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Continuation Coverage Rights Under COBRA

Introduction

You're getting this notice because you recently gained coverage under a group health plan (the Plan). This notice has important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. **This notice explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to get it.** When you become eligible for COBRA, you may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage.

The right to COBRA continuation coverage was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you and other members of your family when group health coverage would otherwise end. For more information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should review the Plan's Summary Plan Description or contact the Plan Administrator.

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

What is COBRA continuation coverage?

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

If you're an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

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

If you're the spouse of an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

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

- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

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

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

When is COBRA continuation coverage available?

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. The employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the following qualifying events:

- The end of employment or reduction of hours of employment;
- Death of the employee;
- The employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both).

For all other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs. You must provide this notice to:

Barbara Estes
217 S. Third St.
Danville, KY 40422

How is COBRA continuation coverage provided?

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

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage that generally lasts for 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.

There are also ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended:

Disability extension of 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage

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

Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage

If your family experiences another qualifying event during the 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if the Plan is properly notified about the second qualifying event. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children getting COBRA continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies; becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); gets divorced or legally separated; or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child. This extension is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

Are there other coverage options besides COBRA Continuation Coverage?

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

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

In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the Medicare initial enrollment period, you have an 8-month special enrollment period¹ to sign up for Medicare Part A or B, beginning on the earlier of

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

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

¹ <https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/how-do-i-get-parts-a-b/part-a-part-b-sign-up-periods>.

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

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

If you have questions

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

Keep your Plan informed of address changes

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

Plan contact information

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217 S. Third St.
Danville, KY 40422

Modelo de aviso general de los derechos de la cobertura de continuación de COBRA

(para que usen los planes de salud grupales de un solo empleador)

****Derechos de la cobertura de continuación conforme a la ley COBRA****

Introducción

Le enviamos este aviso porque recientemente obtuvo la cobertura de un plan de salud grupal (el Plan). Este aviso contiene información importante acerca de su derecho a recibir la cobertura de continuación de COBRA, que es una extensión temporal de la cobertura del Plan. **Este aviso explica la cobertura de continuación de COBRA, el momento en el que usted y su familia pueden recibirla, y lo que usted puede hacer para proteger su derecho a obtenerla.** Al ser elegible para la cobertura de COBRA, también puede ser elegible para otras opciones que pueden costarle menos que la cobertura de continuación de COBRA.

El derecho a recibir la cobertura de continuación de COBRA se originó gracias a una ley federal, la Ley Ómnibus Consolidada de Reconciliación Presupuestaria (COBRA, por sus siglas en inglés) de 1985. Usted y otros familiares suyos pueden disponer de la cobertura de continuación de COBRA cuando se termine la cobertura de salud grupal. Para obtener más información acerca de sus derechos y obligaciones conforme al Plan y a la ley federal, debe revisar el resumen de la descripción del Plan o comunicarse con el administrador del Plan.

Al perder la cobertura de salud grupal, puede haber otras opciones disponibles. Por ejemplo, puede ser elegible para comprar un plan individual a través del mercado de seguros médicos. Al inscribirse en la cobertura a través del mercado de seguros médicos, puede cumplir con los requisitos para tener menores costos en las primas mensuales y gastos propios más bajos. Asimismo, puede tener derecho a un período de inscripción especial de 30 días en otro plan de salud grupal para el cual sea elegible (como un plan del cónyuge), aunque ese plan generalmente no acepte afiliados de último momento.

¿Qué es la cobertura de continuación de COBRA?

La cobertura de continuación de COBRA es la continuación de la cobertura del Plan cuando esta debería terminar debido a un evento determinado de la vida. Este acontecimiento también se conoce como “evento específico”. Los eventos específicos se incluyen más abajo en este aviso. Después de un evento específico, la cobertura de continuación de COBRA debe ofrecerse a cada persona considerada un “beneficiario que cumple con los requisitos”. Usted, su cónyuge y sus hijos dependientes podrían convertirse en beneficiarios que cumplan con los requisitos si la cobertura del Plan se pierde debido al evento específico. Según el Plan, los beneficiarios que cumplan con los requisitos y que elijan la cobertura de continuación de COBRA debe pagar la cobertura de continuación de COBRA.

Si usted es un empleado, se convertirá en un beneficiario que cumple con los requisitos si pierde la cobertura del Plan debido a estos eventos específicos:

- sus horas de empleo se reducen; o
- su empleo termina por un motivo que no sea una falta grave de su parte.

Si usted es el cónyuge del empleado, se convertirá en un beneficiario que cumple con los requisitos si pierde la cobertura del Plan debido a estos eventos específicos:

- su cónyuge muere;
- las horas de empleo de su cónyuge se reducen;
- el empleo de su cónyuge termina por un motivo que no sea una falta grave por parte de su cónyuge;
- su cónyuge adquiere el derecho a recibir los beneficios de Medicare (Parte A, Parte B o ambas); o
- se divorcia o se separa legalmente de su cónyuge.

Sus hijos dependientes se convertirán en beneficiarios que cumplen con los requisitos si pierden la cobertura del Plan debido a estos eventos específicos:

- el empleado cubierto muere;
- las horas de empleo del empleado cubierto se reducen;
- el empleo del empleado cubierto termina por un motivo que no sea una falta grave por parte del empleado cubierto;
- el empleado cubierto adquiere el derecho a recibir los beneficios de Medicare (Parte A, Parte B o ambas);
- los padres se divorcian o se separan legalmente; o el hijo deja de ser elegible para la cobertura del Plan como “hijo dependiente”.

