2022 Legal Notices

If you (and/or your dependents) have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare within the next 12 months, a Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please read the notice on Page 8 for more details.

HIPAA Notice of Availability of Notice of Privacy Practices

This Plan is required by law to provide notice of the Plan's duties and privacy practices with respect to covered individuals' protected health information by providing a Notice of Privacy Practices (NOPP) to participants. The Plan's NOPP is available upon request. To obtain a copy of the NOPP, or for more information regarding the Plan's privacy policies or your rights under HIPAA, contact Elko County School District at (775) 738-5196.

HIPAA Special Enrollment Rules

COVID-19 Temporary Deadline Extension for Participant Notices

In accordance with federal guidance, the Plan Administrator shall disregard the period from March 1, 2020 until 60 days after the announced end of the COVID-19 National Emergency or such other date announced by the Agencies in any future notice ("Outbreak Period") when determining the deadline for the following participant actions:

- The 30-day period (or 60-day period, if applicable) to request HIPAA special enrollment.

General Special Enrollment Rules

HIPAA requires we notify you about your right to later enroll yourself and eligible dependents for coverage in Elko County School Districts health plan under "special enrollment provisions" briefly described below.

- **Loss of Other Coverage**. If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent because you have other group health plan coverage or other health insurance, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents under Elko County School Districts health plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage, or if the other employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents' other coverage. Notwithstanding the above COVID-19 temporary deadline extension, you must request enrollment within 30 days after you or your dependents' other coverage ends, or after the other employer stops contributing toward the other coverage.

- **New Dependent by Marriage, Birth, Adoption, or Placement for Adoption**. If you gain a new dependent as a result of a marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your new dependents under Elko County School Districts health plan. Notwithstanding the above COVID-19 temporary deadline extension, you must request enrollment within 30 days the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. In the event you acquire a new dependent by birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may also be able to enroll your spouse, if your spouse was not previously covered.

- **Enrollment Due to Medicaid/CHIP Events**. If you or your eligible dependents are not already enrolled Elko County School Districts health plan, you may be able to enroll yourself and your eligible dependents if: (i) you or your dependents lose coverage under a state Medicaid or children's health insurance program (CHIP), or (ii) you or your dependents become eligible for premium assistance under state Medicaid or CHIP. Notwithstanding the above COVID-19 temporary deadline extension, you must request enrollment within 60 days from the date of the Medicaid/CHIP event. The CHIP Model Notice containing additional information about this right as well as contact information for state assistance is included below. You may also request a copy from the Plan Administrator.

Please contact the Plan Administrator at (775) 738-5196 for details, including the effective dates of coverage applicable to each of these special enrollment provisions. Additional information regarding your rights to enroll in group health coverage is found in the applicable group health plan summary plan description(s) or insurance contract(s).

Continuation of Coverage Rights Under COBRA

This notice contains important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. **This notice generally explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect the right to receive it**.

The right to COBRA continuation coverage was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you when you would otherwise lose your group health coverage. It can also become available to other members of your family who are covered under the Plan when they would otherwise lose their group health coverage. For additional information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should review the Plan's Summary Plan Description or contact the Elko County School District at (775) 738-5196

You may have other options available to you when you lose group health coverage. For example, you may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, you may qualify for lower costs on your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, you may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse's plan), even if that plan generally doesn't accept late enrollees.

What is COBRA Continuation Coverage?

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when coverage would otherwise end because of a life event known as a "qualifying event." Specific qualifying events are listed later in this notice. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse, and your dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage must pay for COBRA continuation coverage.

If you are an employee, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because either one of the following qualifying events happens:

- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you are the spouse of an employee, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because any of the following qualifying events happens:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because any of the following qualifying events happen:

- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee's hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-employee's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a "dependent child."

When is COBRA Coverage Available?

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment, death of the employee, or the employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), the employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the qualifying event.

