate custom or ad hoc reports at no additional charge. The charge to Employer beyond 20 hours per year is \$150.00 per hour for time needed to generate custom or ad hoc reports.

Fee for Article 11(e) Data Audits. \$150.00 per hour. Maximum of 250 Claims.

Fee for Electronic Data Feeds to an Outside Vendor. Anthem shall provide, on an annual basis, up to 12 electronic data feeds to an outside vendor in Anthem's standard format. The charge to Employer is \$1,000.00 for each additional feed.

**Section 4. Paid Claims, Billing Cycle and Payment Method**

**A. Paid Claims**

Paid Claims are described in Article 1-Paid Claims Definition of the Agreement.

**B. Billing Cycle**

Weekly

Anthem shall notify Employer of the amount due to Anthem as a result of Claims processed and paid by Anthem according to the billing cycle described above. The actual date of notification of Paid Claims and the Invoice Due Date will be determined according to Anthem's regular business practices and systems capabilities.

**C. Payment Method**

ACH Demand Debit Reimbursement for Paid Claims. Anthem will initiate an ACH demand debit transaction that will withdraw the amount due from a designated Employer bank account no later than the next business day following the Invoice Due Date, however, if the Invoice Due Date falls on either a banking holiday, a Saturday or a Sunday, the withdrawal shall be made on the following banking day.

**Section 5. Administrative Services Fees Billing Cycle and Payment Method**

**A. Billing Cycle**

Monthly List Bill (pay as billed)

Anthem shall notify Employer of the amount due to Anthem pursuant to Section 3 of Schedule A according to the billing cycle described above. The actual date of notification of amounts due and the Invoice Due Date will be determined according to Anthem's regular business practices and systems capabilities.

**B. Payment Method**

ACH Demand Debit Reimbursement. Anthem will initiate an ACH demand debit transaction that will withdraw the amount due from a designated Employer bank account no later than the next business day following the Invoice Due Date, however, if the Invoice Due Date falls on either a banking holiday, a Saturday or a Sunday, the withdrawal shall be made on the following banking day.

**Section 6. Claims Runout Services**

**A. Claims Runout Period**

Medical:

Claims Runout Period shall be for the 12 months following the date of termination of this Agreement.

**B. Claims Runout Administrative Services Fee**

Medical:

The fee for Claims Runout Services will be equal to 9% of Paid Claims. This fee will not be charged if Employer terminates at least years after the effective date of the Agreement Period. Fees in Sections 3(B), 3(C), and 7 of this Schedule A that (i) are associated with Claims processed or reviewed during the Claims Runout Period including without limitation subrogation fees, Claims prepayment analysis fees, recovery fees, discount share fees, network access fees; or (ii) apply to the Agreement Period but were not billed during the Agreement Period, will be billed and payable during the Claims Runout Period. Payment is due to Anthem by the Invoice Due Date.

## **Section 7. Inter-Plan Arrangements**

Certain fees and compensation are charged each time a Claim is processed through the BlueCard Program and include, but are not limited to, Access Fees, Administrative Expense Allowance Fees, Central Financial Agency Fees and ITS Transaction Fees. Other Inter-Plan Arrangement related fees that Anthem may charge include, but are not limited to, fees for BlueCross Blue Shield Global Core® Program services. These fees may be separately billed or included in Paid Claims. The extent to which these fees and compensation are (i) included in the Base Administrative Services Fee; or (ii) included in Paid Claims or separately billed to Employer is as follows:

### **BlueCard Fees**

Access Fees and AEA will be included in the Base Administrative Services Fees for Claims incurred in the Anthem Service Areas for the following states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

### **Access Fees (Network Provider Claims only):**

- 3.46% for fewer than 1,000 PPO traditional enrolled Blue Subscribers of network savings, capped at \$2,000.00 per Claim.

### **Administrative Expense Allowance Fees ("AEA") (Network Provider and Non-Network Provider Claims):**

- Network Provider - \$5.00 per professional Claim and \$11.00 per institutional Claim for fewer than 1,000 PPO or traditional enrolled Blue Subscribers.
- Non-Network Provider - \$3.00 per Claim.

### **Central Financial Agency Fee ("CFA") (Network Provider, Non-Network Provider and Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Claims):**

- \$0.35 per payment notice.

### **ITS Transaction Fee ("ITS") (Network Provider, Non-Network Provider and Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Program Claims):**

- \$0.05 per transaction.

