PHOENIX #1
Elementary School District

Important Plan Information for Phoenix Elementary School District #1 Participants

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This document contains important employee benefit program notices of interest to you and your family. Please share this information with your family members. Some of the notices in this document are required by law and other notices contain helpful information. These notices are updated from time to time and some of the federal notices are updated each year. Be sure you are reviewing an updated version of this important notices document.

MEDICARE NOTICE OF CREDITABLE COVERAGE REMINDER

If you or your eligible dependents are currently Medicare eligible or will become Medicare eligible during the next 12 months, you need to be sure that you understand whether the prescription drug coverage that you elect under the Phoenix Elementary School District #1 (the "District") Medical Plan options available to you is or is not creditable with (as valuable as) Medicare's prescription drug coverage.

To find out whether the prescription drug coverage under the plan options offered by Phoenix #1 are or are not creditable, you should review the Plan's Medicare Part D Notice of Creditable Coverage (on page 15 of this packet) or available from the Benefits and Wellness Supervisor at 602-257-6075.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PROVIDE THE PLAN WITH THE TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) OF EACH ENROLLEE IN A HEALTH PLAN

Employers are required by law to collect the taxpayer identification number (TIN) or social security number (SSN) of each medical plan participant and provide that number on reports that will be provided to the IRS each year. Employers are required to make at least two consecutive attempts to gather missing TINs/SSNs.

If a dependent does not yet have a social security number, you can go to this website to complete a form to request a SSN: http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/ss-5.pdf. Applying for a social security number is FREE.

The SSN will also be used to help fulfill mandatory reporting requirements to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for the purposes of permitting Medicare to coordinate benefits for individuals enrolled in both an employer- sponsored medical plan and Medicare.

If you have not yet provided the social security number (or other TIN) for each of your dependents that you have enrolled in the health plan, please contact the Benefits and Wellness Specialist at 602-257-6075.

MID-YEAR CHANGES TO YOUR MEDICAL PLAN ELECTIONS

IMPORTANT: Once you make a benefit election, generally you **will not** be allowed to change your benefit election or add/delete dependents until next years' open enrollment, unless you have a Special Enrollment event or a Mid-year Change in Status.

Special Enrollment Event:

- **Loss of Other Coverage Event**: If you are declining enrollment for your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll your dependents in this plan if your dependents lose

eligibility for that other coverage (or if your employer stops contributing toward your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within **31 days** after your dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing towards the other coverage).

- **Marriage, Birth, Adoption Event**: In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within **31 days** after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- **Medicaid/CHIP Event**: You and your dependents may also enroll in this plan if you (or your dependents):
  - have coverage through Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and you (or your dependents) lose eligibility for that coverage. However, you must request enrollment within **60 days** after the Medicaid or CHIP coverage ends.
  - become eligible for a premium assistance program through Medicaid or CHIP. However, you must request enrollment within **60 days** after you (or your dependents) are determined to be eligible for such assistance.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact the Benefits and Wellness Specialist at 602-257-6075.

Mid-year Change in Status Event:

Because your employer pre-taxes benefits, Phoenix #1 and your employer are required to follow Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations on if and when benefits can be changed in the middle of a plan year. The following events **may** allow certain changes in benefits mid-year, **if** permitted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS):

- Change in legal marital status (e.g., marriage, divorce/legal separation, death).
- Change in number or status of dependents (e.g., birth, adoption, death).
- Change in employee/spouse/dependent's employment status, work schedule, or residence that affects their eligibility for benefits.
- Coverage of a child due to a QMCSO.
- Entitlement or loss of entitlement to Medicare or Medicaid.
- Certain changes in the cost of coverage, composition of coverage or curtailment of coverage of the employee or spouse's plan.
- Changes consistent with Special Enrollment rights and FMLA leaves.

You must notify the plan in writing within **31 days** of the mid-year change in status event by contacting the Benefits and Wellness Supervisor at 602-257-6075. The Plan will determine if your change request is permitted and if so, will notify you of the date the change will be effective prospectively, generally the first day of the month following the date of the mid-year change event. Note that for timely notification of the addition of a newborn or adopted child, coverage is effective back to the date of birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT OF 1998 (WHCRA) ANNUAL REMINDER

You or your dependents may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving 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, copayments, and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under the various medical plans offered by the District. For more information on WHCRA benefits, contact UnitedHealthcare at the number on the back of your ID card or the Benefits and Wellness Specialist at 602-257-6075.

PATIENT PROTECTION RIGHTS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN (PCP) AND OB-GYN PROVIDERS

The medical plans offered by the District **do not require** the selection or designation of a primary care provider (PCP). You have the ability to visit any in-network (or non-network) health care provider; however, payment by the Plan may be less for the use of a non-network provider.

Direct Access to OB/GYN Providers:
You do not need prior authorization (pre-approval) from the District or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological (OB/GYN) care from an in-network health care professional who 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 UHC at the number of the back of your ID card or visit UHC's website at Find a doctor | UnitedHealthcare (uhc.com).

HIPAA PRIVACY NOTICE REMINDER

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 requires health plans like Phoenix #1 to comply with privacy rules. These rules are intended to protect your personal health information from being inappropriately used and disclosed. The rules also give you additional rights concerning control of your own healthcare information.

This Plan's HIPAA Privacy Notice explains how the group health plan uses and discloses your personal health information. You are provided a copy of this Notice when you enroll in the plan. You can get another copy of this Notice from the Benefits and Wellness Supervisor at 602-257-6075 or on the Plan's website at Phoenix Elementary School District #1 | Benefits Documentation (phxschools.org).

AVAILABILITY OF SUMMARY HEALTH INFORMATION: THE SUMMARY OF BENEFIT AND COVERAGE (SBC) DOCUMENT(S)

The health benefits available to you represent a significant component of your compensation package. They also provide important protection for you and your family in the case of illness or injury. As required by law, across the US, insurance companies and group health plans like ours are providing plan participants with a consumer-friendly **Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC)** as a way to help understand and compare medical plan benefits. Choosing a health coverage option is an important decision. To help you make an informed choice, the SBC summarizes and compares important information in a standard format.

