

# Terms of Use

**If you believe you are experiencing a medical emergency, please call 911.**

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS AN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT AND CLASS ACTION WAIVER, WHICH AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS. YOU SHOULD REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE ACCESSING OR USING THE ONLINE SERVICES.

## Agreement and Terms

These Terms of Use (“Terms”) describe the rules for using Ear Professionals International Corporation (EPIC) d/b/a United Healthcare Hearing (also “we,” “us,” “our,” and “Company”) and Affiliates’ (an entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with a named party) online and mobile websites, platforms, services and applications (“Online Services”).

By using our Online Services, you agree to these Terms and our [Privacy Policies](#). We may change these Terms at any time, and such changes will be posted on the Online Services, with the date of the last revision listed as the “Effective Date” at the bottom of these Terms. Any modifications will be effective immediately upon such posting. By continuing to use the Online Services, you consent to any changes to our Terms.

Your affirmative act of using the Online Services, or registering for membership, constitutes your electronic signature to these Terms and your consent to enter into this agreement electronically. You may print and retain a copy of these Terms. To print, you will need (i) a device (such as a computer or mobile phone) with a web browser and Internet access and (ii) either a printer or storage space on such device.

## Important Note Regarding Content of Digital Property

**The information and content (collectively, “Content”) on the Online Services is for general educational information only. We are not a health care provider. We do not recommend any health care service, supply, or treatment for you. You should call your health care provider if you have questions, at any time, about your health.**

The Content may include information regarding therapeutic and generic alternatives for certain prescription drugs and may describe uses for products or therapies that have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The Content should not be considered financial advice, legal advice, or tax advice.

You are responsible for protecting your username (e.g., the email address and password that you provide when registering for Online Services) or other activation codes, and if they are compromised, you agree to change your username and password and immediately [Contact Us](#).

## **Restrictions on Use of Online Services**

### **You Will Not:**

- Use our Online Services or Content in any way not expressly permitted by these Terms;
- Copy, modify or harvest data, Content, or materials from the Online Services;
- Remove or alter, any copyright or other proprietary rights or notices on the Online Services;
- Misrepresent your identity or provide any false information;
- Interfere with the operation of our Online Services;
- Share any password with any third parties or use any third-party's password;
- Engage in commercial, competitive, or viral messaging, or sending of unsolicited advertisements, or similar communications, including harmful computer code, viruses, or malware;
- Use the Online Services in any way that could, in our sole judgment, interfere with any other party's use or enjoyment of the Online Services, impair our networks or servers, or expose us or any third party to any claims or liability whatsoever, or use software or other means to access, "scrape," "crawl," or "spider," any web pages or other services from the Online Services. If you are blocked from the Online Services (including by blocking your IP address), you agree not to implement any measures to circumvent such blocking;
- Directly or indirectly authorize anyone else to take actions prohibited in this section; or
- Attempt to reverse engineer any of the software used to provide the Online Services.

### **You Agree That:**

- You will comply with all applicable laws and regulations; and
- You represent and warrant that you are at least 13 years of age, and that, if you are between 13 and the age of majority in your state and otherwise not emancipated, a parent and/or guardian agrees to these Terms on your behalf; and
- We may take any measures we deem appropriate, in our sole discretion and permitted by law, to enforce these Terms.

## **Posting Messages, Comments or Content**

### **You Will Not:**

- Post any improper or inappropriate content, including that which is obscene, libelous, harassing, threatening, harmful, inflammatory, invasive of privacy, or otherwise objectionable, constitutes advertising or solicitation, or violates applicable law.

