



2026 ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

2026 Annual Enrollment Information for Lockland Union Medicare Eligible Retirees

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Welcome to 2026 Annual Enrollment

The Annual Enrollment period for 2026 Lockland Union Age 65 & Older retiree benefits begins on October 21, 2025 and ends on October 31, 2025. **You do not need to do anything to continue your current coverage for yourself and your eligible dependents.** If you wish to **decline or change** your or your dependent(s)' 2026 coverage, please refer to the **How to Enroll** section of this document.

Retiree Benefits Administration Provided by Aptia

Aptia is the administrator for Evonik's retiree benefits. Aptia provides a comprehensive customer service experience for our retirees. Aptia's trained benefits specialists are knowledgeable about Evonik's retiree benefits and retiree benefit needs. In addition, Aptia's advanced technology capabilities give you access and information so that you can make informed benefit decisions when it truly matters most.

What's New for 2026

- Effective January 1, 2025, medical premiums and contributions for the Lockland Union Age 65 & Older plan will be increasing by 4.9%. Like many companies, the combined effect of inflation and general health care cost increases have made it necessary to make this decision. Please see your enrollment form which details your new contributions.
- The benefit plan design will remain unchanged, with no increases to coinsurance, deductibles and out-of-pocket costs except for the expanded benefits described below.
- Expanded telemedicine coverage is now available for behavioral health services (substance and mental health conditions):
 - Participating (in-network) providers: A \$30 copayment is required for each behavioral health telemedicine visit, and the deductible is waived.
 - Non-participating providers: You are responsible for 10% coinsurance, and the deductible does not apply.



Be Sure Your Dependents Are Eligible for Coverage

Dependents enrolled for coverage — both newly added and those already enrolled — must meet the eligibility requirements to be covered by Evonik benefits.



Dependent Eligibility Verification

If you are enrolling new dependents for 2026, first be sure they meet the eligibility requirements described on the right. Any newly added dependents will be verified during the enrollment process **before** they can be covered under any plan. Aptia, our benefits administrator, will reach out to you to request certain dependent verification documents. You will be asked to provide proof of your dependent's eligibility (for example, a birth certificate), which will be due within 31 days of your benefit election date. Coverage for your newly added dependent will not begin until eligibility is verified.

Evonik reserves the right to verify dependent status periodically and may request proof of eligibility from you at any time. Any misrepresentation of dependent information will be considered a deliberate falsification of Evonik records, and you and all your dependents can be removed permanently from Evonik retiree medical coverage. You may also be held financially responsible to repay any claims the plan paid on your behalf for the improperly covered person.

Who Qualifies as an Eligible Dependent?

Under the Evonik Retiree Medical Plan, your eligible dependents are your:

- Spouse, which means your legal partner in marriage who was your legal partner at the time you retired from Evonik from whom you are not legally separated or divorced. Spouse does not include your registered domestic partner, civil union partner or other similar relationships recognized under state law.
- Eligible children from birth until 26 years of age, including biological children, stepchildren, adopted children, foster children, children for whom you have legal guardianship and children who are the subject of a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMSCO).
- Unmarried dependent children age 26 or older, if a child cannot support himself or herself because of a physical or mental disability and is primarily dependent on you for support. You are required to submit proof of the disability within 31 days after the child's 26th birthday, and periodically thereafter.

Note that you may not enroll as a dependent/spouse any new legal partner in marriage who was not your legal partner at the time you retired from Evonik.

If you have any questions about whether a dependent is eligible for coverage, please contact Evonik Retiree Service Center, +1 855-684-6628, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm ET.



Benefit Resources

Benefits Website

You have 24/7 access to Aptia's Retiree Benefits website at, **www.evonikretireebenefits.com**.

The Retiree Benefits website provides convenient access to a variety of helpful online resources, including:

- Benefits enrollment
- Information about medical, prescription drug and other coverages as applicable
- Annual benefits enrollment news
- Account access details (for anyone currently enrolled)
- Annual Summary of Benefits & Coverage (SBC)
- Annual Summary Plan Descriptions (SPD)
- Sign-up for electronic funds transfer to pay your retiree contributions

Evonik Retiree Service Center

When you call the Evonik Retiree Service Center at **+1 855-684-6628**, you can receive assistance with the following questions:

- Retiree health insurance plan enrollment, eligibility and coverage effective date
- Retiree health billing questions and plan changes
- General retiree health and other insurance coverage information
- Enrollment material requests
- How to obtain ID cards
- Authorizing a representative or Power of Attorney
- Death notifications

The Evonik Retiree Service Center is available to assist you Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm ET.



How to Enroll



Aptia's support, including the Evonik Retiree Service Center staffed with knowledgeable representatives, is available to you during Annual Enrollment season and year-round.

The good news is...you are already enrolled! We will continue to offer the BCBS PPO medical plan design that you are currently enrolled in. If you don't want to make changes to your current benefit elections, you do not need to do anything or submit any paperwork. If you take no action, then your existing coverage will continue at the 2026 contribution rates.

If you wish to *decline or change* your or your dependent(s) coverage, please follow the instructions below:

- **Mail:** Complete the enclosed enrollment form and return it to Aptia in the envelope provided. Note, enrollment forms must be postmarked by Friday, October 31; or
- **Phone:** Call the Evonik Retiree Service Center at **+1 855-684-6628**, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm ET. Representatives can take your enrollment information over the telephone.

If you elect to make a change through the Evonik Retiree Service Center, you must complete your enrollment by **Friday, October 31**.

Note, if you elect to decline coverage, re-enrollment into the Plan **will not be permitted** at a future date once you and/or your dependent(s) decline medical coverage under the Plan.