Each SBC contains concise medical plan information, in plain language, about benefits and coverage, including, what is covered, what you need to pay for various benefits, what is not covered and where to go for more information or to get answers to questions. SBC documents are updated when there is a change to the benefits information displayed on an SBC.

Government regulations are very specific about the information that can and cannot be included in each SBC. Plans are not allowed to customize very much of the SBC documents. There are detailed instructions the Plan had to follow about how the SBCs look, how many pages the SBC should be (maximum 4-pages, 2-sided), the font size, the colors used when printing the SBC and even which words were to be bold and underlined.

A Uniform Glossary that defines many of the terms used in the SBC is available at https://www.dol.gov/sites/default/files/ebsa/laws-and-regulations/laws/affordable-care-act/for-employers-and- advisers/sbc-uniform-glossary-of-coverage-and-medical-terms-final.pdf.

To get a free copy of the most current Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) documents for our medical plan options, go to Phoenix Elementary School District #1 | Benefits Documentation (phxschools.org) or contact the Benefits and Wellness Supervisor at 602-257-6075.

THE DISTRICT OFFERS A HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN WITH A HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT. YOU MUST BE QUALIFIED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT. HELPFUL REMINDERS BELOW:

The eligibility requirements to open and contribute to a Health Savings Account (HSA) are mandated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), not by your employer. Individuals who enroll in a Health Savings Account (HSA) but are later determined to be ineligible for that account, are subject to financial penalties from the IRS. **It is an individual's responsibility to ensure that they meet the eligibility requirements to open an HSA account and to have contributions made to that HSA account**, as outlined below:

- To be eligible to open an HSA and have contributions made to the HSA during the year, an individual must be covered by an HSA-qualified health plan (a HDHP) and **must not be covered by other health insurance that is not an HSA-qualified plan**. Certain types of insurance are not considered "health insurance" and will not jeopardize an individual's eligibility for an HSA, including automobile, dental, vision, disability, and long-term care insurance.
- **IMPORTANT:** Individuals enrolled in Medicare aren't eligible to open an HSA or have contributions made to the HSA during the year. If you think you could become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months you should reconsider whether enrolling in the medical plan that is paired with a health savings account is a wise choice.
- **By law, you are NOT ELIGIBLE for HSA contributions if you:**
  - ✓ are enrolled in Medicare, such as Medicare Part A, B, C or D,
  - ✓ are covered by another health care plan that is not an HDHP,
  - ✓ can be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return,
  - ✓ are enrolled in a general Health Care Flexible Spending Account (or covered by a spouse's FSA),
  - ✓ are covered by a non-HDHP such as TRICARE and TRICARE For Life.

Individuals can't open an HSA, and have contributions made to the HSA during the year, if a spouse's health insurance, health flexible spending account (FSA) or health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) can pay for any of an individual's medical expenses before the HSA-qualified plan deductible is met. This means that a standard general purpose health care flexible spending account (FSA) may make you ineligible to open an HSA and have contributions made to the HSA during the year.

The plan administrator does not provide tax advice and no inference may be made that the information contained here constitutes tax advice. The tax information contained in this document is for general guidance only and is subject to change due to changes in IRS rules and regulations. You should consult a qualified tax advisor with regard to any questions you may have about the tax effects of an HSA on your individual circumstances.

NEWBORNS' AND MOTHERS' HEALTH PROTECTION ACT NOTICE

Hospital Length of Stay for Childbirth: Under federal law, group health plans, like this Plan, generally may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or the newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, the Plan may pay for a shorter stay if the attending Physician (e.g., Physician, or Health Care Practitioner), after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under federal law, plans 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, the Plan may not, under federal law, require that a Physician or other Health Care Practitioner 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 precertification. For information on precertification for a length of stay longer than 48 hours for vaginal birth or 96 hours for C-section, contact UHC at the phone number on the back of your ID card to precertify the extended stay. If you have questions about this Notice, contact the Benefits and Wellness Supervisor at 602-257-6075.

CAUTION: IF YOU DECLINE MEDICAL PLAN COVERAGE OFFERED THROUGH THE DISTRICT

The medical plan options offered by the District are considered to be minimum essential coverage (MEC) and meet the government's minimum value standard. Additionally, the cost of medical plan coverage is intended to be affordable to employees, based on employee wages.

If you are in a benefits-eligible position and choose not to be covered by one of the District's medical plan options, you must maintain medical plan coverage elsewhere or you can purchase health insurance through a Marketplace (www.healthcare.gov), typically at the Marketplace annual enrollment in the fall each year. If you choose to not be covered by a medical plan sponsored by the District at this enrollment time, your next opportunity to enroll for the District's medical plan coverage is at the next annual open enrollment time, unless you have a mid-year change event that allows you to add coverage in the middle of the District's plan year.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) REMINDER

The FMLA entitles eligible employees of covered employers to take unpaid, job-protected leave for specified family and medical reasons with continuation of group health insurance coverage under the same terms and conditions as if the employee had not taken leave. Employees are eligible if they have worked for a covered employer for at least 12 months, have 1,250 hours of service in the previous 12 months, and if at least 50 employees are employed by the employer within 75 miles. Eligible employees are entitled to twelve (12) workweeks of leave in a 12-month period for:

- the birth of a child and to care for the newborn child within one year of birth;
- the placement with the employee of a child for adoption or foster care and to care for the newly placed child within one year of placement;
- to care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition;
- a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the essential functions of his or her job;
- any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a covered military member on "covered active duty;" or

Twenty-six (26) workweeks of leave during a single 12-month period to care for a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness if the eligible employee is the servicemember's spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin (military caregiver leave).All covered employers are required to display and keep displayed a poster prepared by the Department of Labor summarizing the major provisions of The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and telling employees about their rights and responsibilities and how to file a complaint. Employers display the FMLA poster at their worksite. More information on FMLA is available at: http://www.dol.gov/whd/fmla/ or contact the Benefits and Wellness Specialist at 602-257-6075.