¿Cuándo está disponible la cobertura de continuación de COBRA?

El Plan ofrecerá la cobertura de continuación de COBRA a los beneficiarios que cumplan con los requisitos solamente después de que se le informe al administrador del Plan que ha ocurrido un evento específico. El empleador debe notificar los siguientes eventos habilitantes al administrador del Plan:

- la terminación del empleo o la reducción de las horas de empleo;
- la muerte del empleado;
- el hecho de que el empleado adquiriera el derecho a recibir los beneficios de Medicare (Parte A, Parte B o ambas).

Para todos los otros eventos específicos (divorcio o separación legal del empleado y el cónyuge, o hijo dependiente que pierde la elegibilidad para la cobertura como hijo dependiente), debe avisarle al administrador del Plan en los 60 días posteriores a que se produzca el evento habilitante. Debe proporcionarle este aviso a:

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Danville, KY 40422

¿Cómo se proporciona la cobertura de continuación de COBRA?

Después de que el administrador del Plan recibe el aviso de que se ha producido un evento específico, la cobertura de continuación de COBRA se ofrecerá a cada uno de los beneficiarios que cumplan con los requisitos. Cada beneficiario que cumpla con los requisitos tendrá su propio derecho a elegir la cobertura de continuación de COBRA. Los empleados cubiertos pueden elegir la cobertura de continuación de COBRA en nombre de su cónyuge y los padres pueden elegir la cobertura de continuación de COBRA en nombre de sus hijos.

La cobertura de continuación de COBRA es la continuación temporal de la cobertura debido a la terminación del empleo o a la reducción de las horas de trabajo, y en general dura 18 meses. Determinados eventos específicos, o un segundo evento específico durante el período inicial de cobertura, pueden permitir que el beneficiario reciba un máximo de 36 meses de cobertura.

También hay otros motivos por los cuales este período de 18 meses de la cobertura de continuación de COBRA puede prolongarse:

Extensión por discapacidad del período de 18 meses de la cobertura de continuación de COBRA

Si el Seguro Social determina que usted o alguien de su familia que esté cubierto por el Plan tiene una discapacidad y usted le avisa al respecto al administrador del Plan en el plazo correspondiente, usted y toda su familia pueden recibir una extensión adicional de hasta 11 meses de cobertura de continuación de COBRA, por un máximo de 29 meses. La discapacidad debe haber comenzado en algún momento antes de los 60 días de la cobertura de continuación de COBRA y debe durar al menos hasta el final del período de 18 meses de la cobertura de continuación de COBRA.

Extensión por un segundo evento específico del período de 18 meses de la cobertura de continuación de COBRA

Si su familia sufre otro evento específico durante los 18 meses de la cobertura de continuación de COBRA, su cónyuge y sus hijos dependientes pueden recibir hasta 18 meses adicionales de cobertura de continuación de COBRA, por un máximo de 36 meses, si se le avisa al Plan como corresponde acerca del segundo evento específico. Esta extensión puede estar disponible para el cónyuge y cualquier hijo dependiente que reciba la cobertura de continuación de COBRA en el caso de que el empleado o ex empleado muera, adquiera el derecho a recibir los beneficios de Medicare (Parte A, Parte B o ambas), se divorcie o se separe legalmente, o si el hijo dependiente deja de ser elegible en el Plan como hijo dependiente. Esta extensión solo está disponible en el caso de que el segundo evento específico hubiese hecho que el cónyuge o el hijo dependiente pierda la cobertura del Plan si no se hubiese producido el primer evento específico.

¿Hay otras opciones de cobertura además de la cobertura de continuación de COBRA?

Sí. En lugar de inscribirse en la cobertura de continuación de COBRA, puede haber otras opciones de cobertura para usted y su familia a través del mercado de seguros médicos, Medicaid u otras opciones de un plan de salud grupal (por ejemplo, el plan de su cónyuge) mediante lo que se denomina un “período de inscripción especial”. Es posible que algunas de estas opciones cuesten menos que la cobertura de continuación de COBRA. Puede encontrar más información sobre muchas de estas opciones en www.cuidadodesalud.gov.

¿Puedo inscribirme en Medicare, en caso de ser elegible, después de que finalice la cobertura de mi plan de salud colectivo?

En general, después del período de inscripción inicial, hay un período de inscripción especial de 8 meses^[1] para inscribirse en Medicare Parte A o B, que comienza cuando ocurre lo primero de lo siguiente:

- El mes posterior a la finalización del empleo.

^[1]www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/how-do-i-get-parts-a-b/part-a-part-b-sign-up-period.

- El mes posterior a la finalización de la cobertura del plan de salud colectivo basada en el empleo actual.

Si elige la Ley Ómnibus Consolidada de Reconciliación Presupuestaria (COBRA) y desea inscribirse en Medicare Parte B después de que finalice su cobertura de continuación, es posible que tenga que pagar una penalidad por inscripción tardía. Si se inscribe inicialmente en Medicare Parte A o B después de elegir la cobertura de continuación COBRA, el plan puede terminar su cobertura de continuación (sin embargo, si Medicare Parte A o B entra en vigencia en la fecha de la elección de COBRA o antes de esta fecha, la cobertura de COBRA no se puede descontinuar debido al derecho a Medicare, incluso si la persona se inscribe en la otra parte de Medicare después de la fecha de la elección de la cobertura de COBRA).