Using My Account on the Retiree Benefits Website

You can track and manage your retiree benefits with My Account from any device including a tablet or mobile phone. On My Account, you can:

- Review coverage(s) in which you are currently enrolled
- View current billing/payment information
- Arrange electronic payment (auto pay) from your bank
- Request a copy of your premium notice
- Update your personal data such as password, email address, security question and answer, phone number, and address.

My Account can be accessed by clicking on the **My Account** button at **EvonikRetireeBenefits.com**. To register your "My Account," you will need the following:

- A valid email address.
- Your Insurance Certificate Number — which can be found on your enrollment form included with this brochure beginning with **26019**. If you don't have your Certificate Number call the Evonik Retiree Service Center at **+1 855-684-6628** for assistance. The representative will ask a series of privacy questions to validate your identity.

How do I contact the Evonik Retiree Service Center?

If you have questions or need additional information, do not hesitate to contact the Evonik Retiree Service Center. The dedicated team can be reached at **+1 855-684-6628** or you can email the Evonik Retiree Service Center at **retiree.service@aptia-group.com**. The Retiree Service Center will be available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm ET to assist you.

Health Advocacy



Included with your medical coverage, you and your dependents have access to Health Advocacy services provided by Health Advocate. Health Advocate is an independent resource for you to use to help navigate the often complex health care system, even after Annual Enrollment.

Health Advocate's Personal Health Advocates are health care experts with extensive experience supporting people with important medical issues and decisions, no matter how common or complex. The Personal Health Advocates are typically registered nurses supported by medical directors and benefits experts, and they work on your behalf.

Health Advocate is there to help our retirees and their dependents with a wide range of issues. Your Personal Health Advocate can:

Clinical

- Answer questions about medical diagnoses, conditions, treatments, and tests
- Review treatment options grounded in evidence-based practices
- Help you prepare for doctor visits, review results, and plan future actions
- Discuss the cost and quality of services to help make informed decisions
- Coordinate care and clinical services with treating physicians
- Provide medical decision support, such as by helping you arrange second opinions
- Schedule appointments and arrange the transfer of medical records
- Research ways to reduce prescription and healthcare costs
- Facilitate pre-authorization
- Locate doctors and specialists

Administrative Support

- Resolve healthcare, claims and medical bill issues
- Review and negotiate medical bills
- Provide support for any insurance-related questions or issues
- Clarify coverage and benefits
- Assist with special help for parents, parents-in-law, retirees and pre-Medicare retirees, such as to locate community and eldercare resources
- Explain all parts of Medicare and Medicaid
- Help with appeals

Contact Health Advocate today by calling **+1 866-695-8622** from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, ET. You can also access advocacy support at **www.HealthAdvocate.com/Evonik**.

Your 2026 Medical Plan



For 2026, we will continue to offer the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) PPO medical plan design, administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. Please note that the medical plan deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums and coinsurance remain unchanged for 2026 except for certain telemedicine enhancements.

Medical Plan Highlights

This chart below shows general coverage information for the BCBS PPO plan.

Lockland and Piscataway Retirees Only		
	In-Network	Out-of-network
Annual Deductible	Retiree Only: \$150 Retiree +1: \$300 Retiree + Family: \$300	
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (includes deductible)	Retiree Only: \$1,000 Retiree +1: \$2,000 Retiree + Family: \$2,000	
Preventive Care	Plan pays 100% (deductible waived)	Plan pays 80% (deductible waived)
Office Visits	\$15 copay	Plan pays 70%, after deductible
Hospital Inpatient Facility	Plan pays 100% (deductible waived)	Plan pays 70% (deductible waived)
Emergency Care	Plan pays 100% (deductible waived) after \$25 copay for facility/ \$15 copay physician charges	
Diagnostic/X-rays	Plan pays 80%, after deductible	Plan pays 80%, after deductible
Outpatient Facility	Plan pays 100% (deductible waived) \$15 office visit copay	Plan pays 70%, after deductible
Telemedicine for Behavioral Health Services	\$30 copayment for in-network providers, plan pays 90% for out-of-network providers, deductible is waived	

Express Scripts Prescription Drug Coverage



Express Scripts Inc. (ESI) will continue to administer the prescription drug benefit in 2026. The amount you pay for prescription drugs will depend on:

- Whether you use an in-network retail pharmacy, an out-of-network retail pharmacy, Smart90 or mail order
- The category of drug you use — generic, non-preferred brand or preferred brand

Contact Express Scripts at **+1 877-657-2496** if you have any questions about the Express Scripts prescription drug benefits. ESI representatives are available to help you with any questions you may have about your medications and the plan options that may best suit your needs.

Here is a summary of in-network prescription drug benefits when you use an Express Scripts network pharmacy or the Smart90/mail order program. Note: There are no changes to the retail and mail order prescription drug copays. Please refer to the Smart90 program regarding maintenance medications and applicable copays.

Prescription Drug Plan Summary In-Network Only

Lockland Post 65	
Retail	
Up to 30-day supply (acute medications and first three fills of a maintenance medication)	
In-Network Generic	\$5 copay
In-Network Preferred Brand	\$15 copay
In-Network Non-Preferred Brand	\$20 copay
Home Delivery Pharmacy or Smart90	
Generic	\$5 copay
Preferred Brand	\$15 copay
Non-Preferred Brand	\$20 copay

Save Money if You Take a Maintenance Medication

With Express Scripts, you have two cost-saving options for obtaining up to a 90-day supply of maintenance medications, such as for allergies, heart disease, high blood pressure or diabetes. You can choose either **Express Scripts Home Delivery Pharmacy** or the **Smart90 program**. Both programs are detailed below. If you *do not* use one of these programs for your maintenance medications after the third fill, you will pay 100% of the medication cost.

