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Mandatory Notices

The federal government requires the following notices to be provided to you.

- HIPAA Privacy Notice
- HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights
- Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA)
- Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage - Part D
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA)
- Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Waiver Rights

HIPAA Privacy Notice

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) governs how group health plans and other "covered entities" use and disclose "protected health information." CIS is considered a covered entity and is therefore required to notify you of how your protected health information is allowed to be used and your rights related to that information. **The Notice is available on CIS' website at www.cisbenefits.org.**

HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights

The HIPAA legislation also included a "Special Enrollment Rights" provision. Employees who decline to participate in a group health plan may enroll themselves and their dependents within 30 days of these events:

- Losing coverage provided through a group health plan or health insurance, whether coverage is canceled due to job loss, disability, divorce, or death
- Marriage, birth, adoption, or the placement of a child for adoption

Employees have 30 days from the date of the event – the job loss, marriage, birth or placement – to request enrollment in the plan.

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA)

WHCRA includes important protections for breast cancer patients who choose to have breast reconstruction in connection with a mastectomy. The coverage outlined below is included in your medical plan:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.

- Prothesis and treatment of physical complications of all stages of Mastectomy, including lymphedemas; and
- Inpatient care related to the Mastectomy and post-Mastectomy services.

The attending physician and the patient will determine together the manner of treatment. All coverage is subject to any deductibles, copayments, and/or coinsurance according to the provisions of your medical insurance benefits and federal requirements. Please see your benefits booklet for additional information.

Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage - Part D

See the "Important Notice About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare" notice below. When prescription drug coverage was added to Medicare ("Part D"), it was mandated that employees be told whether their employer's medical coverage is "creditable" or "non-creditable." Creditable means it is, on average, as good as the standard Medicare Part D coverage. Noncreditable means it is not, on average, as good.

For most active employees and some retirees, this notice doesn't apply because you are not yet covered by Medicare. However, **for those who are covered by Medicare or have a dependent covered by Medicare, this information is very important.**

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

See attached "Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)" Notice. The Notice is required to inform employees of the opportunities that "currently exist" for premium assistance under Medicaid and CHIP for coverage for employees or dependents.

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) – Special Enrollment Rights

Employees who experience either of the following events have 60 days to enroll in group coverage through their employer.

- The termination of an individual's Medicaid or CHIP coverage due to a loss of eligibility; or
- The individual becomes eligible for a premium assistance subsidy through Medicaid or CHIP.

Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Waiver Rights

Employees (including former employees) eligible for reimbursement of medical expenses under a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) can elect each year, and upon termination of employment, to opt-out of and waive future reimbursements from the HRA. This opt-out right is required because the benefits provided by the HRA generally constitutes employer-provided health coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Therefore, this will disqualify the individual from eligibility for a premium tax credit for an insurance policy purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Important Notice from CIS About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and 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 your employer's medical plan and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare.

You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

2. Regence BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS) and Kaiser have determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by your employer is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15 to December 7.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What Happens to Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, you can continue your Regence BCBS medical coverage and benefits will coordinate with Part D coverage.

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your Regence BCBS medical coverage, be aware that if you are an active employee you and your dependents **will not** be able to re- enroll until the next open enrollment period. If you are a retiree, you **will not** be able to get this coverage back.

<u>If you are enrolled on a Kaiser medical plan, you are not eligible to enroll in Medicare Part D because of Kaiser's arrangement with Medicare.</u> Doing so will cause your active Kaiser coverage to be terminated.

When Will You Pay a Higher Premium (Penalty) to Join a Medicare Drug Plan?
If you drop or lose your current coverage with your employer and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable 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 that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For More Information About This Notice or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage…
Contact the organization listed below for further information. **NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through your employer changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage…
More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit www.medicare.gov
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of 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.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage 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).

Date: October 3, 2022
Name of Entity/Sender: CIS Benefits
Address: 15875 Boones Ferry Rd #1469 Lake Oswego, OR 97035
Phone Number: 1-800-922-2684 (within Oregon) or 503-763-3800 (Wlsonville)

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	CALIFORNIA Medicaid
Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program https://dhcs.ca.hov/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.asp x	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)	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: 1-800-657-3739	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
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: (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: https://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 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 ext. 15473

PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm 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/publications/p1/p10095.pdf 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 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