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The following pages provide employee benefit plan notices. Please read them carefully as we generally provide these once a year during annual open enrollment. You may see some of these notices in other documents as well, but we consolidate the following notices here for your convenience:

- MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG CREDITABILITY/NON-CREDITABILITY
- PROVIDER CHOICE WHEN PLAN REQUIRES PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER
- NON-GRANDFATHERED MEDICAL PLAN APPEALS PROCESSES
- WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT (WHCRA)
- PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE
- SPECIAL MEDICAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER HIPAA
- PREMIUM ASSISTANCE UNDER MEDICAID OR THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

If you (and/or your dependents) have Medicare or will be eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please see page 2 for more details.

Throughout these pages you are invited to "contact HR" for assistance. For any questions or requests you may have about the pages below, including a request for a paper copy of this notice packet, contact Human Resources at 303-289-3624 or email us at benefits@c3gov.com.

Before we get into the notices, some basic rules governing our plan are summarized below:

- You may only enroll when first eligible or during our annual open enrollment each Fall
- Your election is locked for the entire plan year, January 1 to December 31.
- You can generally submit an election change form within 30 days of a qualifying life event to request a benefit change during the plan year. We may require substantiating documentation of the event, and we may determine the event does not qualify to make the requested change.
- At any time, we may audit dependent status and require current substantiating documentation.
- Declining to enroll in coverage will require your signature each year.
- Please keep us informed of address or beneficiary changes.
- When first enrolling in health coverage, a general notice of rights and responsibilities to
  continue health coverage under COBRA is mailed to the home. It explains that when certain life
  events make an enrolled individual no longer eligible to stay on the plan, coverage might be able

- to continue for a limited time under COBRA so long as you or your spouse follow our procedures to notify us within 30 days of the qualifying life event.
- Your rights and responsibilities under the FMLA and our company-specific FMLA policies are discussed in our employee handbook.

# MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG CREDITABILITY/NON-CREDITABILITY

When you or a family member becomes eligible for Part D (Medicare's prescription drug benefit), it is important to understand when to enroll in Part D. You can wait as long as you maintain "creditable" coverage (i.e., coverage which on average pays at least as well as Part D pays on average). But if you do not have creditable coverage, you need to enroll in Part D at the earliest opportunity.

#### Below are highlights to note:

- A continuous break in creditable coverage of 63 or more days will trigger a late enrollment penalty payable for life.
- The longer you go without creditable coverage, the higher the penalty. For the rest of your life, you would be charged an additional 1% of Part D base premium for each month you are late.
- When creditable coverage ends, a special enrollment period of two (2) months may be provided to enroll in Part D (but note that this is only available when normal coverage ends, not when retiree or COBRA coverage ends).
- The Part D annual open enrollment occurs each year from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup> for coverage to begin January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The information below indicates whether prescription drug coverage under our plan is creditable.

Creditable Coverage	Non-Creditable Coverage
UHC HMO	
UHC HDHP	None (all plans are creditable)
UHC EPO	

Anyone needing to learn more about Medicare should contact a Medicare-approved counselor in their state at https://www.medicare.gov/Contacts/#resources/ships.



# PROVIDER CHOICE WHEN PLAN REQUIRES A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

Our managed care plan requires each enrolled family member to select an available in-network primary care physician (PCP) or pediatrician within your service area. Until you designate one, our plan will designate one for you. Also, any available in-network obstetric or gynecologic (OB/GYN) health professional may be accessed without PCP referral. However, that OB/GYN will be otherwise subject to normal plan requirements. Please contact our plan at 855-828-7715 or uhc.com for a list of participating providers and instructions on selecting a PCP.

#### NON-GRANDFATHERED MEDICAL PLAN APPEALS PROCESSES

Your medical plan booklet will explain how to appeal a claim denial through the plan, through a government-authorized third party, and with the help of a consumer assistance office.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT (WHCRA)

Enrolled individuals may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and co-insurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under the medical plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, please contact HR.

### PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE

For individuals needing to purchase health insurance on their own, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) created a new public health insurance Marketplace. This website and call center helps individuals shop for private health insurance, helps individuals enroll in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and evaluates eligibility for new tax credits. Open enrollment for public Marketplace coverage occurs each fall for coverage starting January 1, but special enrollment periods may be available for certain life events. Learn more or request assistance at www.healthcare.gov.

Please note that insurance companies are not required to participate in the public Marketplace, so you are unlikely to see all plans available in the community when shopping the public Marketplace.

The public Marketplace can help you determine whether you may be eligible for tax credits under section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code for Marketplace coverage. One tax credit can lower your monthly premium, and the other can lower your cost sharing (such as your deductible). Since tax credits are based on your projected household income and typically paid in advance to the insurance company, there is a chance you may have to repay some or all tax credits on your tax return if your income for the year ends up higher than anticipated.

Tax credits are not available to those eligible for "affordable, minimum value" medical coverage. "Minimum value" means our plan is intended to pay, on average, at least 60% of the costs of medical care received. "Affordable" means our lowest-cost minimum value plan costs you no more than 9.5% (indexed annually) of your household income to be enrolled in single (not family) coverage.