Express Scripts Home Delivery Pharmacy®

- When you use a particular Prescription Drug for an extended period of time (maintenance drug), you can use the Express Scripts Pharmacy® mail-order service. You are able to obtain up to a 90-day supply of Prescription Drugs through the mail order service. When you first begin taking a new medication that is being prescribed for regular long-term use, you may want to initially fill your prescription at a participating pharmacy rather than order a large supply through the Express Scripts Pharmacy® mail-order service. This safeguards you against wasting a 90-day supply that you may be unable to use if your physician changes the medication or the dosage.
- If you take prescription medicine on an ongoing basis, you can order from Express Scripts Home Delivery Pharmacy. Once you start, you can refill and renew your prescriptions from the website or mobile app — and free standard shipping is included. With Express Scripts' mail-order pharmacy, you may obtain up to a 90-day supply of medication for each prescription.



Express Scripts Smart90 Program

- If you are prescribed a 90-day maintenance medication and you initially fill your prescription at a Smart90 participating pharmacy, you will be subject to your elected medical plan option's Smart90 mail order prescription plan design. CVS and Walgreens are the primary Smart90 network retail pharmacies.
- If you instead fill your 90-day maintenance medication at a non-Smart90 participating pharmacy, you are allowed **three fills** of a maintenance medication (90-day supply) at any Express Scripts retail participating pharmacy. Each prescription will be subject to your elected medical plan option's retail prescription plan design.
- To continue to fill your maintenance medication at a retail pharmacy, beginning with the **fourth fill**, you must fill the prescription through a Smart90 CVS or Walgreens participating pharmacy or another Smart90 participating pharmacy if you live in an area where there is not a CVS or Walgreens. You pay your medical plan option's mail order copay, after any deductible, for each fill and in most cases you will save money.
- If you continue to use the Express Scripts retail network pharmacy (other than a Smart90 CVS or Walgreens retail pharmacy) to refill the same maintenance medication after the third fill, you will be responsible for 100% of the prescription drug cost.

Drug Quantity Management

Drug quantity management (DQM) is a program that's designed to make the use of prescription drugs safer and more affordable. It provides the medications you need for your health and the health of your family, while making sure you receive them in the quantity considered safe.

The DQM program follows guidelines developed by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA). These guidelines recommend the maximum quantities considered safe for prescribing certain drugs. Express Scripts uses FDA guidelines and other medical information to develop drug quantity management.

If the quantity on your prescription is too large, you can:

- Have your pharmacist fill your prescription as it's written, for the amount that your medical plan option covers;
- Ask your pharmacist to call your doctor. They can discuss changing your prescription to a higher strength, if one is available; or
- Ask your pharmacist to contact your doctor about getting a prior authorization. That is, your doctor can call Express Scripts to request that you receive the original amount and strength he/she prescribed. The Express Scripts representative will check your plan's guidelines to see if your medication can be covered for a larger quantity. Express Scripts' prior authorization phone lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so a determination can be made right away.

Prior Authorization

Prior authorization (PA) is a program that monitors certain prescription drugs and their costs to ensure your medication is appropriate, safe and cost-effective. Similar to health care plans that approve a medical procedure before it's done to ensure the necessity of the test, if you're prescribed a certain medication, that drug may need a prior authorization.

PA was developed under the guidance and direction of independent, licensed doctors, pharmacists and other medical experts. Together with Express Scripts, these experts review the most current research on thousands of drugs tested and approved by the FDA as safe and effective. They recommend prescription drugs that are appropriate for a prior authorization.

If your prescription requires PA, ask your provider to call Express Scripts or to prescribe another medication that's covered under the Plan. Only your provider can give Express Scripts the information needed to see if your drug can be covered. Express Scripts' prior authorization phone lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so a determination can be made right away.

If you order your prescriptions through Express Scripts Home Delivery, Express Scripts Pharmacy will contact your provider.

The Express Scripts formulary includes information about whether a medication requires PA. The formulary is available at www.express-scripts.com.

Step Therapy

Step therapy is a program for people who take prescription drugs regularly to treat a medical condition, such as arthritis, asthma or high blood pressure. In step therapy, drugs are grouped in categories, based on treatment and cost:

- **Front-line drugs** — the first step — are generic and sometimes lower-cost brand drugs proven to be safe, effective and affordable. In most cases, you should try these drugs first because they usually provide the same health benefit as a more expensive drug, at a lower cost.
- **Back-up drugs** — step 2 and step 3 drugs — are brand-name drugs that generally are necessary for only a small number of patients. Back-up drugs are the most expensive option.

Accredo Specialty Pharmacy

Specialty medications are drugs that are used to treat complex conditions, such as cancer, hemophilia, hepatitis C, immune deficiency, multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid arthritis. Whether they're administered by a health care professional, self-injected or taken by mouth, specialty medications require an enhanced level of service.

Under your prescription drug benefits program, some specialty medications may not be covered at your current pharmacy, or they may only be covered when ordered through Accredo, Express Script's specialty pharmacy. Accredo is dedicated to helping you meet the particular needs and challenges of using specialty medications, many of which require injection or special handling.

Services include:

- Access to 500 specialty-trained pharmacists on the phone
- Access to 550 specialty-trained infusion nurses who meet patients face to face in their homes
- Nutrition support for oncology patients
- Therapy management programs to protect patient health and safety
- Complete coordination of care between the medical benefit, pharmacy benefit and physicians
- Safe, prompt delivery of medications, including training on administration of the medication

To find out whether any of your specialty medications need to be ordered through Accredo, please call Member Services at the toll-free number on your prescription drug ID card.