### **Negotiated Arrangement Fees:**

Any administrative and/or network access fees will not be greater than the comparable Access Fee and/or AEA that would be charged under the BlueCard Program (CFA and ITS will continue to apply). Continued participation in any Negotiated Arrangement generally requires meeting certain membership criteria in the Host Blue service area. If membership declines below those thresholds, Claims for Members in the applicable Host Blue service area may, at the direction of the Host Blue, revert to the standard Access Fee and AEA described above. If membership changes such that Employer may qualify for a Negotiated Arrangement in a state not listed below, Anthem will attempt to negotiate an arrangement with that state during its semi-annual review process and implement the negotiated fees and such fees will be reflected in Section 7 of Schedule A for the next Agreement Period.

Minnesota & West Virginia

A negotiated amount that will not exceed the Access and AEA Fees described above

### **Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Fees**

### **Administrative Expense Allowance Fee:**

- \$4.35 per Member-submitted Claim;
- \$5.50 per professional Claim; and
- \$18.55 per institutional Claim.



All other fees associated with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core program, except the CFA and ITS Fees described above, are included in the Base Administrative Services Fee.

**Section 8.      Other Amendments. The Administrative Services Agreement is otherwise amended as follows:**

Not applicable.

**SCHEDULE B  
TO  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH  
City of LaCrosse**

This Schedule B shall govern the Agreement Period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. For purposes of this Agreement Period, this Schedule B shall supplement and amend the Agreement between the Parties. If there are any inconsistencies between the terms of the Agreement including any prior Schedules and this Schedule B, the terms of this Schedule B shall control.

The following is a list of services that Anthem will provide under this Agreement for the Base Administrative Services Fee listed in Section 3(A) of Schedule A. These services will be furnished to Employer in a manner consistent with Anthem's standard policies and procedures for self-funded plans.

Anthem may also offer additional, optional services to Employer, and such services, whether or not purchased by Employer, are not included in the services set forth below in this Schedule B. By way of example and not limitation, Anthem may offer certain optional programs that include utilization management activities. In such event, the services associated with those programs are not included in the services described below. Services under Article 13 will only be pursued or performed for Claims associated with these programs or that would have been impacted by these programs if the programs are purchased by Employer. If Employer has purchased such services, those services and any additional fees are also listed in Schedule A.

**SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE BASE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FEE IN SECTION 3A OF SCHEDULE A**

**Management Services**

Anthem's benefits and administration as described in this paragraph:

- Anthem definitions, and exclusions
- Anthem complaint and appeals process (One mandatory level of appeal, one voluntary level of appeal)
- Claims incurred and paid as provided in Schedule A, excluding activities related to Claim recovery
- Accumulation toward plan maximums beginning at zero on effective date
- Anthem Claim forms
- ID card
- Explanation of Benefits (Non-customized)
- Acceptance of electronic submission of eligibility information in HIPAA-compliant format
- Preparation of Benefits Booklet (accessible via internet)
- Account reporting - standard data reports
- Standard billing and banking services
- Plan Design consultation
- Employer eServices
  - Add and delete Members
  - Download administrative forms
  - View Member Benefits and request ID cards
  - View eligibility
  - View Claim status and detail
- Responsible Reporting Entity for the Plan
- Information for preparation of SBC

### **Claims and Customer Services**

- Claims processing services
- Medicare crossover processing
- Employer customer service, standard business hours
- Member customer service, standard business hours
- 1099s prepared and delivered to Providers
- Residency-based assessments and/or surcharges and other legislative reporting requirements
- Member eServices
- Member identity theft and credit monitoring and identity repair

### **Care Management**

- Health Care Management
  - Referrals
  - Utilization management
  - Case management
  - Anthem Medical Policy
- SpecialOffers
- Member Digital Tools

### **Networks**

- Network Access and Management
- Online Provider directory

### **Other Services Required by Federal Law not Otherwise Specified in the Agreement (as of the applicable effective date)**

- For Claims that qualify as no surprises Claims, Anthem shall calculate and apply the Member's cost share at the in-network benefit level using the qualifying payment amount. Anthem shall post a disclosure of the patient protections against balance billing on [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) and shall include applicable language in Claim denial notices and explanations of benefits.
- Prepare advanced explanations of benefits to Members after receiving a notice of scheduled services from a Provider
- Provide cost transparency tool/self-service tool access
- Provide for continuity of care administration for Provider termination from the network
- Provide air ambulance Provider reporting
- Provide aggregated reporting as required under Section 204 of the CAA for the services that Anthem administers under the Agreement. This reporting does not include the D1 Premium and Life Years Report.
- Anthem represents that it is administering its Provider agreements consistent with the requirements set forth in Section 201 of the CAA. Anthem will provide a statement of compliance to Employer pertaining to Section 201 of the CAA on an annual basis.

- Upon request, Anthem will provide the non-quantitative treatment limitation analysis for the standard services that Anthem provides under the Agreement. Anthem will also provide reasonable assistance to Employer in the event of a regulatory audit for compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.
- Post machine readable files on a monthly basis for the services Anthem administers for the Plan on [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com)