Si está inscrito tanto en COBRA como en Medicare, Medicare será generalmente el pagador principal. Es posible que algunos planes “disminuyan” el monto que Medicare pagaría en caso de ser el pagador principal, incluso si usted no está inscrito.

Para obtener más información, visite www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you

Si tiene preguntas

Las preguntas acerca de su Plan o de sus derechos a recibir la cobertura de continuación de COBRA deben enviarse al contacto o los contactos identificados abajo. Para obtener más información sobre sus derechos según la Ley de Seguridad de los Ingresos de Jubilación de los Empleados (ERISA, por sus siglas en inglés), incluida la ley COBRA, la Ley de Atención Médica (de bajo costo) y la Protección al Paciente, y otras leyes que afectan a los planes de salud grupales, comuníquese con la oficina regional o de distrito más cercana de la Administración de Seguridad de Beneficios para Empleados (EBSA, por sus siglas en inglés) del Departamento de Trabajo de Estados Unidos en su área, o visite www.dol.gov/ebsa. (Las direcciones y los números de teléfono de las oficinas regionales y de distrito de EBSA están disponibles en el sitio web de EBSA). Para obtener más información acerca del mercado de seguros médicos, visite www.cuidadodesalud.gov.

Informe a su plan si cambia de dirección

Para proteger los derechos de su familia, informe al administrador del Plan sobre cualquier cambio en las direcciones de sus familiares. También debe conservar una copia, para su registro, de todos los avisos que le envíe al administrador del Plan.

Información de contacto del Plan

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Danville, KY 40422

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

The United States Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division

Leave Entitlements

Eligible employees who work for a covered employer can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period for the following reasons:

- The birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care;
- To bond with a child (leave must be taken within 1 year of the child's birth or placement);
- To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a qualifying serious health condition;
- For the employee's own qualifying serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job;
- For qualifying exigencies related to the foreign deployment of a military member who is the employee's spouse, child, or parent.

An eligible employee who is a covered servicemember's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin may also take up to 26 weeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember with a serious injury or illness.

An employee does not need to use leave in one block. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, employees may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule.

Employees may choose, or an employer may require, use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. If an employee substitutes accrued paid leave for FMLA leave, the employee must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

Benefits & Protections

While employees are on FMLA leave, employers must continue health insurance coverage as if the employees were not on leave.

Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to the same job or one nearly identical to it with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms and conditions.

An employer may not interfere with an individual's FMLA rights or retaliate against someone for using or trying to use FMLA leave, opposing any practice made unlawful by the FMLA, or being involved in any proceeding under or related to the FMLA.

Eligibility Requirements

An employee who works for a covered employer must meet three criteria in order to be eligible for FMLA leave. The employee must:

- Have worked for the employer for at least 12 months;
- Have at least 1,250 hours of service in the 12 months before taking leave;* and
- Work at a location where the employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of the employee's worksite.

*Special "hours of service" requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

Requesting Leave

Generally, employees must give 30-days' advance notice of the need for FMLA leave. If it is not possible to give 30-days' notice, an employee must notify the employer as soon as possible and, generally, follow the employer's usual procedures.

Employees do not have to share a medical diagnosis, but must provide enough information to the employer so it can determine if the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. Sufficient information could include informing an employer that the employee is or will be unable to perform his or her job functions, that a family member cannot perform daily activities, or that hospitalization or continuing medical treatment is necessary. Employees must inform the employer if the need for leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.

Employers can require a certification or periodic recertification supporting the need for leave. If the employer determines that the certification is incomplete, it must provide a written notice indicating what additional information is required.

Employer Responsibilities

Once an employer becomes aware that an employee's need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, the employer must notify the employee if he or she is eligible for FMLA leave and, if eligible, must also provide a notice of rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. If the employee is not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for ineligibility.

Employers must notify its employees if leave will be designated as FMLA leave, and if so, how much leave will be designated as FMLA leave.

Enforcement

Employees may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights.

For additional information or to file a complaint:

1-866-4-USWAGE

(1-866-487-9243) TTY: 1-877-889-5627

www.dol.gov/whd

U.S. Department of Labor | Wage and Hour Division

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) Disclosures

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (“GINA”) protects employees against discrimination based on their genetic information. Unless otherwise permitted, your Employer may not request or require any genetic information from you or your family members.

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) prohibits employers and other entities covered by GINA Title II from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by this law. To comply with this law, we are asking that you not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. “Genetic information,” as defined by GINA, includes an individual’s family medical history, the results of an individual’s or family member’s genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individual’s family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual’s family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services.

Health Insurance Exchange Notice

For Employers Who Offer a Health Plan to Some or All Employees

New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

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.

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.

How Can I Get More Information?

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

Barbara Estes
217 S. Third St.
Danville, KY 40422

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.

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 Ephraim McDowell Health	4. Employer Identification Number (EIN) 61-0492356	
5. Employer address 217 S. Third St.	6. Employer phone number (859)239-5870	
7. City Danville	8. State KY	9. ZIP code 40422
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? Barbara Estes		
11. Phone number (859)239-3452	12. Email address bjestes@emhealth.org	

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

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to:
 - Some employees. Eligible employees are: All full time employees scheduled to work 36 hours weekly and those that qualify under ACA (work an average of 30 hours per week)
- With respect to dependents:
 - We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are: Lawful spouses or dependent children up to age 26 regardless of student and/or marital status
 - 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.

Note: 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.