SaveonSP

The SaveonSP cost-saving feature through Express Scripts enables retirees with certain high-cost specialty drug needs to obtain financial assistance by leveraging manufacturers' copay assistance programs.

Enrolling in the SaveonSP program will reduce your out-of-pocket costs for your specialty medications. If you

choose not to sign up with SaveonSP, you will pay a higher copay based on the specialty medication. The amount you pay will not count toward your deductible or out-of-pocket maximum.

Opioid Management Program

The opioid management program is aligned with the Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to positively influence the prescribing and use of opioids to treat pain. The program limits the days' supply and limits quantity of opioids and requires step therapy.



Changing Your Elections During 2026

The benefit choices you make must generally remain in effect for the full calendar year, so it is important to consider your options carefully. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules permit you to make certain changes to Evonik-sponsored benefits elections only after a “qualified life event.”

If you or your dependents have a qualified life event, you have **31 days** from the event to change your benefits.

If you do not make election changes within this 31-day period, you cannot make changes to your benefits until the next Annual Enrollment period.

Qualified life events include significant life events such as:

- Change in legal marital status, such as divorce, legal separation, death of your spouse, or annulment
- Birth or adoption of a child

- Loss or gain of coverage for you, your spouse, or dependents
- Change in your spouse’s employment status
- Significant restriction or reduction in coverage
- Significant changes in cost
- Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO)
- Death of a child
- Dependent’s loss of eligibility

Please note: If you have a qualified life event between now and the end of the 2025 Plan Year, you will need to update your enrollment for both 2025 and 2026. In addition, if you are adding a child as a result of a life event, the child will need to be verified for eligibility. See “Be Sure Your Dependents Are Eligible for Coverage” on page 2 for eligibility rules.

Contact Information



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Evonik Retiree Service Center	+1 855-684-6628	www.evonikretireebenefits.com
Billing and Payments	+1 855-684-6628	You can log onto www.evonikretireebenefits.com
BCBS of AL Medical Plans Lockland PPO (Group # 00064 R04)	+1 833-994-0014	www.AlabamaBlue.com
Empower 401(k)/Pension	+1 888-826-4015	www.empowermyretirement.com
Express Scripts (Group # EVONIK1)	+1 877-657-2496	www.express-scripts.com/evonik
Health Advocate	+1 866-695-8622	https://www.healthadvocate.com/evonik
BCBS of AL Teladoc Lockland PPO (Group # 00064 R04)	+1 855-477-4549	www.Teladoc.com/Alabama



Notices and Disclosures

To the extent applicable, the Evonik Corporation Consolidated Welfare Benefits Program (Plan) will provide coverage and benefits in accordance with the requirements of all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended (COBRA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended (HIPAA), Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH), Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (the "CAA").

Evonik Corporation Health Plans Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

General Information About This Notice

Evonik Corporation and its affiliates (collectively, "Evonik") continue their commitment to maintaining the confidentiality of your private medical information. This Notice describes Evonik's efforts to safeguard your health information from improper or unnecessary use or disclosure. A federal law known as the "HIPAA privacy rules" requires the Evonik Health Plans to provide you with this summary of the Health Plans' privacy practices and related legal duties and your rights in connection with the use and disclosure of your Health Plan information. Evonik and the Health Plans are required to abide by the terms of this Notice as currently in effect.

The Health Plans

This Notice describes the privacy practices of the following health benefits programs offered by Evonik Corporation and its participating affiliates (collectively referred to as the "Health Plans"):

- Medical Plan, Dental Plan, Living Well Resources, and Vision Plan benefits under the Evonik Corporation Consolidated Welfare Benefits Program
- Health Care Flexible Spending Account and Limited Purpose Health Care Flexible Spending Account Benefits provided under the Evonik Corporation Flexible Spending Account Plan

- Retiree Medical Plan, Retiree Dental Plan, and Retiree Vision Plan Benefits under the Evonik Corporation Consolidated Retiree Welfare Benefits Program

These Health Plans provide health benefits to eligible Evonik employees and retirees and their eligible dependents.

What Information Is Protected?

The HIPAA privacy rules require the Health Plans to establish policies and procedures for safeguarding a category of medical information called "protected health information," or "PHI," received or created in the course of administering the Health Plans. PHI is health information that can be used to identify you and that relates to your physical or mental health condition, the provision of health care to you, or payment for your health care. A claim form for medical or dental benefits and the explanation of benefits statements (EOBs) sent in connection with payment of your claims are examples of documents containing PHI.

This Notice only applies to health-related information received by or on behalf of the Evonik Health Plans. If Evonik obtains your health information in another way — for example, if you are hurt in an accident — then this Notice does not apply, but Evonik will safeguard that information in accordance with other applicable laws and Evonik -policies. Similarly, health information obtained in connection with a non-Health Plan benefit, such as long-term disability or life insurance, is not protected under this Notice. This Notice also does not apply to information that does not identify you and with respect to which there is no reasonable basis to believe that the information can be used to identify you.

If the Evonik discloses your health information in a permissible manner, this Notice does not apply to the redisclosure of that PHI by the recipient.

Uses and Disclosures That Do Not Require Your Authorization

The Health Plans may use or disclose your PHI in certain permissible ways, provided that the legal requirements applicable to the use or disclosure are followed, described below. Not every use or disclosure in a category will be listed. However, all of the ways the Health Plans are permitted to use and disclose information will fall within one of the categories. Most of the time, the PHI used and disclosed by the Health Plans will be limited to the minimum amount of PHI necessary for these purposes.