### **You Agree That:**

- Any content posted to the Online Services by third parties is only the opinion of the poster, is no substitute for your own research, and should not be relied upon for any purpose;
- You are solely responsible for the content of any postings that you submit. Any content you submit will be routed through the Internet and you understand and acknowledge that

you have no expectation of privacy regarding that content. Never assume that you are anonymous and cannot be identified by your posts;

- If you do post content or submit material to the Online Services, and unless we indicate otherwise, you grant the Company a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual, irrevocable, and fully sublicensable right to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, and display such content throughout the world in any media;
- You grant the Company and any of its sublicensees the right to use the name that you submit in connection with such content if they choose; and
- You represent and warrant that you own or otherwise control all of the rights to the content that you post; that the content is accurate; that use of the content you supply does not violate these Terms and will not cause injury to any person or entity; and that you will indemnify the Company or its affiliates for all claims resulting from any content that you supply.

## License to Use Online Services and Content Ownership

Subject to these Terms, the Company grants you a personal, non-commercial, non-transferable, non-exclusive, revocable, limited license to view the Content on our Online Services for the sole purpose of obtaining information regarding our plans or products and related services. All rights, title, and interest in and to the Online Services, including the Content, and all intellectual property rights, including all copyright, trademark, patent, and trade secret rights will remain with the Company and our licensors and vendors. No ownership interest is transferred to you or any other entity by virtue of making the Content available on the Online Services, granting you a license to use Online Service, or your entering into this Agreement.

We may terminate this license at any time for any reason. If you breach any of these Terms, your license to the Online Services and its Content terminates immediately. Upon the termination of this license, you must stop using the Online Services, including all Content, and return or destroy all copies, including electronic copies, of the Content in your possession or control.

## Copyright Infringement – DMCA Notice

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (the “DMCA”) provides recourse for copyright owners who believe that material appearing on the Internet infringes their rights under US copyright law. If you believe, in good faith, that content or material on our Online Services infringes a copyright owned by you, you (or your agent) may send the Company a notice requesting that the material be removed or access to it blocked. Notices and counter-notices with respect to the Online Services should be sent to the applicable address below:

Company	Contact Information
UnitedHealthcare	Attn: DMCA Registered Agent 9900 Bren Road East Minnetonka, MN 55343 <a href="mailto:DMCARegisteredAgent@uhc.com">DMCARegisteredAgent@uhc.com</a>

The notice must include the following information: (a) a physical or electronic signature of a person authorized to act on behalf of the owner of an exclusive right that is allegedly infringed; (b) identification of the copyrighted work claimed to have been infringed; (c) identification of the material that is claimed to be infringing or the subject of infringing activity; (d) the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the complaining party; (e) a statement that the complaining party has a good-faith belief that use of the material in the manner complained of is not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent or the law; and (f) a statement that the information in the notification is accurate and, under penalty of perjury, that the complaining party is authorized to act on behalf of the owner of an exclusive right that is allegedly infringed. If you believe in good faith that a notice of copyright infringement has been wrongly filed against you, the DMCA permits you to send us a counter-notice. Notices and counter-notices must meet the then-current statutory requirements imposed by the DMCA.

## **Unsolicited Idea Submission Policy**

It is our policy not to accept or consider unsolicited ideas or offers to sell intellectual property. We ask that you please do not submit any such ideas or offers to us or our employees or contractors.

This policy is intended to avoid potential misunderstandings if our technology, products, or services may seem similar to a submission made to the company. If you still choose to make any submission to us, you agree as follows, regardless of any statements made in your submission:

- We owe you no compensation;
- There is no duty of confidentiality between us and you;
- Your submission automatically becomes our property, and we may use or redistribute the contents of that submission in any way for any purpose;
- We are free to acquire, develop, and sell services and products that may be competitive to those you offer or suggest; and
- It is your responsibility to protect your own intellectual property; you should not make a submission to us if you have concerns about intellectual property.

If you are uncertain about the meaning of this policy or the legal ramifications of submitting materials to us, you should consult with your attorney before making a submission.