Certain Employee Responsibilities Related to FMLA: Employees must provide 30 days advance notice of the need to take FMLA leave when the need is foreseeable. When a 30-day notice is not possible, the employee must provide notice as soon as practicable and generally must comply with an employer's normal call-in procedures.

Employees must provide sufficient information for the employer to determine if the leave may qualify for FMLA protection and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Sufficient information may include that the employee is unable to perform job functions, the family member is unable to perform daily activities, the need for hospitalization or continuing treatment by a health care provider, or circumstances supporting the need for military family leave.

Employees also must inform the employer if the requested leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified. Employees also may be required to provide a certification and periodic recertification supporting the need for leave.

KEEP THE PLAN NOTIFIED OF CHANGES IN ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE TIMELY NOTICE

You or your Dependents must promptly furnish to the Benefits and Wellness Specialist information regarding change of name, address, marriage, divorce or legal separation, death of any covered family member, birth or change in status of a Dependent Child, Medicare enrollment or disenrollment, an individual no longer meeting eligibility provisions of the Plan, or the existence of other coverage. Proof of legal documentation will be required for certain changes.

Notify the Plan of any of these changes within 31 days. Note that for certain changes, like divorce or a child reaching the limiting age, if you do not notify the Plan within 60 days of that change, the opportunity to elect COBRA will not apply.

Failure to give the Benefits and Wellness Specialist a timely notice of the above noted events may:

a. cause you, your Spouse and/or Dependent Child(ren) to lose the right to obtain COBRA Continuation Coverage,
b. cause the coverage of a Dependent Child to end when it otherwise might continue because of a disability,
c. cause claims to not be able to be considered for payment until eligibility issues have been resolved,
d. result in your liability to repay the Plan if any benefits are paid to, or on behalf of, an ineligible person. The Plan has the right to offset the amounts paid against the participant's future health care benefits.

In accordance with the requirements in the Affordable Care Act, your employer will not retroactively cancel coverage (a rescission) except when premiums are not timely paid, or in cases when an individual performs an act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud, or makes an intentional misrepresentation of material fact that is prohibited by the terms of the Plan. Keeping an ineligible dependent enrolled (for example, an ex-spouse, overage dependent child, etc.) is considered fraud. If you have questions about eligibility, contact the Benefits and Wellness Supervisor at 602-257-6075.

COBRA COVERAGE REMINDER

In compliance with a federal law referred to as COBRA Continuation Coverage, this plan offers its eligible employees and their covered dependents (known as qualified beneficiaries) the opportunity to elect temporary continuation of their group health coverage when that coverage would otherwise end because of certain events (called qualifying events).

Qualified beneficiaries are entitled to elect COBRA when certain events occur, and, as a result of the event, coverage of that qualified beneficiary ends (together, the event and the loss of coverage are called a qualifying event). Qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA Continuation Coverage must pay for it at their own expense.

Qualifying events may include termination of employment, reduction in hours of work making the employee ineligible for coverage, death of the employee, divorce/legal separation, or a child ceasing to be an eligible dependent child under the terms of the Plan, if a loss of coverage results.

In addition to considering COBRA as a way to continue coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family. **You may want to look for coverage through the Health Care Marketplace**. See https://www.healthcare.gov/. In the Marketplace, you could be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premiums for Marketplace coverage, and you can see what your premium, deductibles, and out-of-pocket costs will be before you make a decision to enroll. Being eligible for COBRA does not limit your eligibility for coverage for Marketplace coverage or for a tax credit. Additionally, you may qualify for a special enrollment opportunity for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse's plan) if you request enrollment within 30 days, even if the plan generally does not accept late enrollees.

The maximum period of COBRA coverage is generally either 18 months or 36 months, depending on which qualifying event occurred.

In order to have the chance to elect COBRA coverage after a divorce/legal separation or a child ceasing to be a dependent child under the plan, **you and/or a family member must inform the plan in writing of that event no later than 60 days after that event occurs**. That notice must be sent to your Human Resources Department via first class mail and is to include the employee's name, the qualifying event, the date of the event, and the appropriate documentation in support of the qualifying event (such as divorce documents). If you have questions about COBRA, contact the Benefits and Wellness Supervisor at 602-257-6075.

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF CERTAIN COBRA DEADLINES

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 national emergency, you will have additional time to submit the Election Form, and to make your first premium payment, if you need additional time. Any deadlines for electing and making your first payment for COBRA are suspended until 60 days after the end of the COVID-19 national emergency. For the exact dates that will apply to your rights under COBRA, please contact the Benefits and Wellness Supervisor at 602-257-6075.

The extension of the above deadlines does not extend the maximum period of COBRA coverage to which you are entitled.

If you elect COBRA, claims for covered expenses will be paid retroactive to the first date your coverage terminated, for every month for which you have paid the full premium due.

IMPORTANT NOTICES ATTACHED

The following pages include important notices for you and your family:

- HIPAA Privacy Notice
- Medicare Part D Notice of Creditable Coverage
- Notice about Premium Assistance with Medicaid and CHIP
- Health Insurance Marketplace Notice

Phoenix Elementary School District #1
HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

Esta noticia es disponible en español si usted lo pide. Si usted debe ayudar la comprensión de esta nota, contacta por favor el Departamento de Beneficios.

Purpose of This Privacy Notice

This Notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you may get access to this information. Please review this information carefully.

This Notice is required by law.