- **Treatment.** The Health Plans may use or disclose protected health information to facilitate medical treatment or services by health providers. The Health Plans may disclose health information about

you to health care providers, including doctors, nurses, technicians, or hospital personnel who need the information to take care of you. For example, the Health Plans might disclose information about your prior prescriptions to a pharmacist to determine if a pending prescription conflicts with your current prescriptions.

- **Payment.** The Health Plans may use or disclose protected health information to make payments to health care providers who are taking care of you. The Health Plans may also use and disclose protected health information to determine your eligibility for Health Plans benefits, to evaluate the Health Plan's benefit responsibility, and to coordinate Health Plans coverage with other coverage you may have. For example, the Health Plans may share information with health care providers to determine whether the Health Plans will cover a particular treatment. The Health Plans may also share your protected health information with another organization to assist with financial recoveries from responsible third parties.
- **Health Care Operations.** The Health Plans may use and disclose your PHI for their health care operations — for example, to arrange for medical review, for disease management, to conduct quality assessment and improvement activities, or for underwriting. However, the Health Plans are prohibited from using or disclosing your genetic information for underwriting purposes. The Health Plans also may disclose your PHI to another health plan or a health care provider that has or had a relationship with you for it to conduct quality assessment and improvement activities; for accreditation, certification, licensing, or credentialing activities; or for the purpose of health care fraud and abuse detection or compliance — for example, for the other health plan to perform case management or health care provider performance evaluations, or for the health care provider to evaluate the outcomes of treatments or conduct training programs to improve health care skills.
- **To Comply with Law.** The Health Plans may use and disclose your PHI to the extent required to comply with applicable law. The Health Plans also may disclose your PHI to certain employees or other individuals under Evonik's control to allow Evonik to administer the Health Plans, as described in this Notice. In addition, Evonik may use or disclose "summary health information" for purposes of obtaining premium bids or modifying, amending, or terminating the Health Plans. Summary health information is information that summarizes claims history, claims expenses, or types of claims experienced by individuals for whom Evonik provides benefits under the Health Plans and from which the individual's identifying information, except for five-digit ZIP codes, has been deleted. Evonik cannot use your PHI obtained from the Health Plans for any employment-related actions without your written authorization. Evonik uses and discloses Health Plan enrollment/ disenrollment information for payroll-related activities. However, this enrollment/disenrollment information is held by Evonik in its role as the employer and is not subject to the HIPAA privacy rules or this Notice.
- **Third Party Providers (Business Associates).** The Health Plans contract with third party administrators and various service providers, called "business associates," to perform certain plan administration functions. The Health Plans' business associates will receive, create, maintain, transmit, use, and disclose your PHI, but only after the business associates have agreed in writing to appropriately safeguard and keep confidential your PHI. Express Scripts and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama (medical claims administrators) are examples of Health Plan business associates. Business associates may also use or disclose your PHI on behalf of the Health Plans, as described in this Notice.
- **Disclosures to Family Members and Friends.** The Health Plans may disclose your PHI to your family members, close friends, or other persons involved in your health care if you are present and you do not object to the disclosure (or if it can be inferred that you do not object), or, if you are not present or are unable to object due to incapacity or emergency, the disclosure is in your best interest. Following your death, the Health Plans may disclose your PHI to your family members, close friends, or other persons who were involved in your health care unless doing so would be against your stated preferences. Disclosure will be limited to your PHI that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your health care.
- **Lawsuits and Disputes.** The Health Plans may disclose your PHI in the course of a judicial or administrative proceeding in response to a legal order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process. However, the Health Plans are prohibited from using or disclosing your substance use disorder treatment records received from federally assisted programs, or testimony describing the content of those records, in civil, criminal, administrative, or legislative proceedings against you unless based on

your written consent or a court order accompanied by a subpoena.

- **Workers' Compensation.** The Health Plans may disclose your PHI as necessary to comply with workers' compensation or similar laws or programs.
- **Law Enforcement.** The Health Plan may disclose protected health information if asked to do so by a law-enforcement official in certain limited circumstances.
- **Public Health.** The Health Plans may use or disclose your PHI for certain public health activities, including to a public health authority for the prevention or control of disease, injury, or disability; to a proper government or health authority to report child abuse or neglect; to report reactions to medications or problems with products regulated by the Food and Drug Administration; to notify individuals of recalls of medication or products they may be using; to notify a person who may have been exposed to a communicable disease or who may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition; or to provide immunization information to a school about a student or potential student.
- **Health Oversight.** The Health Plans may disclose protected health information to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law, including, for example, audits, investigations, inspections, and licensure. These activities are necessary for the government to monitor the health care system, government programs, and compliance with civil rights laws.
- **Research.** In very limited situations, the Health Plans may disclose protected health information to researchers; however, usually we will need to get your authorization.
- **Compliance with HIPAA.** The Health Plans are required to disclose protected health information to the United States Department of Health and Human Services when requested to determine compliance with HIPAA.
- **Coroners, Medical Examiners, and Funeral Directors.** The Health Plan may disclose protected health information to a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director, as necessary for them to carry out their duties.
- **National Security and Intelligence Activities.** The Health Plan may disclose protected health information to authorized federal officials for national security activities authorized by law.

- **Military.** The Health Plan may disclose protected health information as required by military and veterans authorities if you are or were a member of the uniformed services.