COVID-19 Temporary Deadline Extension for Participant Notices

In accordance with federal guidance, the Plan Administrator shall disregard the period from March 1, 2020 until 60 days after the announced end of the COVID-19 National Emergency or such other date announced by the Agencies in any future notice ("Outbreak Period") when determining the deadline for the following participant actions:

- The 60-day period for individuals to notify the plan of a COBRA qualifying event (e.g. divorce/legal separation, child attaining age 26, or SSA disability determination);
- The 60-day election period for COBRA continuation coverage after receipt of the COBRA Election Notice; and,

- The date for making COBRA premium payments (e.g. 45-day initial payment deadline and/or 30 day grace period for subsequent payments).

You Must Give Notice of Some Qualifying Events

Notwithstanding the above COVID-19 temporary deadline extension, for certain qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs. Your notice must provide the type of qualifying event, the date of the qualifying event, and the name and address of the employee, spouse or dependent who underwent the qualifying event.

You must provide this notice to: Elko County School Districts Human Resources.

How is COBRA Coverage Provided?

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered employees may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage. When the qualifying event is the death of the employee, the employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), your divorce or legal separation, or a dependent child's losing eligibility as a dependent child, COBRA continuation coverage lasts for up to a total of 36 months. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the employee's hours of employment, and the employee became entitled to Medicare benefits less than 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage for qualified beneficiaries other than the employee lasts until 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement. For example, if a covered employee becomes entitled to Medicare 8 months before the date on which his employment terminates, COBRA continuation coverage for his spouse and children can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement, which is equal to 28 months after the date of the qualifying event (36 months minus 8 months). Otherwise, when the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the employee's hours of employment, COBRA continuation coverage generally lasts for only up to a total of 18 months. There are two ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended:

- ***Disability extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage:*** If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by the Social Security Administration to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to receive up to an additional 11 months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a total maximum of 29 months. The disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of continuation coverage.

- ***Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage:*** If your family experiences another qualifying event while receiving 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family may extend their COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months (as measured from the first qualifying event), if notice of the second qualifying event is properly given to the Plan. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children receiving continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies, becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), or gets divorced or legally separated, or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child, but only if the event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

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, Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), 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**.

Can I enroll in Medicare instead of COBRA continuation coverage after my group health plan coverage ends?

In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the Medicare initial enrollment period, you have an 8-month special enrollment period to sign up for Medicare Part A or B, beginning on the earlier of

- The month after your employment ends; or
- The month after group health plan coverage based on current employment ends.

If you don't enroll in Medicare and elect COBRA continuation coverage instead, you may have to pay a Part B late enrollment penalty and you may have a gap in coverage if you decide you want Part B later. If you elect COBRA continuation coverage and later enroll in Medicare Part A or B before the COBRA continuation coverage ends, the Plan may terminate your continuation coverage. However, if Medicare Part A or B is effective on or before the date of the COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued on account of Medicare entitlement, even if you enroll in the other part of Medicare after the date of the election of COBRA coverage.

If you are enrolled in both COBRA continuation coverage and Medicare, Medicare will generally pay first (primary payer) and COBRA continuation coverage will pay second. Certain plans may pay as if secondary to Medicare, even if you are not enrolled in Medicare.

For more information visit https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you.

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

In order to protect your family's rights, you should keep the Plan Administrator informed of any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

Plan Contact Information

Elko County School District
850 Elm Street
Elko, NV 89801
(775) 738-5196

Special COBRA Rule for Health FSAs

COBRA coverage under the Health FSA will be offered only to qualified beneficiaries losing coverage who have underspent accounts. A qualified beneficiary has an underspent account if the annual limit elected by the covered employee, reduced by the reimbursable claims submitted up to the time of the qualifying event, is equal to or more than the amount of the premiums for Health FSA COBRA coverage that will be charged for the remainder of the Plan Year. Health FSA COBRA coverage will only last until the end of the Plan Year during which the qualifying event occurred. **The use-it-or-lose rule will continue to apply, so any unused funds (in excess of any carryover amount, if applicable) will be forfeited at the end of the Plan Year (and grace period if applicable) and the Health FSA COBRA coverage will be terminated**.