The Phoenix Elementary School District #1 (the "District") group health plan including the medical plans options including HSA administration, Health Flexible Spending Account (Health FSA), and the COBRA Administration (hereafter referred to as the "Plan"), is required by law to take reasonable steps to maintain the privacy of your personally identifiable health information (called **Protected Health Information or PHI**) and to inform you about the Plan's legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information including:

- Your rights to privacy with respect to your PHI,
- The Plan's duties with respect to your PHI,
- Your right to file a complaint with the Plan and with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS),
- The person or office you should contact for further information about the Plan's privacy practices, and
- To notify affected individuals following a breach of unsecured protected health information.

The Plan Sponsor has amended its Plan documents to protect your PHI as required by Federal law.

PHI use and disclosure by the Plan is regulated by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). You may find these rules in Section 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 160 and 164. The regulations will supersede this Notice if there is any discrepancy between the information in this Notice and the regulations. The Plan will abide by the terms of the Notice currently in effect. The Plan reserves the right to change the terms of this Notice and to make the new Notice provisions effective for all PHI it maintains.

You may receive a Privacy Notice from a variety of the insured group health benefit plans offered by the District such as the medical plans, dental plans or vision plans. Each of these notices will describe your rights as it pertains to that plan and in compliance with the federal regulation, HIPAA. This Privacy Notice however, pertains to your protected health information related to the District's group health plan (the "Plan") and outside companies contracted to help administer Plan benefits, also called "business associates."

Effective Date

The effective date of this Notice is **February 28, 2022**.

Privacy Officer

The Plan has designated a Privacy Officer to oversee the administration of privacy by the Plan and to receive complaints. The Privacy Officer may be contacted at:

Privacy Officer for Phoenix Elementary School District #1
Benefits Office
1817 N. 7th St., Phoenix, AZ 85006
602-257-6075

Your Protected Health Information

The term **"Protected Health Information" (PHI)** includes all information related to your past, present or future health condition(s) that individually identifies you or could reasonably be used to identify you and is transferred to another entity or maintained by the Plan in oral, written, electronic or any other form.

PHI does not include health information contained in employment records held by your employer in its role as an employer, including but not limited to health information on disability, work-related illness/injury, sick leave, Family or Medical leave (FMLA), life insurance, dependent care flexible spending account, drug testing, etc.

PHI also does not include health information that has been de-identified. **De-identified information** is information that does not identify you and there is no reasonable basis to believe that the information can be used to identify you.

When the Plan May Disclose Your PHI

Under the law, the Plan may disclose your PHI without your written authorization in the following cases:

- ***At your request.*** If you request it, the Plan is required to give you access to your PHI in order to inspect it and copy it.
- ***As required by an agency of the government.*** The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services may require the disclosure of your PHI to investigate or determine the Plan's compliance with the privacy regulations.
- ***For treatment, payment, or health care operations.*** The Plan and its business associates will use your PHI (except psychotherapy notes in certain instances as described below) without your consent, authorization, or opportunity to agree or object in order to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations.

The Plan may disclose PHI to the Plan Sponsor for purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations in accordance with the Plan amendment. The Plan may disclose PHI to the Plan Sponsor for review of your appeal of a benefit or for other reasons related to the administration of the Plan.

Definitions and Examples of Treatment, Payment and Health Care Operations

Treatment is health care.	Treatment is the provision, coordination, or management of health care and related services. It also includes but is not limited to coordination of benefits with a third party and consultations and referrals between one or more of your health care providers. ***For example:*** The Plan discloses to a treating specialist the name of your treating primary care physician so the two can confer regarding your treatment plan.
Payment is paying claims for health care and related activities.	Payment includes but is not limited to making payment for the provision of health care, determination of eligibility, claims management, and utilization review activities such as the assessment of medical necessity and appropriateness of care. ***For example:*** The Plan tells your doctor whether you are eligible for coverage or what percentage of the bill will be paid by the Plan. If we contract with third parties to help us with payment, such as a claims payer, we will disclose pertinent information to them. These third parties are known as "business associates."
Health Care Operations keep the Plan operating soundly.	Health care operations includes but is not limited to quality assessment and improvement, patient safety activities, business planning and development, reviewing competence or qualifications of health care professionals, underwriting, enrollment, premium rating and other insurance activities relating to creating or renewing insurance contracts. It also includes disease management, case management, conducting or arranging for medical review, legal services and auditing functions including fraud and abuse compliance programs and general administrative activities. ***For example****:* The Plan uses information from your medical claims to refer you to a health care management program, to project future benefit costs or to audit the accuracy of its claims processing functions.

In addition, the Plan may use or disclose "summary health information" to the Plan Sponsor for obtaining premium bids or modifying, amending, or terminating the group health Plan. **Summary health information** is information that summarizes claims history, claims expenses or type of claims experienced by individuals for whom the Plan Sponsor has provided health benefits under a group health plan. Identifying information will be deleted from summary health information, in accordance with HIPAA. The Plan

may not (and does not) use your genetic information that is PHI for underwriting purposes.

Although the Plan does not routinely obtain psychotherapy notes, generally, an authorization will be required by the Plan before the Plan will use or disclose psychotherapy notes about you. Psychotherapy notes are separately filed notes about your conversations with your mental health professional during a counseling session. They do not include summary information about your mental health treatment. However, the Plan may use and disclose such notes when needed by the Plan to defend itself against litigation filed by you.

The Plan generally will require an authorization form for uses and disclosure of your PHI for sales or marketing purposes if the Plan receives direct or indirect payment from the entity whose product or service is being marketed or sold. You have the right to revoke an authorization at any time.

Use or Disclosure of Your PHI Where You Will Be Given an Opportunity to Agree or Disagree Before the Use or Release

Disclosure of your PHI to family members, other relatives and your close personal friends without your written consent or authorization is allowed if:

- The information is directly relevant to the family or friend's involvement with your care or payment for that care, and
- You have either agreed to the disclosure or have been given an opportunity to object and have not objected.

Note that PHI obtained by the Plan Sponsor's employees through Plan administration activities will NOT be used for employment related decisions.