## **Links**

While visiting our Online Services, you may go to a link to other online websites, mobile websites, platforms, services, and applications (“Weblinks”) and leave our Online Services. For your convenience, we provide Weblinks to other online content or sites that may contain information that may be useful or interesting to you. We do not endorse, nor are responsible for, the content, accuracy or accessibility of the content of Weblinks operated by third parties. You are solely responsible for your dealings with such third parties and should review the Terms and privacy policies of such third parties.

## **No Warranty**

**Nothing within these Terms should be meant or implied to be a warranty. You use the Online Services at your own risk. We do not guarantee the accuracy, completeness, timeliness, correctness or reliability of any content available through the Online Services. Online Services are provided to you when available and are provided on an “as is” basis. We make no representation that use of our Online Services will be uninterrupted or error-free, or free of viruses or other harmful components.**

**Some states do not allow a Terms of Use to have a “no-warranties” provision, and even though these Terms make no warranty, if your state does not allow this type of limitation, this paragraph will not apply to you.**

## **Limitation of Liability**

**You agree that we have no liability for any loss arising out of, or relating to: these Online Services; any third-party site or program accessed through the Online Services; Any acts or omissions by us or any third party; and/or your access or use of the Online Services. This limitation of liability includes any claim based on warranty, contract, tort, strict liability, or any other legal theory.**

**This limitation of liability does not apply if you are a New Jersey resident. With respect to residents of New Jersey, any released parties are not liable for any damages unless such damages are the result of our negligent or reckless acts or omissions; and any released parties are not, in any case, liable for indirect, incidental, special, consequential or punitive damages.**

**Other states may also limit liability. If your state does not allow this type of limitation, one or more of the limitations above may not apply to you.**

## **Indemnification**

**You agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless any released parties from any claim by third parties, including reasonable attorneys' fees for counsel of our own choosing, arising out of or related to your breach of the Terms or any copyright infringement, misappropriation, misuse, gross negligence, intentional misconduct, or violation of applicable law relating to your use of the Online Services or Content. You may not transfer or assign any rights or obligations under this Agreement. In any litigation, you will cooperate with us in asserting any available defenses.**

## **Export Controls**

**You may not use, export, re-export, import, sell, transfer, or proxy our Online Services or Content unless such activity is permitted by these Terms and such activity is not prohibited by United States law, the laws of the jurisdiction in which you receive our Online Services, or any other applicable laws and regulations. In particular, but without limitation, the Online Services and/or Content may not be exported, re-exported or made available in any manner (a) into any U.S. embargoed countries or (b) to anyone on the U.S. Treasury Department's list of Specially Designated Nationals or the U.S. Department of Commerce Denied Person's List or Entity List.**

By using our Online Services, you represent and warrant that you and any ultimate beneficiary of our Online Services are not located in any such country or on any such list. You also agree that you will not use our Online Service for any purposes prohibited by U.S. law, including, without limitation, the development, design, manufacture or production of nuclear missiles or chemical or biological weapons.

## Resolving Disputes

### PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY – IT MAY SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A LAWSUIT IN COURT