If applicable, any carryover funds remaining in a Health FSA account after the end of the Plan Year in which a qualifying event occurred will continue to be available to reimburse health care expenses until the qualified beneficiary's other COBRA coverage (e.g. medical, dental, vision) ends.

Special Rules for Certain Qualified Beneficiaries under the American Rescue Plan of 2021

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the "Continuation of Coverage Rights" Section of this SPD, special rules for COBRA coverage will apply temporarily in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"). ARPA provides temporary premium assistance for COBRA continuation coverage ("COBRA Premium Assistance") The COBRA Premium Assistance is available to certain employees and their dependents who are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage due to a qualifying event that is a reduction in hours or an involuntary termination of employment (other than involuntary termination that was due to gross misconduct), and who elect COBRA continuation coverage. You will NOT be eligible for this COBRA Premium Assistance in the event you are eligible for Medicare or eligible for coverage under another group health plan, such as a plan sponsored by a new employer or a spouse's employer.

If you qualify for COBRA Premium Assistance, you do not need to pay any of the COBRA premium otherwise due to the Plan for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. If you continue your COBRA continuation coverage beyond that date, the COBRA Premium Assistance will cease, and you will have to pay the full amount due for your remaining COBRA continuation coverage.

Additional Election Opportunity. If you were offered COBRA continuation coverage as a result of a reduction in hours or an involuntary termination of employment, and you declined to take COBRA continuation coverage at that time, or you elected COBRA continuation coverage and later discontinued it, you may have another opportunity to elect COBRA continuation coverage and receive the COBRA Premium Assistance, if the maximum period you would have been eligible for COBRA continuation coverage has not yet expired (if COBRA continuation coverage had been elected or not discontinued). In such case, you will receive a notice of an extended COBRA election period informing you of this opportunity. You will have 60 days after the notice is provided to elect COBRA. However, this additional election period does not extend the period of COBRA continuation coverage beyond the original maximum period. COBRA continuation coverage with COBRA Premium Assistance elected in this additional election period begins with your first period of coverage beginning on or after April 1, 2021. You can begin your coverage prospectively from the date of your election, or, if you had a qualifying event on or before April 1st, you may choose to start your coverage as of April 1st, even if you receive an election notice and make such election at a later date. In either case, please note that the COBRA Premium Assistance is only available for periods of coverage from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Cessation of COBRA Premium Assistance. You will cease to be eligible for COBRA Premium Assistance for any month of coverage after the ***earlier*** of (1) the date you become eligible for Medicare or any other group health plan coverage (not including coverage that is only excepted benefits such as dental or vision coverage, a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement, or a health flexible spending arrangement); or (2) the last day of your maximum COBRA continuation coverage period, as determined by the date of your qualifying event. If you become eligible for Medicare or such other group health plan coverage during the period you are receiving COBRA Premium Assistance, you MUST notify the Plan Administrator in writing. If you fail to provide this notice, you may be subject to a financial penalty.

If your COBRA continuation coverage period ends before September 30, 2021, this right to COBRA Premium Assistance will NOT extend your rights to COBRA continuation coverage. In addition, COBRA coverage may end before September 30, 2021 in certain circumstances, including for failure to pay premiums, for fraud, or, as mentioned above, if you become covered under another group health plan or entitled to Medicare.

Election Timing. If you are eligible for this COBRA Premium Assistance, you must elect COBRA continuation coverage within 60 days of receipt of the relevant COBRA notice you will be sent by the Plan, or you will forfeit your right to elect COBRA continuation coverage with COBRA Premium Assistance. The temporary deadline extensions of COBRA election periods specified in the "Deadline Extensions for Participant Actions" subsection above do NOT apply to the 60-day election period related to this COBRA Premium Assistance.