Our plan is intended to be affordable and minimum value. As a result, if you or someone in your family wanted to compare your health insurance options in the public Marketplace to the insurance offered through us, you'll need to remember that:

- You might pay full retail price for public Marketplace insurance (without the new tax credits)
  - a) You would no longer be paying for insurance on a pre-tax basis
  - b) You would no longer have an employer contribution toward your insurance (note that employer contributions are typically excludable from income for federal income tax)
- You would navigate any questions you have directly with the insurance company you choose...HR
   will not be able to assist you with your public Marketplace plan
- Should you desire to come back to our plan in the future, you will either need to:
  - a) experience a "qualifying event" recognized by our plan as a mid-year election change, or
  - b) wait until our next annual open enrollment

# SPECIAL MEDICAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER HIPAA

When you are eligible to participate in our group medical plan, you may have to enroll and agree to pay part of the premium through payroll deduction in order to actually participate.

A federal law called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires that we notify you of your right to enroll in the plan under its "special enrollment provision" if you acquire a new



dependent, or if you decline coverage under this plan for yourself or an eligible dependent while other coverage is in effect and later lose that other coverage for certain qualifying reasons.

#### SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PROVISION

- Loss of Eligibility under Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). If you
  decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while
  coverage under Medicaid or CHIP is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your
  dependents in this plan if eligibility is lost for the other coverage. However, you must request
  enrollment within 60 days after the other coverage ends.
- Loss of Eligibility for Other Coverage. If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while other medical coverage is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan <u>if eligibility is lost</u> for the other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward it). However, you must request enrollment <u>within 30 days</u> after the other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward it).
- New Dependent by Marriage, Birth, Adoption, or Placement for Adoption. If you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement with you for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself, your spouse, and your new dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- Eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP State Premium Assistance Subsidy. If you or your dependents (including your spouse) become eligible for a state premium assistance subsidy from Medicaid or through CHIP with respect to coverage under this plan, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after your or your dependents' determination of eligibility for such assistance.

To request special enrollment or to obtain more information about the plan's special enrollment provisions, contact HR.

#### If You Decline Coverage, You Must Complete a "Form for Employee to Decline Coverage"

- If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent, you must complete a "Form for Employee to Decline Coverage."
- On the form, you are required to state that coverage under another group health plan or other health insurance coverage (including Medicaid or CHIP) is the reason for declining enrollment, and you are asked to identify that coverage.

- If you do not complete the form, you and your dependents will not be entitled to special enrollment rights upon a loss of other coverage as described above, but you will still have special enrollment rights when you have a new dependent by marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, or by virtue of gaining eligibility for a state premium assistance subsidy from Medicaid or CHIP with respect to coverage under this plan, as described above.
- If you do not gain special enrollment rights upon a loss of other coverage, you cannot enroll yourself or your dependents in the plan at any time other than the plan's annual open enrollment period, unless special enrollment rights apply because of a new dependent by marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, or by virtue of gaining eligibility for a state premium assistance subsidy from Medicaid or CHIP with respect to coverage under this plan.

# PREMIUM ASSISTANCE UNDER MEDICAID OR 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 with us**, 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 at <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov">www.healthcare.gov</a>.

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 (1-877-543-7669)** or visit <a href="https://www.insurekidsnow.gov">www.insurekidsnow.gov</a> 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 HIPAA "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 us at 303-289-



3624 or the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or 1-866-444-EBSA (1-866-444-3272).

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	ALASKA – Medicaid
Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a> Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx">https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx</a>
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	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+)	FLORIDA – Medicaid
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.mycohibi.com/ HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442	Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecover y.com/hipp/index.html Phone: 1-877-357-3268

GEORGIA – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
GA HIPP Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-</a>	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64
insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp	Website: <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/</a>
Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1	Phone: 1-877-438-4479
GA CHIPRA Website:	All other Medicaid
https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-	Website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a>
liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-	Phone: 1-800-457-4584
act-2009-chipra	
Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 2	

IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)	KANSAS – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Hawki Website: http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563 HIPP Website: https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562	Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Phone: 1-800-792-4884 HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	LOUISIANA – Medicaid
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx</a> Phone: 1-855-459-6328 Email: <a href="mailto:KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov">KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov</a> KCHIP Website: <a href="mailto:https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx">https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a> Phone: 1-877-524-4718 Kentucky Medicaid Website: <a href="mailto:https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms</a>	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	MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
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	Website: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa">https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa</a> Phone: 1-800-862-4840 TTY: 711 Email: <a href="masspremassistance@accenture.com">masspremassistance@accenture.com</a>
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	MISSOURI – Medicaid
Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp Phone: 1-800-657-3739	Website: <a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a> Phone: 573-751-2005
MONTANA – Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a> Phone: 1-800-694-3084 Email:	



NEVADA – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	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. 5218
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	NEW YORK – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710	Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ Phone: 919-855-4100	Website: https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare Phone: 1-844-854-4825
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP	OREGON – Medicaid
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-800-699-9075
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP	RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP- Program.aspx Phone: 1-800-692-7462 CHIP Website: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov) CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)	Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-828-0059
TEXAS – Medicaid	UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Texas Health and Human Services Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/ CHIP Website: http://health.utah.gov/chip Phone: 1-877-543-7669
VERMONT– Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Department of Vermont Health Access Phone: 1-800-250-8427	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	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022	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	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002	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 (1-866-444-3272)

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