- **Informal Resolution.** Before filing a claim in connection with these Terms or the Online Services, you agree to try to resolve the dispute informally. Contact [legalmail@uhg.com](mailto:legalmail@uhg.com) if you need to submit a dispute. If the dispute is not resolved within 30 days of contact, you or we may bring a formal arbitration proceeding as described below.
- **Agreement to Arbitrate.** You and we agree to resolve any claims relating to these Terms, or the Online Services, through final and binding arbitration, except as indicated below under “Exceptions to Agreement to Arbitrate” or where prohibited by law. The arbitration will be held in the state where you live. For residents outside the United States, arbitration will be initiated in Hennepin County, Minnesota, or a location agreed to by the parties. You and we agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of any state or federal court in the state of Minnesota to compel arbitration, stay proceedings pending arbitration, or to confirm, modify, vacate, or enter judgment on the award entered by the arbitrator.
- **How to Opt Out of Agreement to Arbitrate.** If you don’t agree to arbitrate, you may opt out within 30 days of first agreeing to these terms by sending a letter to us. The letter must specify your first and last name, username, mailing address, and state that you are opting out of this arbitration provision. Send the letter to:  
UnitedHealthcare Attention: Legal Intake (MN-008-T502), 9900 Bren Road East, Minnetonka, MN 55343.
- **Exceptions to Agreement to Arbitrate.** Either you (or we) may assert claims in the small claims court in Hennepin County, Minnesota or any other U.S. county in which we have a principal business address, provided that the informal dispute resolution described above was unsuccessful and the claim is eligible to be filed. Either party may bring a lawsuit solely for injunctive relief to stop unauthorized use or abuse of the Online Services or intellectual property infringement (for example, trademark, trade secret, copyright, or patent rights) without first engaging in arbitration or the informal-resolution process described above. The agreement to arbitrate does not apply to (a) disputes about the existence or extent of your health benefits or coverage or (b) claims that may not be arbitrated as a matter of law. Arbitration does apply to all other claims relating to these Terms or the Online Services including (1) the interpretation, formation, performance, or breach of the Terms, (2) whether any part of the Terms is void or voidable, (3) whether a claim is subject to arbitration, and/or (4) whether arbitration has been waived due to litigation conduct.

- **Arbitration Procedures.** The arbitration will be conducted by a single arbitrator, governed by the Consumer Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (“AAA”), (<https://www.adr.org/Rules>), unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. You may also obtain the Consumer Arbitration Rules by calling AAA at 1-800-778-7879, TTY 711.
- **Arbitration and Attorney's Fees.** Payment of all filing, administration, and arbitrator costs and expenses imposed by AAA will be governed by the Consumer Arbitration Rules, provided that if you are initiating an arbitration against us and the value of the relief sought is \$10,000 or less, then we will advance all filing, administrative and arbitration costs and expenses imposed by AAA (subject to reimbursement if the arbitrator finds the arbitration to be frivolous or asserted for an improper purpose). You are responsible for all other additional costs that you may incur in the arbitration, including attorney's fees and expert witness costs, unless we are otherwise specifically required to pay such fees under applicable law. The decision of the arbitrator will be in writing and binding and conclusive on us and you, and judgment to enforce the decision may be entered by any court of competent jurisdiction. You agree that dispositive motions, including without limitation, motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment, will be allowed in the arbitration. The arbitrator must follow these rules and can award the same damages and relief as a court, including injunctive or other equitable relief and attorneys' fees. You and we agree not to seek any attorneys' fees and expert witness costs unless the arbitrator finds that a claim or defense was frivolous or asserted for an improper purpose. Applicable law may allow the arbitrator to award attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party.
- Except as explicitly provided in these Terms, if any clause within these arbitration provisions is found to be illegal or unenforceable, that clause will be severed from these arbitration provisions, and the remainder of the arbitration provisions will be given full force and effect. The terms of these arbitration provisions will also apply to any claims asserted by you against any present or future parent or affiliated company of ours arising out of your use of the Online Services

**No Class Actions. PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY – IT MAY SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS**

- BY AGREEING TO THIS ARBITRATION AGREEMENT, YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO GO TO COURT, INCLUDING YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL AND TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS ACTION. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT BY AGREEING TO THIS ARBITRATION AGREEMENT AND CLASS ACTION WAIVER, YOU MAY ONLY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST US AND OUR RELATED PARTIES IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS ACTION OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO ARBITRATION, YOU SHOULD OPT OUT OF THIS ARBITRATION PROVISION PER THE TERMS. OTHERWISE, YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO USE THE ONLINE SERVICES IN ANY WAY.
- If any court or arbitrator determines that this “No Class Actions” section is void or unenforceable for any reason, or that an arbitration can proceed on a class basis, then the arbitration provisions set forth above will be deemed null and void in their entirety, and the parties will be deemed to have not agreed to arbitrate disputes.

