

Annual Notices

States with Individual Mandate

Taxpayers in CA, DC, MA, NJ, RI, and VT (this list is neither complete nor exhaustive) are reminded that your state imposes an individual mandate penalty (tax) should you, your spouse, and children choose to not have (and keep) medical/rx coverage for each tax year. Please consult your tax advisor for how a non-election for health coverage may affect your tax situation.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

For purposes of the health benefits offered under the Plan, the Plan uses and discloses health information about you and any covered dependents only as needed to administer the Plan. To protect the privacy of health information, access to your health information is limited to such purposes. The health plan options offered under the Plan will comply with the applicable health information privacy requirements of federal Regulations issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. The Plan's privacy policies are described in more detail in the Plan's Notice of Health Information Privacy Practices or Privacy Notice. Plan participants in Knox College-sponsored health and welfare benefit plan are reminded that Knox College's Notice of Privacy Practices may be obtained by submitting a written request to the Human Resources Department. For any insured health coverage, the insurance issuer is responsible for providing its own Privacy Notice, so you should contact the insurer if you need a copy of the insurer's Privacy Notice.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

Group health plans and health issuers generally may not, under federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours if applicable).

Notice Regarding Special Enrollment

If you are waiving enrollment in the Medical plan for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself or your dependents in the Medical plan, provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after your other coverage ends. In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Special Enrollment Rights CHIPRA – Children's Health Insurance Plan

You and your dependents who are eligible for coverage, but who have not enrolled, have the right to elect coverage during the plan year under two circumstances:

- You or your dependent's state Medicaid or CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) coverage terminated because you ceased to be eligible.
- You become eligible for a CHIP premium assistance subsidy under state Medicaid or CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program).
- You must request special enrollment within 60 days of the loss of coverage and/or within 60 days of when eligibility is determined for the premium subsidy.

Genetic Nondiscrimination

The Genetic Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) prohibits employers and other entities covered by GINA Title II from requesting, or requiring, genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by this law. To comply with this law, Knox College asks Employees not to provide any genetic information when providing or responding to a request for medical information. Genetic information, as defined by GINA, includes an individual's family medical history, the results of an individual's or family member's genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individual's family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual's family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services.

Qualified Medical Child Support Order

QMCSO is a medical child support order issued under State law that creates or recognizes the existence of an "alternate recipient's" right to receive benefits for which a participant or beneficiary is eligible under a group health plan. An "alternate recipient" is any child of a participant (including a child adopted by or placed for adoption with a participant in a group health plan) who is recognized under a medical child support order as having a right to enrollment under a group health plan with respect to such participant. Upon receipt, the administrator of a group health plan is required to determine, within a reasonable period of time, whether a medical child support order is qualified, and to administer benefits in accordance with the applicable terms of each order that is qualified. In the event you are served with a notice to provide medical coverage for a dependent child as the result of a legal determination, you may obtain information from your employer on the rules for seeking to enact such coverage. These rules are provided at no cost to you and may be requested from your employer at any time.

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Notice of Required Coverage Following Mastectomies

In compliance with the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, the plan provides the following benefits to all participants who elect breast reconstruction in connection with a mastectomy, to the extent that the benefits otherwise meet the requirements for coverage under the plan:

- reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- coverage for prostheses and physical complications of all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas. The benefits shall be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient. Plan terms such as deductibles or coinsurance apply to these benefits

Women's Preventive Health Benefits

The following women's health services are considered preventive. These services generally will be covered at no cost share, when provided in network:

- Well-woman visits (annually and now including prenatal visits)
- Screening for gestational diabetes
- Human papilloma virus (HPV) DNA testing
- Counseling for sexually transmitted infections
- Counseling and screening for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
- Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence
- Breast-feeding support, supplies and counseling
- Generic formulary contraceptives are covered without member cost-share (for example, no copayment). Certain religious organizations or religious employers may be exempt from offering contraceptive services.

Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)

If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents (including spouse) for up to 24 months while in the military. Even if you do not elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions for pre-existing conditions except for service-connected injuries or illnesses.

Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008

This act expands the mental health parity requirements in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Internal Revenue Code and the Public Health Services Act by imposing new mandates on group health plans that provide both medical and surgical benefits and mental health or substance abuse disorder benefits. Among the new requirements, such plans (or the health insurance coverage offered in connection with such plans) must ensure that: the financial requirements applicable to mental health or substance abuse disorder benefits are no more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements applied to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the plan (or coverage), and there are no separate cost sharing requirements that are applicable only with respect to mental health or substance abuse disorder benefits.



Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985, COBRA qualified beneficiaries (QBs) generally are eligible for group coverage during a maximum of 18 months for qualifying events due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.

COBRA coverage is not extended for those terminated for gross misconduct. Upon termination, or other COBRA qualifying event, the former employee and any other QBs will receive COBRA enrollment information.

Qualifying events for employees include voluntary/involuntary termination of employment, and the reduction in the number of hours of employment. Qualifying events for spouses or dependent children include those events above, plus, the covered employee becoming entitled to Medicare; divorce or legal separation of the covered employee; death of the covered employee; and the loss of dependent status under the plan rules.

If a QB chooses to continue group benefits under COBRA, they must complete an enrollment form and return it to the Plan Administrator with the appropriate premium due. Upon receipt of premium payment and enrollment form, the coverage will be reinstated. Thereafter, premiums are due on the 1st of the month. If premium payments are not received in a timely manner, Federal law stipulates that your coverage will be canceled after a 30-day grace period. If you have any questions about COBRA or the Plan, please contact the Plan Administrator.

Please note, if the terms of the Plan and any response you receive from the Plan Administrator's representatives conflict, the Plan document will control.

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help

you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call **1-866-444-EBSA** (3272).

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2024. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid
Website: <http://myalhipp.com/>
Phone: 1-855-692-5447

ALASKA – Medicaid
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
Website: <http://myakhipp.com/>
Phone: 1-866-251-4861
Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com
Medicaid Eligibility:
<http://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx>

ARKANSAS – Medicaid
Website: <http://myarhipp.com/>
Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)

CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)
Program Website: <http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp>
Phone: 916-445-8322
Fax: 916-440-5676
Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov

COLORADO – Health First Colorado
(Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
Health First Colorado Website:
<https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/>
Health First Colorado Member Contact Center:
1-800-221-3943/State Relay 711
CHP+:
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus>
CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/State Relay 711
Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI):
<https://www.mycobibi.com/>
HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442

FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html>
Phone: 1-877-357-3268

GEORGIA – Medicaid
GA HIPP Website: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp>
Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1
GA CHIPRA Website: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra>
Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 2

INDIANA – Medicaid
Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
All other Medicaid
Website: <https://www.in.gov/medicaid/>
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/>
Family and Social Services Administration
Phone: 1-800-403-0864
Member Services Phone: 1-800-457-4584

IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)
Medicaid Website:
[Iowa Medicaid | Health & Human Services](http://IowaMedicaid.org/Health&HumanServices)
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366
Hawki Website:
[Hawki - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa | Health & Human Services](http://Hawki.org/HealthyandWellKidsinIowa/Health&HumanServices)
Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563
HIPP Website: [Health Insurance Premium Payment \(HIPP\) | Health & Human Services \(iowa.gov\)](http://HealthInsurancePremiumPayment.org)
HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562

KANSAS – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/>
Phone: 1-800-792-4884
HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660

KENTUCKY – Medicaid
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website:
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx>
Phone: 1-855-459-6328
Email: KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov
KCHIP Website: <https://kynekt.ky.gov>
Kentucky Medicaid Website: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms>

LOUISIANA – Medicaid
Website:
www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp
Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)

MAINE – Medicaid
Enrollment Website: https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US
Phone: 1-800-442-6003
TTY: Maine relay 711
Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage:
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms>
Phone: 1-800-977-6740
TTY: Maine relay 711

MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa>
Phone: 1-800-862-4840
TTY: 711
Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com

MINNESOTA – Medicaid
Website:
<https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/>
Phone: 1-800-657-3672

MISSOURI – Medicaid
Website: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm>
Phone: 573-751-2005

MONTANA – Medicaid
Website: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/>
MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP
Phone: 1-800-694-3084
Email: HSHHIPPProgram@mt.gov

NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Website: <http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov>
Phone: 1-855-632-7633
Lincoln: 402-473-7000
Omaha: 402-595-1178

NEVADA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov>
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program>
Phone: 603-271-5218
Toll free number for the HIPP program:
1-800-852-3345, ext. 15218
Email: DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov

NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid Website:
<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/>
Phone: 1-800-356-1561
CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: 609-631-2392
CHIP Website:
<http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html>
CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711)

NEW YORK – Medicaid
Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/
Phone: 1-800-541-2831

NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>
Phone: 919-855-4100

NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.lhs.nd.gov/healthcare>
Phone: 1-844-854-4825

OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <http://www.insureoklahoma.org>
Phone: 1-888-365-3742

OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP
Website:
<http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>
Phone: 1-800-699-9075

PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html>
Phone: 1-800-692-7462
CHIP Website: [Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\) \(pa.gov\)](http://Children'sHealthInsuranceProgram.org)
CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)

RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <http://www.cohhs.ri.gov/>
Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RItE Share Line)

SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.scdhhs.gov>
Phone: 1-888-549-0820

SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: <http://dss.sd.gov>
Phone: 1-888-828-0059

TEXAS – Medicaid
Website: [Health Insurance Premium Payment \(HIPP\) Program | Texas Health and Human Services](http://HealthInsurancePremiumPayment.org)
Phone: 1-800-440-0493

UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP
Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP) Website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/>
Email: upp@utah.gov
Phone: 1-888-222-2542
Adult Expansion Website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/expansion/>
Utah Medicaid Buyout Program Website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program/>
CHIP Website: <https://chip.utah.gov/>

VERMONT – Medicaid
Website: [Health Insurance Premium Payment \(HIPP\) Program | Department of Vermont Health Access](http://HealthInsurancePremiumPayment.org)
Phone: 1-800-250-8427

VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select>
<https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs>
Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924

WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/>
Phone: 1-800-562-3022

WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/>
<http://mywvhipp.com/>
Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700
CHIP Toll-free phone:
1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)

WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm>
Phone: 1-800-362-3002

WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: <https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/>
Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2024, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

How to Enroll? Use the ADP Benefit Portal! Visit www.workforcenow.adp.com

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Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA, and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3507. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3512.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210 or email ebssa.opr@dol.gov and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0137.

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ARE YOU, OR A FAMILY MEMBER, MEDICARE ELIGIBLE (OR ABOUT TO BECOME MEDICARE ELIGIBLE)? IF SO, PLEASE READ AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS!

Notice of Creditable Coverage

We have determined that the prescription drug coverage provided under the Knox College Health & Welfare Plan is expected to pay out, on average, the same or more than what the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay. This is known as “creditable coverage” as defined by the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA).

Why This is Important

When someone first becomes eligible to enroll in a government-sponsored Medicare “Part D” prescription drug plan, enrollment is considered timely if completed by the end of his or her “Initial Enrollment Period” which ends 3 months after the month in which he or she turned age 65.

Unfortunately, if you choose not to enroll in Medicare Part D during your Initial Enrollment Period, *when you finally do enroll you may be subject to a late enrollment penalty* added to your monthly Medicare Part D premium. Specifically, the extra cost, if any, increases *based on the number of full, uncovered months* during which you went without either Medicare Part D or else without “creditable” prescription drug coverage from another source (such as ours).

It is important for those eligible for both Medicare and our group health plan to look ahead and weigh the costs and benefits of the various options on a regular, if not annual, basis. Based on individual facts and circumstances some choose to elect Medicare only, some choose to elect coverage under the group health plan only, while some choose to enroll in both coverages. When both are elected, please note that benefits coordinate according to the Medicare Secondary Payer Rules. That is, one plan or the other would *reduce payment* in order to prevent you from being reimbursed the full amount from both sources. Your age, the reason for your Medicare eligibility and other factors determine which plan is primary (pays first, generally without reductions) versus secondary (pays second, generally with reductions).

Eligible individuals can enroll in a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan during Medicare’s “Annual Coordinated Election Period” (a.k.a. “Open Enrollment Period”) running from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7 of each year, as well during what is known as a “Medicare Special Enrollment Period” (which is triggered by certain qualifying events, such as the loss of employer/union-sponsored group health coverage). **Those who miss these opportunities are generally unable to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan until another enrollment period becomes available.** Finally, please be cautioned that even if you elect our coverage you could be subject to a payment of higher Part D premiums if you subsequently experience a break in coverage of 63 continuous days or longer before enrolling in the Medicare Part D plan. Carefully coordinating your transition between plans is therefore essential.

If you are unsure as to whether or when you will become eligible for Medicare, or if you have questions about how to get help to pay for it, please call the Social Security Administration at [\(800\) 772-1213](tel:8007721213) or visit [socialsecurity.gov](https://www.socialsecurity.gov). Specific questions about our prescription drug coverage should be directed to the customer service number on your ID card, if enrolled, or to Shannon Lewis at [1-309-341-7162](tel:13093417162) or HR@knox.edu.