Aviso de Intercambio de Seguros de Salud

Para los empleadores que ofrecen un plan de salud a algunos o a todos los empleados

Nuevas opciones de cobertura en el mercado de seguros médicos y su cobertura médica

PARTE A: Información general

Cuando entren en vigencia las partes clave de la ley de salud en el 2014, habrá una nueva forma de adquirir seguros médicos: a través del mercado de seguros médicos. A fin de ayudarlo mientras evalúa las opciones para usted y su familia, este aviso brinda información básica sobre el nuevo mercado y la cobertura médica basada en el empleo que brinda su empleador.

¿Qué es el mercado de seguros médicos?

El mercado está diseñado para ayudarlo a encontrar un seguro médico que satisfaga sus necesidades y se ajuste a su presupuesto. El mercado ofrece opciones de compra en un solo sitio, para buscar y comparar opciones de seguros médicos privados. También es posible que sea elegible para un nuevo tipo de crédito tributario que reduce su prima mensual de inmediato. El periodo de inscripción para la cobertura de seguro médico a través del mercado comienza en octubre del 2013 para la cobertura que comienza el 1.º de enero del 2014.

¿Puedo ahorrar dinero en las primas del seguro médico que ofrece el mercado?

Es posible que tenga la oportunidad de ahorrar dinero y reducir su prima mensual, pero solo si su empleador no ofrece cobertura médica u ofrece una cobertura que no cumple con determinadas normas. Los ahorros en la prima por la cual puede ser elegible dependen de los ingresos de su familia.

¿La cobertura médica del empleador afecta la elegibilidad para los ahorros en la prima a través del mercado?

Sí. Si su empleador brinda cobertura médica que cumple con determinadas normas, no será elegible para un crédito tributario a través del mercado y es posible que desee inscribirse en el plan de salud de su empleador. No obstante, es posible que sea elegible para un crédito tributario que reduce la prima mensual o para una reducción en la cuota de los costos si su empleador no brinda cobertura o no brinda cobertura que cumple con determinadas normas. Si el costo del plan de su empleador que le brindaría cobertura a usted (y no, a los demás miembros de la familia) supera el 9.5 % del ingreso anual de su familia, o si la cobertura médica que brinda su empleador no cumple con la norma de "valor mínimo" establecida por la Ley del Cuidado de Salud a Bajo Precio (Affordable Care

Act o ACA, por sus siglas en inglés), es posible que sea elegible para un crédito tributario.*

Nota: Si adquiere un plan de salud a través del mercado en lugar de aceptar la cobertura médica que brinda su empleador, es posible que pierda las contribuciones (si las hay) que el empleador da para la cobertura médica que brinda. Además, las contribuciones del empleador (así como sus las contribuciones como empleado para la cobertura médica que brinda el empleador) a menudo se excluyen del ingreso sujeto impuesto federal y estatal. Los pagos para la cobertura médica a través del mercado se realizan después de impuestos.

¿Cómo puedo obtener más información?

Para obtener más información sobre la cobertura que brinda el empleador, consulte el resumen de la descripción del Plan o comuníquese con:

Barbara Estes, Vice President Human Resources
217 S. Third St.
Danville, KY 40422

El mercado puede ayudarlo a evaluar sus opciones de cobertura, incluida su elegibilidad para la cobertura a través del mercado y sus costos. Visite www.cuidadodesalud.gov para obtener más información, incluida una solicitud en línea de cobertura de seguros médicos e información de contacto para un mercado de seguros médicos en su área.

PARTE B: Información sobre la cobertura médica que brinda su empleador

Esta sección incluye información sobre la cobertura médica que brinda su empleador. Si decide completar una solicitud de cobertura médica en el mercado, deberá brindar esta información. Esta información está enumerada de forma tal que coincida con la solicitud del mercado.

3. Nombre del empleador Barbara Estes	4. Número de identificación del empleador (EIN, por sus siglas en inglés) 61-0492356	
5. Dirección del empleador 217 S. Third St.	6. Número de teléfono del empleador (859)239-5870	
7. Ciudad Danville	8. Estado KY	9. Código postal 40422
10. ¿Con quién podemos comunicarnos en relación con la cobertura médica del empleado en este empleo? Barbara Estes		
11. Número de teléfono (si difiere del que figura arriba) (859)239-3452	12. Dirección de correo electrónico bjestes@emhealth.org	

* Un plan de salud patrocinado por el empleador cumple con la "norma de valor mínimo" si la participación del plan en los costos totales de beneficios permitidos cubiertos por el plan no es inferior al 60 por ciento de dichos costos.

A continuación, encontrará información básica sobre la cobertura médica que brinda este empleador:

- Como su empleador, ofrecemos un plan de salud para los siguientes:
 - Algunos empleados. Los empleados elegibles son: All full time employees scheduled to work 36 hours weekly and those that qualify under ACA (work an average of 30 hours per week)

- En cuanto a los dependientes:
 - Ofrecemos cobertura. Los dependientes elegibles son: Lawful spouses or dependent children up to age 26 regardless of student and/or marital status

Si marca esta opción, esta cobertura médica cumple con la norma de valor mínimo. Asimismo, el costo de la cobertura se pretende que sea asequible para usted según los salarios de los empleados.

Nota: Incluso si el objetivo de su empleador es brindarle cobertura asequible, es posible que sea elegible para obtener un descuento en la prima a través del mercado. El mercado utilizará el ingreso de su grupo familiar, junto con otros factores, para determinar si es elegible para recibir un descuento en la prima. Si, por ejemplo, sus salarios varían de una semana a la otra (tal vez es un empleado por hora o trabaja con comisiones), si fue contratado recientemente a mitad de año o si tiene otras pérdidas de ingreso, aún así es posible que reúna los requisitos para recibir un descuento en la prima.