Uses and Disclosures with Your Written Authorization

The Health Plans may use or disclose your PHI for a purpose other than as described above only if you give the Health Plans your written authorization. Most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes, uses and disclosures of your PHI for marketing purposes, and disclosures that constitute a sale of your PHI require your authorization under the HIPAA privacy rules. If you provide a Health Plan with your authorization to use or disclose your PHI, you may revoke your authorization at any time by delivering a written revocation statement to the Privacy Officer. If you revoke your authorization, the Health Plans will no longer use or disclose your PHI except as described above (or as permitted by any other authorizations that have not been revoked). However, the Health Plans cannot retrieve any PHI disclosed to a third party in reliance on your prior authorization.

Your Individual Rights

The HIPAA privacy rules provide you with certain rights regarding your PHI.

- **Right to Request Additional Restrictions.** You may request restrictions on a Health Plan's use and disclosure of your PHI. While the Health Plans will consider all requests for additional restrictions carefully, the Health Plans are not required to agree to the requested restriction. If you wish to request restrictions on a Health Plan's use and disclosure of your PHI, you may obtain a request form from the Privacy Officer. Most PHI relating to your health benefits is used or disclosed by third party vendors (business associates) that administer the Health Plans (for example, most medical PHI is maintained by the medical claims administrators). To request restrictions on the use or disclosure of your PHI by these vendors, you may wish to contact the vendors directly. For more information on your right to request restrictions, or for contact information for the Health Plans' vendors, call or write to the Privacy Officer (contact information below).
- **Right to Receive Confidential Communications.** You may request to receive your PHI by alternative means of communication or at alternative locations. Your request must specify how or where you wish to be contacted. The Health Plans will try to accommodate any reasonable request for confidential communication. Please note that in certain situations, such as with respect to eligibility

and enrollment information, the Health Plans are obliged to communicate directly with the employee/retiree rather than a dependent unless your request clearly states that disclosure of that information through the normal methods could endanger you. If you wish to request confidential communication of your PHI, you may obtain a request form from the Privacy Officer. Most communications of PHI relating to your health benefits are made by third party vendors (business associates) that administer the Health Plans. To request confidential communication of your PHI by these vendors, you may wish to contact the vendors directly. For more information on your right to request confidential communication of your PHI, or for contact information for the Health Plan vendors, call or write to the Privacy Officer (contact information below).

- **Right to Inspect and Copy Your PHI.** You may request access to certain Health Plans' records that contain your PHI in order to inspect and request copies of those records. If you request copies, the Health Plans may charge you copying, mailing, and labor costs. To the extent that your PHI is maintained electronically, you may request that the Health Plans provide a copy to you or to a person or entity designated by you in an electronic format. Under limited circumstances, a Health Plan may deny you access to a portion of your records. If you desire access to your records, you may obtain a request form from the Privacy Officer. Most PHI relating to your health benefits is created or maintained by third party vendors (business associates) that administer the Health Plans. For access to that information, you may wish to contact the vendors directly. For more information on your right to inspect and request copies of your PHI, or for contact information for the Health Plans' vendors, call or write to the Privacy Officer (contact information below).
- **Right to Amend Your Records.** You have the right to request that the Health Plans amend your PHI maintained in the enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for the Health Plans and any other records used by or for the Health Plans to make decisions about your benefits. The Health Plans will comply with your request for amendment unless special circumstances apply. A Health Plan may deny your request for amendment if you do not provide a reason to support your request or if the Health Plan believes that the information is accurate. In addition, a Health Plan

may deny your request if you ask it to amend information that was created by another health plan or health care provider (but the Health Plan will inform you of the source of the information, if known). If your physician or other health care provider created the information that you desire to amend, you should contact the health care provider to amend the information. To make a request for amendment, you may obtain a request form from the Privacy Officer. Most PHI relating to your health benefits is created or maintained by third party vendors (business associates) that administer the Health Plans. To request amendment of that information, you may wish to contact the vendors directly. For more information on your right to request amendment of your PHI, or for contact information for the Health Plans' vendors, call or write to the Privacy Officer (contact information below).

- **Right to Receive an Accounting of Disclosures.** Upon request, you may obtain an accounting of certain disclosures of your PHI made by the Health Plans made within six years of the date of your request. The accounting will generally be provided free of charge, but if you request an accounting more than once during a twelve (12) month period, the Health Plans may charge you a reasonable fee for any subsequent accounting statements. You will be notified of the costs involved, and you may choose to withdraw or modify your request before you incur any expenses. The accounting will not include all disclosures of your PHI. For example, the accounting will not include disclosures (i) to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations activities; (ii) made to you; (iii) made to friends or family members involved in your care; (iv) made pursuant to your written authorization; (v) for national security or intelligence purposes; or (vi) to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials. If you wish to request an accounting, you may obtain a request form from the Privacy Officer. Most PHI relating to your health benefits is used or disclosed by third party vendors (business associates) that administer the Health Plans. For an accounting of disclosures by a Health Plan vendor, you may wish to contact the vendor directly. For more information on your right to request an accounting, or for contact information for the Health Plans' vendors, call or write to the Privacy Officer (contact information below).
- **Right to Receive Paper Copy of This Notice.** You may obtain a paper copy of this Notice upon request to the Privacy Officer.

- **Right to Notification of a Breach of Your PHI.** You will be notified in the event of an improper use or disclosure of your PHI if a Health Plan determines that the privacy of your PHI was likely compromised.
- **Personal Representatives.** You may exercise your rights through your personal representative who has authority under applicable state law to make health-related decisions on your behalf. Your personal representative will be required by the Health Plans to produce evidence of his or her authority to act on your behalf. Proof of authority may be made by a notarized power of attorney, a court order of appointment of the person as your legal guardian or conservator, or evidence that you are the parent of a minor child. The Health Plans reserve the right to withhold your PHI from your personal representative in certain limited circumstances.