Use or Disclosure of Your PHI Where Consent, Authorization or Opportunity to Object Is Not Required

In general, the Plan does not need your written authorization to release your PHI if required by law or for public health and safety purposes. The Plan and its business associates are allowed to use and disclose your PHI **without** your written authorization under the following circumstances:

1. When ***required by law***.
2. When permitted for ***purposes of public health activities***. This includes reporting product defects, permitting product recalls and conducting post-marketing surveillance. PHI may also be used or disclosed if you have been exposed to a communicable disease or are at risk of spreading a disease or condition, if authorized by law.
3. To a school about an individual who is a student or prospective student of the school if the protected health information this is disclosed is limited to ***proof of immunization***, the school is required by State or other law to have such proof of immunization prior to admitting the individual and the covered entity obtains and documents the agreements to this disclosure from either a parent, guardian or other person acting in loco parentis of the individual, if the individual is an unemancipated minor; or the individual, if the individual is an adult or emancipated.
4. When authorized by law to report information about ***abuse, neglect, or domestic violence*** to public authorities if a reasonable belief exists that you may be a victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence. In such case, the Plan will promptly inform you that such a disclosure has been or will be made unless that notice would cause a risk of serious harm. For the purpose of reporting child abuse or neglect, it is not necessary to inform the minor that such a disclosure has been or will be made. Disclosure may generally be made to the minor's parents or other representatives, although there may be circumstances under federal or state law when the parents or other representatives may not be given access to the minor's PHI.
5. To a ***public health oversight agency for oversight activities authorized by law***. These activities include civil, administrative, or criminal investigations, inspections, licensure, or disciplinary actions (for example, to investigate complaints against providers) and other activities necessary for appropriate oversight of government benefit programs (for example, to investigate Medicare or Medicaid fraud).
6. When required ***for judicial or administrative proceedings***. For example, your PHI may be disclosed in response to a subpoena or discovery request, provided certain conditions are met, including that:
    - the requesting party must give the Plan satisfactory assurances that a good faith attempt has been made to provide you

with a written Notice, and

- the Notice provided sufficient information about the proceeding to permit you to raise an objection, and
- no objections were raised or were resolved in favor of disclosure by the court or tribunal.

7. When required for ***law enforcement health purposes*** (for example, to report certain types of wounds).
8. For ***law enforcement purposes*** if the law enforcement official represents that the information is not intended to be used against the individual, the immediate law enforcement activity would be materially and adversely affected by waiting to obtain the individual's agreement and the Plan, in its best judgment, determines that disclosure is in the best interest of the individual. Law enforcement purposes include:
   - identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person, and
   - disclosing information about an individual who is or is suspected to be a victim of a crime.
9. When required to be given ***to a coroner or medical examiner*** to identify a deceased person, determine a cause of death or other authorized duties. When required to be given ***to funeral directors*** to carry out their duties with respect to the decedent, for use and disclosures for cadaveric ***organ, eye, or tissue donation*** purposes.
10. For ***research***, subject to certain conditions.
11. When, consistent with applicable law and standards of ethical conduct, the Plan in good faith believes the use or disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and ***imminent threat to the health or safety*** of a person or the public and the disclosure is to a person reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat, including the target of the threat.
12. When authorized by and to the extent necessary to comply with ***workers' compensation*** or other similar programs established by law.
13. When required, for ***specialized government functions***, to military authorities under certain circumstances, or to authorized federal officials for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities.

Any other Plan uses and disclosures not described in this Notice will be made only if you provide the Plan with written authorization, subject to your right to revoke your authorization, and information used and disclosed will be made in compliance with the minimum necessary standards of the regulation.

Your Individual Privacy Rights

You May Request Restrictions on PHI Uses and Disclosures

You may request the Plan to restrict the uses and disclosures of your PHI:

- To carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations, or
- To family members, relatives, friends, or other persons identified by you who are involved in your care.
- The Plan, however, is not required to agree to your request if the Plan Administrator or Privacy Officer determines it to be unreasonable, for example, if it would interfere with the Plan's ability to pay a claim.

The Plan will accommodate an individual's reasonable request to receive communications of PHI by alternative means or at alternative locations where the request includes a statement that disclosure could endanger the individual. You or your personal representative will be required to complete a form to request restrictions on the uses and disclosures of your PHI. To make such a request contact the Privacy Officer at their address listed on the first page of this Notice.

You May Inspect and Copy Your PHI

You have the right to inspect and obtain a copy (in hard copy or electronic form) of your PHI (except psychotherapy notes and information compiled in reasonable contemplation of an administrative action or proceeding) contained in a "designated record set," for as long as the Plan maintains the PHI. You may request your hard copy or electronic information in a format that is convenient for you, and the Plan will honor that request to the extent possible. You may also request a summary of your PHI.

A **Designated Record Set** includes your medical records and billing records that are maintained by or for a covered health care provider. Records include enrollment, payment, billing, claims adjudication and case or medical management record systems maintained by or for a health plan or other information used in whole or in part by or for the covered entity to make decisions about you. Information used for quality control or peer review analyses and not used to make decisions about you is not included in the

designated record set.

The Plan must provide the requested information within 30 days of its receipt of the request if the information is maintained onsite or within 60 days if the information is maintained offsite. A single 30-day extension is allowed if the Plan is unable to comply with the deadline and notifies you in writing in advance of the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan will provide the requested information.

You or your personal representative will be required to complete a form to request access to the PHI in your Designated Record Set. Requests for access to your PHI should be made to the Plan's Privacy Officer at their address listed on the first page of this Notice. You may be charged a reasonable cost-based fee for creating or copying the PHI or preparing a summary of your PHI.

If access is denied, you or your personal representative will be provided with a written denial describing the basis for the denial, a description of how you may exercise those review rights and a description of how you may complain to the Plan's Privacy Officer or the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

You Have the Right to Amend Your PHI

You or your Personal Representative have the right to request that the Plan amend your PHI or a record about you in a designated record set for as long as the PHI is maintained in the designated record set. The Plan has 60 days after receiving your request to act on it. The Plan is allowed a single 30-day extension if the Plan is unable to comply with the 60- day deadline (provided that the Plan notifies you in writing in advance of the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan will provide the requested information).