Medicare Part D Creditable Coverage Notice

Important Notice from Ephraim McDowell Health 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 Ephraim McDowell Health 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. **Ephraim McDowell Health** has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the 2026 Plan Year 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 15th to December 7th.

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, your current **Ephraim McDowell Health** coverage will be affected. Plan participants can keep their prescription drug coverage under the group health plan if they select Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. If they select Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage, the group health plan prescription drug coverage will coordinate with the Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current **Ephraim McDowell Health** coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will not be able to get this coverage back.

When Will You Pay a Higher Premium (Penalty) to Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with **Ephraim McDowell Health** 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 person listed below for further information call **Barbara Estes (859)239-3452**. 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 Ephraim McDowell Health 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: **2/10/26**

Name of Entity/Sender: **Ephraim McDowell Health**

Contact--Position/Office: **Barbara Estes, Vice President Human Resources**

Address: **217 S. Third St., Danville, KY 40422**

Phone Number: **(859)239-3452**

Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) Disclosure

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 generally requires group health plans and health insurance issuers to ensure that financial requirements (such as co-pays and deductibles) and treatment limitations (such as annual visit limits) applicable to mental health or substance use disorder benefits are no more restrictive than the predominant requirements or limitations applied to substantially all medical/surgical benefits. For information regarding the criteria for medical necessity determinations made under the 2026 Plan Year with respect to mental health or substance use disorder benefits, please contact your plan administrator at (859-239-3452).

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act Notice

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills

What is “balance billing” (sometimes called “surprise billing”)?

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

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

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

You're protected from balance billing for:

Emergency services

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

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

When you get services from an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, certain providers there may be out-of-network. In these cases, the most those providers can bill you is your plan's in-network cost-sharing amount. This applies to emergency medicine, anesthesia, pathology, radiology, laboratory, neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These providers **can't** balance bill you and may **not** ask you to give up your protections not to be balance billed.

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

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

1. Ban surprise billing for emergency services.
2. Ban balance billing and out-of-network cost-sharing.

3. Ban out-of-network charges and balance billing for ancillary care. 4. Ban certain other out-of-network charges and balance billing without advance notice. <https://kyvoicesforhealth.org/the-no-surprises-act-what-kentuckians-should-know/>

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

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

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

If you think you've been wrongly billed, contact the No Surprises Help Desk, operated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at 1-800-985-3059.

Visit www.cms.gov/nosurprises/consumers for more information about your rights under federal law.

Notice of Patient Protections

2026 Plan Year generally allows the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact:

Barbara Estes
217 S. Third St.
Danville, KY 40422

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

Notice of Privacy Practices of Ephraim McDowell Health, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan

Effective Date: 02/16/2026

Privacy Official:

Melissa McCraw
217 S. Third St.
Danville, KY 40422
859-239-3459
mmccraw@emhealth.org

Your Information. Your Rights. Our Responsibilities.

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

This Notice describes the legal obligations of Ephraim McDowell Health, Inc. Welfare Benefit Plan (the "Health Plan," "we," "our," "us") and your legal rights regarding certain health information held by the Health Plan under HIPAA. The Health Plan is sponsored by Ephraim McDowell Health, Inc.

Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Get a copy of your health and claims records
- Correct your health and claims records
- Request confidential communication
- Ask us to limit the information we share
- Get a list of those with whom we've shared your information
- Get a copy of this privacy notice
- Choose someone to act for you
- File a complaint if you believe your privacy rights have been violated

Your Choices

You have some choices in the way that we use and share information as we:

- Answer coverage questions from your family and friends
- Provide disaster relief
- Market our services and sell your information

Our Uses and Disclosures

We may use and share your information as we:

- Help manage the health care treatment you receive
- Run our organization
- Pay for your health services
- Administer your health plan
- Help with public health and safety issues
- Do research

- Comply with the law
- Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director
- Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests
- Respond to lawsuits and legal actions

Your Rights

When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

Get a copy of health and claims records

- You may ask to see or get a copy of your health and claims records and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this.
- We will provide a copy or a summary of your health and claims records, usually within 30 days of your request. The Health Plan will work with you to provide the requested information in the form and format you requested; a mutually agreeable alternative form and format; or another form and format permitted by law. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee.
- The Health Plan may deny your request to inspect and copy in certain very limited circumstances. If your request is denied, then your review rights will be explained to you.

Ask us to correct health and claims records

- You can ask us to correct your health and claims records if you think they are incorrect or incomplete. In addition, you must provide a reason that supports your request. Ask us how to do this.
- We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days. You will have the right to file a statement of disagreement. The Health Plan may include a rebuttal statement, and any future disclosures of the disputed information will include your statement and the Health Plan's rebuttal.

Request confidential communications

- You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address.
- We will consider all reasonable requests and must say "yes" if you tell us you would be in danger if we do not.

Ask us to limit what we use or share

- You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations.
- We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say "no" if it would affect your care.

Get a list of those with whom we've shared information

- You can ask for a list (accounting) of certain times we've shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why.
- We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make).
- We'll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.

Get a copy of this privacy notice

You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.

Choose someone to act for you. You have the right to designate one or more persons to act on your behalf as your personal representative to make decisions related to your health care and your health information. The Health Plan may require the personal representative to provide documentation of their authority to make health care decisions on your behalf. For example, we may ask to see a health care power of attorney.