Women's Health & Cancer Rights Act of 1998

In the case of an employee or dependent who receives benefits under the plan in connection with a mastectomy and who elects breast reconstruction (in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient), coverage will be provided for:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which mastectomy has been performed, including nipple and areola reconstruction and re-pigmentation to restore the physical appearance of the breast;
- Surgery and reconstruction on the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment for physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

Coverage for reconstructive breast surgery may not be denied or reduced on the grounds that it is cosmetic in nature or that it otherwise does not meet the coverage definition of "medically necessary". Benefits will be provided on the same basis as for any other illness or injury under the Plan.

If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your Plan Administrator at (775) 299-4716.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996

Under federal law (Newborns' Act), group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage generally may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with child birth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a delivery by cesarean section. However, the plan, or issuer may pay for a shorter stay if the attending provider (e.g., your physician, nurse midwife, or physician assistant), after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under federal law, plans and issuers may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48 hour (or 96 hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay. In addition, a plan or issuer may not require that a physician or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, to use certain providers or facilities, or to reduce your out-of-pocket costs, you may be required to obtain pre-certification.

A number of states adopted requirements for benefits covering maternity stays prior to the enactment of the Newborns' Act. The federal law does not preempt state law if the state law meets certain criteria. For information on pre-certification, contact your Plan Administrator at (775) 738-5196.

Affordable Care Act

Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield generally allows the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the network and who is available to accept you and/or your family members for information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of participating primary care providers, contact Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield at (866) 837-4596.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network or specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield at (866) 837-4596.

Rebates for Failure to meet Medical Loss Ratio Requirements

In the event that Elko County School District qualifies and receives a return of premium (Rebate) as a result of an insurance issuer's failure to meet the Medical Loss Ratio requirements under the Affordable Care Act, Elko County School District at its option, shall either:

- Reimburse Plan participants through a payroll adjustment in the amount determined under the Affordable Care Act regulations;
- Reduce employee contributions by an amount determined under Affordable Care Act regulations to reflect the employee's share of the Rebate; or
- Use the Rebate to enhance benefits under the Plan by an amount determined under Affordable Care Act regulations.

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 surprise billing or balance billing.

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 other 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 permitted 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 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.

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 and coinsurance). You **can't** 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 balanced 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 **can't** 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 **can't** 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 out-of-network providers and facilities directly.
- Your health plan generally must:
  - Cover emergency services without requiring you to get approval for services in advance (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 deductible and out-of-pocket limit.

If you believe you've been wrongly billed, you may contact the U.S. Department of Human Services or Nevada Department of Insurance.

Visit www.hhs.gov for more information about your rights under federal law.

Visit www.doi.nv.gov for more information about your rights under Nevada.

Important Notice About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare: Creditable Coverage

If you (and/or your dependents) have Medicare, or will become eligible for Medicare within the next 12 months, federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please read the following notice for more details.

Please read this notice carefully. It has information about your prescription drug coverage under Elko County School Districts health plan (Employer Plan) and the coverage options available to Medicare Part-D eligible individuals. This Notice also provides information on additional resources that may help you decide which prescription drug coverage to choose.

You should keep this notice with your important records. If you or your family members aren't currently covered by Medicare and won't become covered by Medicare in the next 12 months, this notice doesn't apply to you.

Notice of Creditable Coverage

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that the Employer Plan prescription drug coverage listed below is expected to pay out, on average, at least as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay. This is known as "creditable coverage."

- Elko County School District PPO Plan
- Elko County School District HSA Plan

Why this is important: Coverage under one of these plans may help you avoid a Medicare Part D late enrollment penalty. If you or your covered dependent(s) are enrolled in the Employer Plan and are currently or become covered by Medicare, you may decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan later and not be subject to a late enrollment penalty—as long as you had creditable coverage within 63 days of your Medicare prescription drug plan enrollment.