## **Changes to this Section**

We will provide 30 days' notice of any changes to this section. Amendments will become effective thirty days after we provide such notice. If a court or arbitrator decides that this subsection on "Changes to this Section" is not enforceable or valid, then this subsection will be severed from the section entitled "Resolving Disputes," and the court or arbitrator will apply the first "Resolving Disputes" section in existence after you began using the Online Services.

## **Survival**

This "Resolving Disputes" section will survive any termination of your account, enrollment in any program, eligibility for coverage, or the Online Services.

## **Governing Law and Statute of Limitations**

You agree that Minnesota law governs these Terms and any claim or dispute that you may have against us, and you agree to the jurisdiction and venue of the state and federal courts in Minnesota for any dispute involving the Company or its employees, officers, directors, agents and providers.

Unless you are a resident of New Jersey, you must initiate any cause of action within one year after the claim has arisen, or you will be barred from pursuing any cause of action. The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods do not apply to these Terms.

## **Termination**

We may cancel, suspend or block your use of the Online Services and/or registration at any time, without cause and/or without notice. **You agree that we will not be liable to you or any other party for any termination of your access to the Online Services in accordance with these Terms.**

## **Severability**

If any provision of these Terms is held to be unenforceable or invalid by an arbitrator or court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of the Terms will be determined without the unenforceable or invalid provision. All other Terms will remain in full force and effect.

## **Miscellaneous**

These Terms, and any supplemental terms, policies, rules and guidelines posted on the Online Services, constitute the entire agreement between you and us in connection with the Online Services and supersede all previous written or oral agreements. You acknowledge that we have the right to seek, at your expense, an injunction to stop or prevent a breach of your obligations. No waiver by us will have effect unless such waiver is set forth in writing and signed by us; nor will any such waiver of any breach or default constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default.



## Additional Product Information

Learn more about any of the products or services listed below:

### OPTUM HEALTHSAFE ID™

**Termination:** Your right to use the Optum HealthSafe ID will terminate, effective immediately upon notice from us: (a) if you fail to comply with any term of these Terms; or (b) in the event of the circumstances described in the subsection entitled "Severability" above. We may terminate your right to use the Optum HealthSafe ID Service at our convenience, for any reason or no reason, effective 30 days after providing you with written notice of our intent to terminate. Upon the termination, you agree to immediately cease all use of the Optum HealthSafe ID. We will not be liable for compensation, indemnity, or damages of any sort as a result of terminating your use of the Optum HealthSafe ID, and such termination will be without prejudice to any other right or remedy we may have, now or in the future.

## Mobile Devices and Applications

The following additional terms apply to your access to or use of any mobile application in connection with the Online Services (together with all information and software associated therewith, the "Application" or "Applications") through any mobile device (such as tablets, mobile phones, etc.), and are "Additional Terms" as defined above.

**Rights Granted to You.** We grant you a limited, non-exclusive, revocable, non-transferrable license to download, install and use the Applications solely for your personal, non-commercial use on a mobile or tablet device owned or controlled by you and only in accordance with the Terms. Other than the limited rights granted in the immediately preceding sentence, no other rights are granted to you. This is only a license, and not a sale of, the Applications to you.

**Additional Restrictions and Notices.** You agree that you will not remove, disable, circumvent or otherwise create or implement any workaround to any copy protection, rights management, or security features in or protecting the Applications. You acknowledge that we may issue an upgraded version of the Applications and may automatically upgrade the Application that you are using. You consent to such automatic upgrading and agree that these Terms shall govern all such upgrades. Our Applications or the Online Services may include third-party code and other software, which is governed by the applicable open source or third-party end user license agreement, if any, that authorizes the use of such code.

**Third-Party Terms.** You agree to comply with all applicable terms, conditions and agreements between you and any third party that provides products or services that facilitate or enable your use of any Application, and you acknowledge and agree that your use of any Application may result in charges to you by those third parties in connection with the products and services they provide to you (such as data plan charges), and you will be solely responsible for any such charges.