File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated

- You may complain if you feel we have violated your rights by contacting us at:

Melissa McCraw
Privacy Officer
Ephraim McDowell Health
217 S. Third St.
Danville, KY 40422
859-239-3459
mmccraw@emhealth.org

- You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights. Our Privacy Officer can give you the address or you can visit the Office for Civil Rights website at www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/.
- We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

Your Choices

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions.

In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:

- Share health information with your family, close friends, or others involved in payment for your care
- Share health information in a disaster relief situation

If you are unable to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

In these cases we *never* share your health information unless you give us written permission:

- Most uses and sharing of any psychotherapy notes.
- Marketing purposes
- Sale of your information

Our Uses and Disclosures

How do we typically use or share your health information? We typically use or share your health information in the following ways.

Help manage the healthcare treatment you receive. We may use your health information and share it with professionals who are treating you.

Example: A doctor sends us information about your diagnosis and treatment plan so we can arrange additional services.

Run our organization

- We may use and share your health information to run our organization and contact you when necessary.
- However, we will not use genetic information to decide whether we will give you coverage and the price of that coverage. This does not apply to long term care plans.

Example: We use health information about you to develop better services for you.

Pay for your health services. We may use and disclose your health information as we pay for your health services.

Example: We share information about you with your dental plan to coordinate payment for your dental work.

Administer your plan. We may disclose your health information to certain employees of your health plan sponsor for plan administration. These employees are permitted to use or disclose health information only to perform plan administration functions or as otherwise permitted or required by HIPAA, unless you have authorized further disclosures. Health information cannot be used for employment purposes without your specific authorization.

Example: Your company contracts with us to provide a health plan, and we provide your company with certain statistics to explain the premiums we charge.

How else can we use or share your health information?

We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways—usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information, see:

www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html.

Help with public health and safety issues. We may share health information about you for certain situations such as:

- Preventing disease
- Helping with product recalls
- Reporting adverse reactions to medications
- Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence (We will share your health information only if you agree or if it is required or authorized by law)
- Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety

Do research. We may use or share your health information for research, and when required, we will get your written permission prior to using your health information for research.

Comply with the law. We may share information about you if state or federal laws require it. We share health information with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with HIPAA.

Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director

- We may share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.
- We may share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies.

Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests. We may use or share health information about you:

- For workers' compensation claims
- For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official
- With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law
- For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective

services

Respond to lawsuits and legal actions. We may share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

Substance Use Disorder (“SUD”) Treatment Records. Records for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment have special protections under federal law (42 CFR Part 2). If we receive or maintain any information about you from a SUD treatment program that is covered by 42 CFR Part 2 (a “Part 2 Program”) through a general consent you provide to the Part 2 Program to use and disclose the Part 2 Program record for purposes of treatment, payment or healthcare operations, we may use and disclose your Part 2 Program record for treatment, payment and health care operations purposes as described in this Notice.

If we receive or maintain your Part 2 Program record through specific consent you provide to us or another third party, we will use and disclose your Part 2 Program record only as expressly permitted by you in your consent as provided to us.

In no event will we use or disclose your Part 2 Program record or information contained in your Part 2 Program record in any civil, criminal, administrative, or legislative proceedings by any Federal, State, or local authority against you, unless authorized by your consent or the order of a court after it provides you notice of the court order. A court order authorizing use or sharing of the record must be accompanied by a subpoena or other legal requirement compelling disclosure before the requested record is used or shared.

Other uses and disclosures of medical information. In any other situation not described in this Notice, we are required to obtain your written authorization before using or disclosing your health information. If you choose to authorize use or disclosure, you can later revoke that authorization by notifying us in writing of your decision. However, the revocation will not be effective (1) to the extent we took action in reliance on the authorization before receiving the revocation, or (2) if the authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage, other law provides the insurer with the right to contest a claim under the policy or the policy itself.

Our Responsibilities

- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

Changes to the Terms of this Notice

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. If major changes are made to this Notice, then we will either

- Post the revised Notice on our website (if available) and send you a copy in our next annual mailing; or
- We may send you a copy of the revised Notice, or information about the major change and how to obtain the revised Notice, within 60 days of the change.

Noticia de Prácticas de privacidad

Ephraim McDowell Health
217 S. Third St.
Danville, KY 40422

Privacy Official:

Marilyn Peterson, 859-239-2339
217 S. Third St.
Danville, KY 40422

Fecha de vigencia: 01/01/2026

Su información. Sus derechos. Nuestras responsabilidades.

Esta notificación describe cómo puede utilizarse y divulgarse su información médica, y cómo puede acceder usted a esta información. **Revísela con cuidado.**

Sus derechos

Usted cuenta con los siguientes derechos:

- Obtener una copia de su historial médico y de reclamos.
- Corregir en papel o en formato electrónico su historial médico.
- Solicitar comunicación confidencial.
- Pedirnos que limitemos la información que compartimos.
- Recibir una lista de aquellos con quienes hemos compartido su información.
- Obtener una copia de esta notificación de privacidad.
- Elegir a alguien que actúe en su nombre.
- Presentar una queja si considera que se violaron sus derechos de privacidad.

Sus opciones

Tiene algunas opciones con respecto a la manera en que utilizamos y compartimos información cuando:

- Respondemos las preguntas de cobertura de su familia y amigos.
- Proporcionamos alivio en caso de una catástrofe.
- Comercializamos nuestros servicios y vendemos su información.