For Further Information; Complaints. If you would like additional information about your privacy rights, contact the Privacy Officer listed at the end of this Notice. If you are concerned that a Health Plan has violated your privacy rights, or if you disagree with a decision that a Health Plan made about access to your PHI or any of your other rights described above, you should contact the Privacy Officer. Evonik and the Health Plans take your complaints very seriously. You may also file a written complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Upon request, the Privacy Officer will provide you with the correct address for the Secretary. Neither Evonik nor the Health Plans will retaliate against you if you file a complaint with the Privacy Officer or the Secretary.

Effective Date and Application of This Notice. This Notice Is Effective as of July 2025.

Health Plans' Responsibilities

HIPAA requires the Health Plan to:

- Maintain the privacy of protected health information;
- Provide you with a copy of this Notice;
- Follow the terms of the Notice that is currently in effect; and
- Notify affected individuals following a breach of unsecured protected health information.

Right to Change the Terms of this Notice. This Notice is subject to change. If the Health Plans revise this Notice, they may make the new Notice terms effective for all of your PHI that they maintain, including any information created or received prior to issuing the updated Notice. If the Health Plans make a material change to this Notice, you will be notified of the change if you are

then covered by a Health Plan. In addition, any new Notice will be posted at your site of employment and on the Aptia365 website. You may also obtain the most current copy of the Notice by contacting the Privacy Officer (contact information below).

If You Participate in an Insured Coverage Option. This Notice generally applies to Evonik and to the self-insured health benefit programs under the Health Plans. If you participate in an insured HMO, DMO, or other insured coverage option through the Health Plans, this Notice also describes Evonik's use and disclosure of your health information. However, your HMO, DMO, or health insurance provider should provide you with a separate notice of privacy practices that describes the HMO/DMO provider's or insurer's own privacy policies and procedures. Contact your HMO/ DMO provider or insurance company for a copy of the most current notice.

Complaints. If you believe that your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Health Plan or with the Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint with the Health Plan, contact the Privacy Officer in writing. You will not be penalized, or in any other way retaliated against, for filing a complaint.

Privacy Officer

You may contact the Privacy Officer at:

Law Department
Evonik Corporation
2 Turner Place
Piscataway, NJ 08854

ATTENTION: HIPAA Privacy Officer

Telephone Number: **+1 732-981-5300**
Email: **compliance.program@evonik.com**

Keep Your Health Plans Informed of Address Changes

In order to protect your and your family's Health Plan privacy rights, you should keep Evonik's Human Resources Department informed of any changes in your address and the addresses of your covered family members. In the event that your PHI has been breached, the Health Plans will notify you at your address on record.

Rights Pursuant to Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA)

Evonik Corporation complies with GINA and, therefore, does not:

- Increase group premium or contribution amounts based on genetic information;
- Request or require an individual or family members to undergo genetic testing; or

- Request, require or purchase genetic information prior to or in connection with enrollment or at any time for underwriting purposes.

“Genetic information” is information about (1) an individual’s genetic tests; (2) the genetic tests of an individual’s family members; (3) the manifestation of a disease or disorder in an individual’s family members; or (4) any request or receipt by the individual of his or her family members of genetic information. Genetic information does not include blood tests that are not designed to obtain information relating to genotypes, mutations or chromosomal changes; cholesterol tests; or information about the age or sex of an individual or family member.

General Notice of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights

****Continuation Coverage Rights Under COBRA****

Introduction

Because you were previously enrolled in coverage under the Evonik medical plan as an employee, your active medical coverage and prescription drug coverage remained in effect through the end of the month that included your retirement date. You then timely elected to enroll in Evonik retiree medical coverage (including prescriptions drugs) while declining to continue your active Evonik medical and prescription drug coverage through COBRA. As a result, you no longer have COBRA health care continuation rights under the Evonik medical plan, but your spouse and dependents continue to have COBRA continuation rights.

This notice provides an overview of the COBRA health care continuation rights available to your spouse and dependents under the Evonik retiree medical plan. Information about COBRA continuation coverage as it applies to your spouse or dependents, will be provided separately.

Generally, your spouse and dependents are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage if one of the following occurs.

- You die.
- You get divorced or legally separate from your spouse.
- A dependent no longer meets the plan’s definition of a dependent.
- The commencement of bankruptcy proceedings by Evonik.

A spouse or dependent is generally eligible for up to 36 months of COBRA continuation coverage after one of the above events occurs.

Special Coverage Rights for Spouse and/or Dependents

If your spouse or dependent waives their COBRA rights based on your termination of employment and instead enrolls in the Evonik retiree medical plan, and they later lose retiree coverage due to a second qualifying event, e.g., your entitlement to Medicare, your spouse or dependent will be eligible for 36 months of COBRA coverage beginning at the date of the second qualifying event.

Paying for COBRA Coverage

A spouse or dependent who elects COBRA coverage (or on whose behalf such election is made) is required to make contributions not less frequently than monthly in the amounts and at the times specified by the COBRA administrator. The amounts of such contributions will be determined by the Evonik from time to time in accordance with applicable law. To the extent permitted under law, the required contribution for continuation coverage will be 102% of the full cost of coverage under the plan.

The initial contribution amount will take into account the period of continuation coverage that precedes the date of the COBRA election and must be paid in full no later than 45 days following the date of election. In other words, even though you have 60 days to elect COBRA, continuation coverage will start retroactive to the date coverage would have otherwise been lost, and the first COBRA payment must include the cost of coverage for that time period. Subsequent contributions will be considered timely only if made by the qualified beneficiary no later than 30 days following the due date.