**Termination of Your Rights.** Upon any termination of your rights hereunder, for any reason, you will immediately uninstall or delete the Applications and cease any further use of such Applications.

**Special Notice for International Use/Export Controls.** Any technology or software underlying the Applications or Online Services that is available in connection with the provision of the Online Services and the transmission of applicable data (collectively, the "Software"), if any, is subject to United States export controls. No Software may be downloaded from the Applications

or Online Services or otherwise exported or re-exported in violation of U.S. export laws. Downloading or using the Software is at your sole risk. Recognizing the global nature of the Internet, you agree to comply with all local rules and laws regarding your use of the Applications and/or Online Services, including as it concerns online conduct and acceptable content.

**Apple iOS App.** If the Online Services that you use include an Application that you download, access and/or use and that runs on Apple's iOS operating system (an "iOS App"), you acknowledge and agree that:

- The iOS App may only be accessed and used on a device owned or controlled by you and using Apple's iOS operating system;
- These Terms are between you and us, and not with Apple;
- Apple has no obligation at all to provide any support or maintenance services in relation to the iOS App, and if you have any maintenance or support questions in relation to the iOS App, please contact Company, not Apple;
- Except as otherwise expressly set forth in these Terms, any claims relating to the possession or use of the iOS App are between you and us (and not between you, or anyone else, and Apple);
- In the event of any claim by a third party that your possession or use (in accordance with these Terms) of the iOS App infringes any intellectual property rights, Apple will not be responsible or liable to you in relation to that claim; and
- Although these Terms are entered into between you and Company (and not Apple), Apple, as a third-party beneficiary under these Terms, will have the right to enforce these terms against you.
- In addition, you represent and warrant that:
  - You are not, and will not be, located in any country that is the subject of a United States Government embargo or that has been designated by the United States Government as a "terrorist supporting" country;
  - You are not listed on any United States Government list of prohibited or restricted parties; and
  - If the iOS App does not conform to any warranty applying to it, you may notify Apple, which will then refund the purchase price of the iOS App (if any) to you. Subject to that, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, Apple does not give or enter into any warranty, condition or other term in relation to the iOS App and will not be liable to you for any claims, losses, costs or expenses of whatever nature in relation to the iOS App or as a result of you or anyone else using the iOS App or relying on any of its content.

**Google App.** If the Online Services that you use includes an Application that you download, access, and/or use from the Google Play Store ("Google-Sourced Software"): (i) you acknowledge that these Terms are between you and us only, and not with Google, Inc. ("Google"); (ii) your use of Google-Sourced Software must comply with Google's then-current Google Play Store Terms of Service; (iii) Google is only a provider of the Google Play Store where you obtained the Google-Sourced Software; (iv) we, and not Google, are solely responsible for our Google-Sourced Software; (v) Google has no obligation or liability to you with respect to Google-Sourced Software or the Terms; and (vi) you acknowledge and agree that Google is a third-party beneficiary to the Terms as it relates to our Google-Sourced Software.

## **Survival and Assignment**

Your obligations under the following sections survive termination of this Agreement: Agreement and Terms; Important Note Regarding Content of Digital Property; License to Use the Online Services and Content Ownership; Restrictions on Use of Online Services; Posting Messages,

Comments or Content; Copyright Infringement – DMCA Notice; Unsolicited Idea Submission Policy; No Warranty; Limitation Of Liability; Indemnification; Export Controls; Resolving Disputes; Governing Law and Statute of Limitations; Termination; Severability; Miscellaneous; Additional Product Information; and Mobile Devices and Applications. You may not transfer or assign any rights or obligations under this Agreement. The Company may transfer or assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement.

## **Contact Us**

If you have questions regarding these Terms, contact us at:

United Healthcare Hearing  
PO Box 356  
Minneapolis, MN 55440

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