Nuestros usos y divulgaciones

Podemos utilizar y compartir su información cuando:

- Ayudamos a administrar el tratamiento de atención médica que usted recibe.
- Dirigimos nuestra organización.
- Pagamos por sus servicios médicos.
- Administramos su plan médico.
- Ayudamos con asuntos de seguridad y salud pública.
- Realizamos investigaciones médicas.
- Cumplimos con la ley.
- Respondemos a las solicitudes de donación de órganos y tejidos y trabajamos con un médico forense o director funerario.
- Tratamos la compensación de trabajadores, el cumplimiento de la ley y otras solicitudes gubernamentales.
- Respondemos a demandas y acciones legales.

Sus derechos

Cuando se trata de su información médica, usted tiene ciertos derechos. Esta sección explica sus derechos y algunas de nuestras responsabilidades para ayudarlo.

Recibir una copia de su historial médico y de reclamos

- Puede solicitar que le muestren o le entreguen una copia de su historial médico y reclamos y otra información médica que tengamos de usted. Pregúntenos cómo hacerlo.
- Le entregaremos una copia o un resumen de su historial médico y de reclamos, generalmente dentro de 30 días de su solicitud. Podemos cobrar un cargo razonable en base al costo.

Solicitar que corriamos el historial médico y de reclamos

- Puede solicitar que corriamos su historial médico y de reclamos si piensa que dichos historiales son incorrectos o están incompletos. Pregúntenos cómo hacerlo.
- Podemos decir “no” a su solicitud, pero le daremos una razón por escrito dentro de 60 días.

Solicitar comunicaciones confidenciales

- Puede solicitar que nos comuniquemos con usted de una manera específica (por ejemplo, por teléfono particular o laboral) o que enviemos la correspondencia a una dirección diferente.
- Consideraremos todas las solicitudes razonables y debemos decir “sí” si nos dice que estaría en peligro si no lo hacemos.

Solicitar que limitemos lo que utilizamos o compartimos

- Puede solicitar que no utilicemos ni compartamos determinada información médica para el tratamiento, pago o para nuestras operaciones.
- No estamos obligados a aceptar su solicitud, y podemos decir “no” si esto afectara su atención.

Recibir una lista de aquellos con quienes hemos compartido información

- Puede solicitar una lista (informe) de las veces que hemos compartido su información médica durante los seis años previos a la fecha de su solicitud, con quién la hemos compartido y por qué.
- Incluiremos todas las divulgaciones excepto aquellas sobre el tratamiento, pago y operaciones de atención médica, y otras divulgaciones determinadas (como cualquiera de las que usted nos haya solicitado hacer). Le proporcionaremos un informe gratis por año pero cobraremos un cargo razonable en base al costo si usted solicita otro dentro de los 12 meses.

Obtener una copia de esta notificación de privacidad

- Puede solicitar una copia en papel de esta notificación en cualquier momento, incluso si acordó recibir la notificación de forma electrónica. Le proporcionaremos una copia en papel de inmediato.

Elegir a alguien para que actúe en su nombre

- Si usted le ha otorgado a alguien la representación médica o si alguien es su tutor legal, aquella persona puede ejercer sus derechos y tomar decisiones sobre su información médica.
- Nos aseguraremos de que la persona tenga esta autoridad y pueda actuar en su nombre antes de tomar cualquier medida.

Presentar una queja si considera que se violaron sus derechos

- Si cree que hemos violado sus derechos, háganoslo saber en :
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- Puede presentar una queja en la Oficina de Derechos Civiles del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos enviando una carta a: Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, llamando al 1-800-368-1019 o visitando www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/factsheets_spanish.html, los últimos dos disponibles en español.
- No tomaremos represalias en su contra por la presentación de una queja.

Sus opciones

Para determinada información médica, puede decirnos sus decisiones sobre qué compartimos. Si tiene una preferencia clara de cómo compartimos su información en las situaciones descritas debajo, comuníquese con nosotros. Díganos qué quiere que hagamos, y seguiremos sus instrucciones.

En estos casos, tiene tanto el derecho como la opción de pedirnos que:

- Compartamos información con su familia, amigos cercanos u otras personas involucradas en el pago de su atención.
- Compartamos información en una situación de alivio en caso de una catástrofe.

Si no puede decirnos su preferencia, por ejemplo, si se encuentra inconsciente, podemos seguir adelante y compartir su información si creemos que es para beneficio propio. También podemos compartir su información cuando sea necesario para reducir una amenaza grave e inminente a la salud o seguridad.

En estos casos, nunca compartiremos su información a menos que nos entregue un permiso por escrito:

- Propósitos de mercadeo.
- Venta de su información.

Nuestros usos y divulgaciones

Por lo general, ¿cómo utilizamos o compartimos su información médica? Por lo general, utilizamos o compartimos su información médica de las siguientes maneras.

Ayudar a administrar el tratamiento de atención médica que usted recibe

- Podemos utilizar su información médica y compartirla con otros profesionales que lo estén tratando.

Ejemplo: Un médico nos envía información sobre su diagnóstico y plan de tratamiento para que podamos organizar los servicios adicionales.

Dirigir nuestra organización

- Podemos utilizar y divulgar su información para dirigir nuestra organización y comunicarnos con usted cuando sea necesario.
- **No se nos permite utilizar información genética para decidir si le proveemos cobertura y el precio de dicha cobertura.** Esto no se aplica a los planes de atención a largo plazo.