When COBRA Ends

COBRA coverage may terminate before the end of the maximum period for COBRA continuation coverage (described above) if:

- Evonik no longer provides group health coverage to any of its employees or retirees;
- Premiums for COBRA coverage are not paid on a timely basis; or
- An individual eligible for COBRA continuation coverage first becomes covered after the election of COBRA continuation coverage by:
 - Another group plan that does not contain a pre-existing condition exclusion or limitation.
 - Another group plan that contains a pre-existing condition exclusion or limitation that does not apply because of federal law.
 - A qualified beneficiary eligible for COBRA continuation coverage first becomes entitled to Medicare benefits under Title

XVIII of the federal Social Security Act, after the election period of COBRA continuation coverage.

Are there other coverage options besides COBRA continuation coverage?

Yes, instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at www.healthcare.gov.

If you have questions

Questions concerning your Plan or your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit www.dol.gov/ebsa. (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.) For more information about the Marketplace, visit www.healthcare.gov.

Keep your Plan informed of address changes

To protect your family's rights, let the COBRA Administrator know about any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the COBRA Administrator.

Plan Contact Information

If you have questions regarding COBRA eligibility, please call an Aptia365 Benefits Counselor at **+1 855-684-6628**, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm, ET.

If you have elected COBRA coverage and have questions on your COBRA coverage and/or rates, please contact the COBRA Administrator at:

Inspira Financial
P.O. Box 953374
St. Louis, MO 63195-33741
+1 888-678-7835

Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills

When you get emergency care or get treated by an out-of-network provider at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, you are protected from balance billing. In these cases, you shouldn't be charged more than your plan's copayments, coinsurance, and/or deductible.

What is "balance billing" (sometimes called "surprise billing")?

When you see a doctor or other health care provider, you may owe certain out-of-pocket costs, such as a copayment, coinsurance, and/or a deductible. You may have additional costs or have to pay the entire bill if you see a provider or visit a health care facility that isn't in your health plan's network.

"Out-of-network" describes providers and facilities that haven't signed a contract with your health plan. Out-of-network providers may be allowed to bill you for the difference between what your plan agreed to pay and the full amount charged for a service. This is called "**balance billing**." This amount is likely more than in-network costs for the same service and might not count toward your plan's deductible or annual out-of-pocket limit.

"Surprise billing" is an unexpected balance bill. This can happen when you can't control who is involved in your care — like when you have an emergency or when you schedule a visit at an in-network facility but are unexpectedly treated by an out-of-network provider. Surprise medical bills could cost thousands of dollars depending on the procedure or service.

You are protected from balance billing for:

Emergency services

If you have an emergency medical condition and get emergency services from an out-of-network provider or facility, the most the provider or facility may bill you is your plan's in-network cost-sharing amount (such as copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles). You **cannot** be balance billed for these emergency services. This includes services you may get after you're in stable condition, unless you give written consent and give up your protections not to be balance billed for these post-stabilization services.

Certain services at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center

When you get services from an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, certain providers there may be out-of-network. In these cases, the most those providers may bill you is your plan's in-network cost-sharing amount. This applies to emergency medicine, anesthesia, pathology, radiology, laboratory,

neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These providers **cannot** balance bill you and may not ask you to give up your protections not to be balance billed.

If you get other services at these in-network facilities, out-of-network providers **cannot** balance bill you, unless you give written consent and give up your protections.

You're never required to give up your protections from balance billing. You also aren't required to get care out-of-network. You can choose a provider or facility in your plan's network.

When balance billing isn't allowed, you also have the following protections:

You are only responsible for paying your share of the cost (like the copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles that you would pay if the provider or facility was in-network). Your health plan will pay any additional costs to out-of-network providers and facilities directly.

Generally, your health plan must:

- Cover emergency services without requiring you to get approval for services in advance (also known as "prior authorization").
- Cover emergency services by out-of-network providers.
- Base what you owe the provider or facility (cost-sharing) on what it would pay an in-network provider or facility and show that amount in your explanation of benefits.
- Count any amount you pay for emergency services or out-of-network services toward your in-network deductible and out-of-pocket limit.

If you think you have been wrongly billed, you may contact the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Selected states also provide separate protections against balance billing.

The phone number for information and complaints is: **+1 800-985-3059**. Visit **www.cms.gov/nosurprises/consumers** for more information about your rights under federal law.

Disclaimer

This overview highlights certain features and rules of the Evonik employee benefit plans. This overview is not intended to be a substitute for the official plan documents or summary plan descriptions. More detailed information about your benefits can be found in the applicable summary plan descriptions, available on **www.evonikretireebenefits.com**.

Benefits provided by Evonik and the details of those benefit plans are subject to change. Eligibility and other requirements may need to be satisfied to receive certain benefits.

In the event there is a conflict between the terms of the official plan documents and the information contained in this brochure or in presentations, or discussed in meetings, the terms of the plan documents will govern all rights and obligations of plan participants, beneficiaries, and fiduciaries and of Evonik Corporation.

Benefits are provided at Evonik Corporation's discretion and do not create a contract of employment. Evonik reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to modify, suspend, change or terminate the plans, the benefits provided under the plans, and the costs of plan coverage at any time, subject to any outstanding collective bargaining or other contractual agreements and as permitted by law.

This brochure constitutes a Summary of Material Modifications as required by ERISA and should be kept with your Summary Plan Description for the Plan.

