OSU GRADUATE ASSISTANT HEALTH INSURANCE

BENEFIT MODIFICATION:

GENDER IDENTIFICATION DISORDER

Modification Effective Date: **October 1, 2017**

Please be aware that the OSU Graduate Assistant Health Insurance plan was amended to make the following benefits available under the plan for gender affirmation surgery and related services. This change was effective October 1, 2017, and will be in place for this plan year (through September 30, 2018).

The following language should be considered as inserted into your benefit handbook under **Other Covered Services, Supplies and Treatments**:

- **Gender identity disorder (GID)**, including hormone therapy, gender affirmation surgery, and certain non-medically necessary services in direct relation to the gender affirmation surgery, is covered for members ages 18 and older when preauthorized and the services meet PacificSource criteria. Prior to seeking services for this benefit, contact PacificSource for preauthorization and eligibility. The treatment plan must conform to the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) formerly Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria standards of care. No coverage is provided for reversal of gender affirmation surgery, whether or not that surgery was originally covered by the plan.

The following language should be considered as deleted from your benefit handbook under **Benefit Limitations and Exclusions**:

- **Sex reassignment** – Procedures, services or supplies related to a sex reassignment unless medically necessary.

No terms, conditions, or limitations of the benefit handbook are changed or altered except as expressly provided herein.