Ejemplo: Utilizamos su información médica para ofrecerle mejores servicios.

Pagar por sus servicios médicos

- Podemos utilizar y divulgar su información médica cuando pagamos por sus servicios médicos.

Ejemplo: Compartimos su información con su plan dental para coordinar el pago por su trabajo dental.

Administrar su plan

- Podemos divulgar su información médica a su patrocinador del plan médico para la

administración del plan.

Ejemplo: Su compañía nos contrata para proveer un plan médico, y nosotros le proporcionamos a su compañía determinadas estadísticas para explicar las primas que cobramos.

¿De qué otra manera podemos utilizar o compartir su información médica? Se nos permite o exige compartir su información de otras maneras (por lo general, de maneras que contribuyan al bien público, como la salud pública e investigaciones médicas). Tenemos que reunir muchas condiciones legales antes de poder compartir su información con dichos propósitos. Para más información, visite: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/factsheets_spanish.html, disponible en español.

Ayudar con asuntos de salud pública y seguridad

- Podemos compartir su información médica en determinadas situaciones, como:
- Prevención de enfermedades.
- Ayuda con el retiro de productos del mercado.
- Informe de reacciones adversas a los medicamentos.
- Informe de sospecha de abuso, negligencia o violencia doméstica.
- Prevención o reducción de amenaza grave hacia la salud o seguridad de alguien.

Realizar investigaciones médicas

- Podemos utilizar o compartir su información para investigación de salud.

Cumplir con la ley

- Podemos compartir su información si las leyes federales o estatales lo requieren, incluyendo compartir la información con el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos si éste quiere comprobar que cumplimos con la Ley de Privacidad Federal.

Responder a las solicitudes de donación de órganos y tejidos y trabajar con un médico forense o director funerario

- Podemos compartir su información médica con las organizaciones de procuración de órganos.
- Podemos compartir información médica con un oficial de investigación forense, médico forense o director funerario cuando un individuo fallece.

Tratar la compensación de trabajadores, el cumplimiento de la ley y otras solicitudes gubernamentales

- Podemos utilizar o compartir su información médica:
 - En reclamos de compensación de trabajadores.
 - A los fines de cumplir con la ley o con un personal de las fuerzas de seguridad.
 - Con agencias de supervisión sanitaria para las actividades autorizadas por ley.
 - En el caso de funciones gubernamentales especiales, como los servicios de protección presidencial, seguridad nacional y servicios militares.

Responder a demandas y acciones legales

- Podemos compartir su información médica en respuesta a una orden administrativa o de un tribunal o en respuesta a una citación.

Nuestras responsabilidades

- Estamos obligados por ley a mantener la privacidad y seguridad de su información médica protegida.
- Le haremos saber de inmediato si ocurre un incumplimiento que pueda haber comprometido la privacidad o seguridad de su información.
- Debemos seguir los deberes y prácticas de privacidad descritas en esta notificación y entregarle una copia de la misma.
- No utilizaremos ni compartiremos su información de otra manera distinta a la aquí descrita, a menos que usted nos diga por escrito que podemos hacerlo. Si nos dice que podemos, puede cambiar de parecer en cualquier momento. Háganos saber por escrito si usted cambia de parecer.

Para mayor información, visite:

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Cambios a los términos de esta notificación

Podemos modificar los términos de esta notificación, y los cambios se aplicarán a toda la información que tenemos sobre usted. La nueva notificación estará disponible según se solicite, en nuestro sitio web, y le enviaremos una copia por correo.

Otra información

Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after your or your dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

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 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

If you or your dependent(s) lose coverage under a state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Medicaid, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after the loss of CHIP or Medicaid coverage.

If you or your dependent(s) become eligible to receive premium assistance under a state CHIP or Medicaid, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days of the determination of eligibility for premium assistance from state CHIP or Medicaid.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact:

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USERRA Notice

Your Rights Under USERRA

A. The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

B. Reemployment Rights

You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:

- You ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service;
- You have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer;
- You return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and
- You have not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions.

If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

C. Right to Be Free from Discrimination and Retaliation

If you:

- Are a past or present member of the uniformed service;
- Have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- Are obligated to serve in the uniformed service; then an employer may not deny you
 - Initial employment;
 - Reemployment;
 - Retention in employment;
 - Promotion; or
 - Any benefit of employment because of this status.

In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

D. Health Insurance Protection

- If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military.
- Even if you do not elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

E. Enforcement

- The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.

For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/vets>. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm>.

- If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances. The text of this notice was prepared by VETS, and may be viewed on the Internet at this address: <http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/poster.htm>. Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees. U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, 1-866-487-2365.

Wellness Program Disclosure

Your health plan is committed to helping you achieve your best health. Rewards for participating in a wellness program are available to all employees. If you think you might be unable to meet a standard for a reward under this wellness program, you might qualify for an opportunity to earn the same reward by different means. Please contact:

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We will work with you (and, if you wish, with your doctor) to find a wellness program with the same reward that is right for you in light of your health status.

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) Notices

Enrollment Notice

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you 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 and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. Therefore, the following deductibles and coinsurance apply: Deductible - Same as other conditions (in –network) and Co-Insurance - Same as other conditions (in network and Deductible – Same as other conditions (out of network) and Co-Insurance – Same as other conditions (out of network). If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your plan administrator at (859-239-3452).

Annual Notice

Do you know that your plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including all stages of reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy, including lymphedema? Call your plan administrator at (859-239-3452) for more information.