Late Enrollment Penalty (Higher Premium Charge)

You should know that if you waive or drop coverage under the Employer Plan and you go 63 days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage (once your applicable Medicare enrollment period ends), your monthly Medicare Part D premium may go up by at least 1% per month for every month that you do not have creditable coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without coverage, your Medicare prescription drug plan premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than what most other people pay. You may have to pay this higher premium as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to enroll in Medicare Part D.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

You may have heard about Medicare's prescription drug coverage (called Medicare Part D), and wondered how it would affect you. Medicare offers prescription drug coverage to everyone with Medicare. All Medicare prescription drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

Individuals can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan when they first become Part D eligible, and each year thereafter during Medicare open enrollment (October 15 through December 7). Individuals who decide to drop their creditable employer/union coverage may be eligible for a two month Medicare Special Enrollment Period.

Interaction Between Coverages

If you decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan and you are an active employee or a family member of an active employee, your current Employer Plan coverage may be affected. See pages 7- 9 of the CMS Disclosure of Creditable Coverage To Medicare Part D Eligible Individuals Guidance (available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CreditableCoverage/), which outlines the prescription drug plan provisions/options that Medicare eligible individuals may have available to them when they become eligible for Medicare Part D.

In addition, if you waive or drop your current Employer Plan coverage to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan, you and your dependents may be able to re-enroll in the Employer Plan coverage at open enrollment or when you have a special enrollment event.

Additional Information

Contact the person listed at the end of this Notice for further information about your current prescription drug coverage. **NOTE:** You may receive this notice at other times in the future—such as before the next period you can enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage, if the Employer Plan coverage changes, or upon your request.

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the *Medicare & You* handbook. Medicare participants will receive a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare prescription drug plans. Here's how to get more information about Medicare prescription drug plans:

- Visit www.medicare.gov.
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see a copy of the *Medicare & You* handbook for the telephone number) for personalized help.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For people with limited income and resources, extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan is available. For information about this extra help, contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) online at www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this notice. If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join a Part D plan to show that you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, may not be required to pay a higher Part D premium.

For more information about this notice or your employer-sponsored prescription drug coverage, contact:

Elko County School District
850 Elm Street
Elko, NV 89801
(775) 738-5196

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, 2021. 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: http://myakhipp.com/ Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	**CALIFORNIA – Medicaid**
Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp Phone: 916-445-8322 Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov
COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP+	**FLORIDA – Medicaid**
Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Phone: 1-800-221-3943/State Relay 711 CHP+: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus Phone: 1-800-359-1991/State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program Phone: 1-855-692-6442	Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/index.html Phone: 1-877-357-3268
GEORGIA – Medicaid	**INDIANA – Medicaid**
Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp Phone: 678-564-1162 ext 2131	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/ Phone: 1-877-438-4479 All other Medicaid: Website: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/ Phone 1-800-457-4584
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
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	**LOUISIANA – 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: KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov KCHIP Website: https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-877-524-4718 Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov	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.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms Phone: 1-800-442-6003/TTY: Maine relay 711 Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms Phone: -800-977-6740/TTY: Maine relay 711	Website: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-premium-assistance-pa Phone: 1-800-862-4840
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: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005
MONTANA – Medicaid	**NEBRASKA – Medicaid**
Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084	Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: (855) 632-7633 Lincoln: (402) 473-7000 Omaha: (402) 595-1178
NEVADA – Medicaid	**NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid**
Medicaid Website: https://dhcfp.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free for 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: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ 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 http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html Phone: 1-800-699-9075
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	**RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP**

Website: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Medical/HIPP-Program.aspx Phone: 1-800-692-7462	Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 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: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059
TEXAS – Medicaid	**UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP**
Website: http://gethipptexas.com/ 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: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Websites: https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp Phone: 1-800-432-5924
WASHINGTON – Medicaid	**WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid**
Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022	Website: http://mywvhipp.com/ 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, 2021, 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