If the Plan denied your request in whole or part, the Plan must provide you with a written denial that explains the basis for the decision. You or your personal representative may then submit a written statement disagreeing with the denial and have that statement included with any future disclosures of your PHI. You should make your request to amend PHI to the Privacy Officer at their address listed on the first page of this Notice.

You or your personal representative may be required to complete a form to request amendment of your PHI. Forms are available from the Privacy Officer at their address listed on the first page of this Notice.

You Have the Right to Receive an Accounting of the Plan's PHI Disclosures

At your request, the Plan will also provide you with an accounting of disclosures by the Plan of your PHI during the six years (or shorter period if requested) before the date of your request. The Plan will not provide you with an accounting of disclosures related to treatment, payment, or health care operations, or disclosures made to you or authorized by you in writing.

The Plan has 60 days after its receipt of your request to provide the accounting. The Plan is allowed an additional 30 days if the Plan gives you a written statement of the reasons for the delay and the date by which the accounting will be provided. If you request more than one accounting within a 12-month period, the Plan may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for each subsequent accounting.

You have the Right to Request that PHI be Transmitted to You Confidentially

The Plan will permit and accommodate your reasonable request to have PHI sent to you by alternative means or to an alternative location (such as mailing PHI to a different address or allowing you to personally pick up the PHI that would otherwise be mailed), if you provide a written request to the Plan that the disclosure of PHI to your usual location could endanger you. If you believe you have this situation, you should contact the Plan's Privacy Officer to discuss your request for confidential PHI transmission.

You Have the Right to Receive a Paper or Electronic Copy of This Notice Upon Request

To obtain a paper or electronic copy of this Notice, contact the Plan's Privacy Officer at their address listed on the first page of this Notice. This right applies even if you have agreed to receive the Notice electronically.

Breach Notification

If a breach of your unsecured protected health information occurs, the Plan will notify you.

Your Personal Representative

You may exercise your rights to your PHI by designating a personal representative. Your personal representative will be required to produce evidence of the authority to act on your behalf **before** the personal representative will be given access to your PHI or be allowed to take any action for you. Under this Plan, proof of such authority will include (1) a completed, signed and approved "Appoint a Personal Representative" form; (2) a notarized power of attorney for health care purposes; (3) a court- appointed

conservator or guardian; or (4) for a Spouse under this Plan, the absence of a Revoke a Personal Representative form. You may obtain this "Appoint a Personal Representative" form by contacting the Privacy Officer at their address listed on the first page of this Notice.

The Plan retains discretion to deny access to your PHI to a personal representative to provide protection to those vulnerable people who depend on others to exercise their rights under these rules and who may be subject to abuse or neglect.

> This Plan will recognize certain individuals (spouses) as Personal Representatives **without** you having to complete an "Appoint a Personal Representative" form. This means that **the Plan will automatically consider a Spouse to be the personal representative of an employee/retiree and vice versa.** The recognition of your Spouse as your personal representative (and vice versa) is for the use and disclosure of PHI related to treatment, payment and health care operations purposes under this Plan and is not intended to expand such designation beyond what is necessary for this Plan to comply with HIPAA privacy regulations.
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> You may however request that the Plan **not automatically** honor the spouse as your Personal Representative by completing a form to "**Revoke a Personal Representative**" available from the Privacy Officer or on the District's benefits website. For ease, attached to this Notice is a form to Revoke a Personal Representative that you may complete and return to the appropriate Privacy Officer listed at the beginning of this Notice.

Because this law gives adults certain rights (and generally children age 18 and older are adults), if you have **dependent children age 18 and older** (e.g. students) covered under the Plan, and the child wants you, as the parent(s), to be able to access their protected health information, that child will need to complete a Personal Representative form to designate you and/or your spouse as their personal representative.

The Plan will consider a parent, guardian, or other person acting *in loco parentis* as the personal representative of an unemancipated minor (a child generally under age 18) unless the applicable law requires otherwise. **In loco parentis** may be further defined by state law, but in general it refers to a person who has been treated as a parent by the child and who has formed a meaningful parental relationship with the child for a substantial period of time.

Spouses and unemancipated minors may, however, request that the Plan restrict PHI that goes to family members as described above under the section titled "Your Individual Privacy Rights."

The Plan's Duties

The Plan is required by law to maintain the privacy of your PHI and to provide you and your eligible dependents with Notice of its legal duties and privacy practices. The Plan is required to comply with the terms of this Notice. However, the Plan reserves the right to change its privacy practices and the terms of this Notice and to apply the changes to any PHI maintained by the Plan.

Notice Distribution: The Notice will be provided to each person when they initially enroll for benefits in the Plan. The Notice is also available on the Plan's website at: Phoenix Elementary School District #1 | Benefits Documentation (phxschools.org). The Notice will also be provided upon request. Once every three years the Plan will notify the individuals then covered by the Plan where to obtain a copy of the Notice. This Plan will satisfy the requirements of the HIPAA regulation by providing the Notice to the named insured (covered employee) of the Plan; however, employees are encouraged to share this Notice with other family members covered under the Plan.

Notice Revisions: If a privacy practice of this Plan is changed affecting this Notice, a revised version of this Notice will be provided to you and all participants covered by the Plan at the time of the change. Any revised version of the Notice will be distributed within 60 days of the effective date of a material change to the uses and disclosures of PHI, your individual rights, the duties of the Plan or other privacy practices stated in this Notice. Material changes are changes to the uses and disclosures of PHI, an individual's rights, the duties of the Plan or other privacy practices stated in the Privacy Notice. Because our health plan posts its Notice on its web site, we will prominently post the revised Notice on that web site by the effective date of the material change to the Notice. We will also provide the revised notice, or information about the material change and how to obtain the revised Notice, in our next annual mailing to individuals covered by the Plan.

Disclosing Only the Minimum Necessary Protected Health Information

When using or disclosing PHI **or** when requesting PHI from another covered entity, the Plan will make reasonable efforts not to use, disclose or request more than the minimum amount of PHI necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure or

request, taking into consideration practical and technological limitations.

The Plan may share PHI with the Plan Sponsor for limited administrative purposes, such as determining claims and appeals, performing quality assurance functions and auditing and monitoring the Plan. The Plan shares the minimum information necessary to accomplish these purposes.

Your Right to File a Complaint

If you believe that your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Plan in care of the Plan's Privacy Officer, at the address listed on the first page of this Notice. Neither your employer nor the Plan will retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

You may also file a complaint (within 180 days of the date you know or should have known about an act or omission) with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by contacting the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services 90 Seventh St., Suite 4-100 San Francisco, CA 94103 phone: (415) 437-8310 or (415) 437-8311 (TDD) or fax: (415) 437-8329 or this website: http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/index.html or contact the Plan's Privacy Officer for more information about how to file a complaint.

If You Need More Information

If you have any questions regarding this Notice or the subjects addressed in it, you may contact the Plan's Privacy Officer at the address listed at the beginning of this Notice.

MEDICARE PART D NOTICE
Important Notice from Phoenix Elementary School District #1 about Prescription Drug Coverage for People with Medicare

This notice is for people with Medicare.
Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it.

This Notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Phoenix Elementary School District #1 and the prescription drug coverage available for people with Medicare. It also explains the options you have under Medicare's prescription drug coverage and can help you decide whether or not you want to enroll in that Medicare prescription drug coverage.

At the end of this notice is information on where you can get help to make a decision about Medicare's prescription drug coverage.

If you and/or your family members are not now eligible for Medicare, and will not be eligible during the next 12 months, you may disregard this Notice.

If, however, you and/or your family members are now eligible for Medicare or may become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, you should read this Notice very carefully.

This announcement is required by law whether the group health plan's coverage is primary or secondary to Medicare. Because it is not possible for our Plan to always know when a Plan participant or their eligible spouse or children have Medicare coverage or will soon become eligible for Medicare, we have decided to provide this Notice to all plan participants.

Prescription drug coverage for Medicare-eligible people is available through Medicare prescription drug plans (PDPs) and Medicare Advantage Plans (like an HMO or PPO) that offer prescription drug coverage. All Medicare prescription drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more drug coverage for a higher monthly premium.

Phoenix Elementary School District #1 has determined that the prescription drug coverage is "creditable" under the following medical plan options: the Choice Plus Buy-up Plan, the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) and the Doctor's Plan.

"Creditable" means that the value of this Plan's prescription drug benefit is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as or more than the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay.

Because the plan option(s) noted above are, on average, at least as good as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage, **you can elect or keep prescription drug coverage under the Choice Plus Buy-up Plan, the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) and the Doctor's Plan and you will not pay extra if you later decide to enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage.** You may enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage at a later time, and because you maintain creditable coverage, you will not have to pay a higher premium (a late enrollment fee penalty).

REMEMBER TO KEEP THIS NOTICE

If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

WHEN CAN YOU JOIN A MEDICARE DRUG PLAN?

Medicare-eligible people can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan at one of the following 3 times:

- when they first become eligible for Medicare; or
- during Medicare's annual election period (from October 15th through December 7th); or
- for beneficiaries leaving employer/union coverage, you may be eligible for a two-month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) in which to sign up for a Medicare prescription drug plan.

When you make your decision whether to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you should also compare your current prescription drug coverage, (including which drugs are covered and at what cost) with the coverage and cost of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area.

YOUR RIGHT TO RECEIVE A NOTICE

You will receive this notice at least every 12 months and at other times in the future such as if the creditable/non- creditable status of the prescription drug coverage through this plan changes. You may also request a copy of a Notice at any time.

WHY CREDITABLE COVERAGE IS IMPORTANT (When you will pay a higher premium (penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan)

If you do not have creditable prescription drug coverage when you are first eligible to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan and you elect or continue prescription drug coverage under a **non-creditable** prescription drug plan, then at a later date when you decide to elect Medicare prescription drug coverage you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) for that Medicare prescription drug coverage for as long as you have that Medicare coverage.

Maintaining creditable prescription drug coverage will help you avoid Medicare's late enrollment penalty. This **late enrollment penalty** is described below:

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage (meaning drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare's prescription drug coverage), your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have either Medicare prescription drug coverage or coverage under a creditable prescription drug plan. You may have to pay this higher premium (the penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage.

For example, if 19 months pass where you do not have creditable prescription drug coverage, when you decide to join Medicare's drug coverage your monthly premium will always be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. Additionally, if you go 63 days or longer without prescription drug coverage you may also have to wait until the next Medicare open enrollment period in order to enroll for Medicare prescription drug coverage.

WHAT ARE MY CHOICES?

You can choose any **one** of the following options:

Your Choices:	What you can do:	What this option means to you:
Option 1	You can select or keep your current medical and prescription drug coverage with the Choice Plus Buy-up Plan, the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) and the Doctor's Plan and **<u>you do not have to enroll</u> in a Medicare prescription drug plan.**	You will continue to be able to use your prescription drug benefits through Phoenix Elementary School District #1. You may, in the future, enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan during Medicare's annual enrollment period (during October 15th - December 7th of each year). As long as you are enrolled in creditable drug coverage you will not have to pay a higher premium (a late enrollment fee) to Medicare when you do choose, at a later date, to sign up for a Medicare prescription drug plan.
Option 2	You can select or keep your current medical and prescription drug coverage with the Choice Plus Buy-up Plan, the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) and the Doctor's Plan **<u>and also enroll</u> in a Medicare prescription drug plan.** If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan you will need to pay the Medicare Part D premium out of your own pocket.	Your current coverage pays for other health expenses in addition to prescription drugs. If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you and your eligible dependents will still be eligible to receive all of your current health and prescription drug benefits. Having dual prescription drug coverage under this Plan and Medicare means that you will still be able to receive all your current health coverage and this Plan will coordinate its drug payments with Medicare, as follows: • for Medicare eligible Retirees and their Medicare eligible Dependents, Medicare Part D coverage pays primary and this group health plan pays secondary. • for Medicare eligible Active Employees and their Medicare eligible Dependents, this group health plan pays primary and Medicare Part D coverage pays secondary. Note that you may not drop just the prescription drug coverage under the Choice Plus Buy-up Plan, the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) and the Doctor's Plan. That is because prescription drug coverage is part of the entire medical plan. Generally, you may only drop your current medical and prescription drug coverage with the District at this Plan's Open Enrollment period. Note that each Medicare prescription drug plan (PDP) may differ. Compare coverage, such as: PDPs may have different premium amounts; PDPs cover different brand name drugs at different costs to you; PDPs may have different prescription drug deductibles and different drug copayments; PDPs may have different networks for retail pharmacies and mail order services.
IMPORTANT NOTE: **If you are enrolled in the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) with the Health Savings Account (HSA) you may not continue to make contributions to your HSA once you are enrolled in Medicare including being enrolled in a Medicare Part D drug plan.**		

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS UNDER MEDICARE'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is available in the "Medicare & You" handbook. A person enrolled in Medicare (a "beneficiary") will get a copy of this handbook in the mail each year from Medicare. A Medicare beneficiary may also be contacted directly by Medicare-approved prescription drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

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

Para más información sobre sus opciones bajo la cobertura de Medicare para recetas médicas.

Revise el manual "Medicare Y Usted" para información más detallada sobre los planes de Medicare que ofrecen cobertura para recetas médicas. Visite www.medicare.gov por el Internet o llame GRATIS al 1 800 MEDICARE (1- 800-633-4227). Los usuarios con teléfono de texto (TTY) deben llamar al 1-877-486-2048. Para más información sobre la ayuda adicional, visite la SSA en línea en www.socialsecurity.gov por Internet, o llámeles al 1-800-772-1213 (Los usuarios con teléfono de texto (TTY) deberán llamar al 1-800-325-0778).

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

For more information about this notice or your current prescription drug coverage contact:

Phoenix Elementary School District #1
Attention: Benefits and Wellness Supervisor
1817 N. 7th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85006
602-257-6075

As in all cases, the District and UHC reserve the right to modify benefits at any time, in accordance with applicable law. This document is intended to serve as your Medicare Notice of Creditable Coverage, as required by law.

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 October 15, 2021. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp Phone: 916-445-8322 Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov
ALASKA – Medicaid	**COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)**
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	Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	**FLORIDA – Medicaid**
Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/index.html Phone: 1-877-357-3268
GEORGIA – Medicaid	**MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP**
Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp Phone: 678-564-1162 ext 2131	Website: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-premium-assistance-pa Phone: 1-800-862-4840

INDIANA – Medicaid	MINNESOTA – Medicaid
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	Website: http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/medical-assistance.jsp 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
IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)	**MISSOURI – 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: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005
KANSAS – Medicaid	**MONTANA – Medicaid**
Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Phone: 1-800-792-4884	Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	**NEBRASKA – 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: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: 1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 402-473-7000 Omaha: 402-595-1178
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	**NEVADA – Medicaid**
Website: www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)	Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
MAINE – Medicaid	**NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid**
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.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext. 5218

NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	SOUTH DAKOTA - 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: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059
NEW YORK – Medicaid	**TEXAS – Medicaid**
Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831	Website: http://gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	**UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP**
Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ Phone: 919-855-4100	Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/ CHIP Website: http://health.utah.gov/chip Phone: 1-877-543-7669
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	**VERMONT– Medicaid**
Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-844-854-4825	Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP	**VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP**
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Website: https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
OREGON – Medicaid	**WASHINGTON – Medicaid**
Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html Phone: 1-800-699-9075	Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	**WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid**
Website: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx Phone: 1-800-692-7462	Website: http://mywvhipp.com/ Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP	**WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP**
Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)	Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	**WYOMING – Medicaid**
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	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 October 15, 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

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New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

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PART A: General Information

When key parts of the health care law take effect in 2014, there will be a new way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the new Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by your employer.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins in October 2013 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2014.

Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that doesn't meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you're eligible for depends on your household income.

Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.5% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.[1]

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, then you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution -as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage- is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description or contact _____.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit HealthCare.gov for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

[1] An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs.

PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

3. Employer name		4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
5. Employer address		6. Employer phone number
7. City	8. State	9. ZIP code
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job?		
11. Phone number (if different from above)	12. Email address	

Here is some basic information about health coverage offered by this employer:

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to:

☐ All employees. Eligible employees are:

☐ Some employees. Eligible employees are:

- With respect to dependents:

☐ We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:

☐ We do not offer coverage.

☐ If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.

** Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.

If you decide to shop for coverage in the Marketplace, HealthCare.gov will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit HealthCare.gov to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

The information below corresponds to the Marketplace Employer Coverage Tool. Completing this section is optional for employers, but will help ensure employees understand their coverage choices.

13. **Is the employee currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will the employee be eligible in the next 3 months?**

☐ **Yes** (Continue)
13a. If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probationary period, when is the employee eligible for coverage?_____ (mm/dd/yyyy) (Continue)
☐ **No** (STOP and return this form to employee)

14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*?
☐ Yes (Go to question 15) ☐ No (STOP and return form to employee)

15. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* **offered only to the employee** (don't include family plans): If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/ she received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and didn't receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.
a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? $_____
b. How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly

If the plan year will end soon and you know that the health plans offered will change, go to question 16. If you don't know, STOP and return form to employee.

16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year?_____
☐ Employer won't offer health coverage
☐ Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.* (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)
a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? $_____
b. How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly

• An employer–sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)