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Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Under the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), group health plans must offer new special enrollment opportunities. Effective April 1, 2009, the Trust must permit employees and dependents the following special enrollment opportunities upon either:

- losing eligibility for coverage under a State Medicaid or CHIP program, or
- becoming eligible for State contribution assistance under Medicaid or CHIP.

Under the new law, employees or dependents must request coverage within **60 days** following the:

- date of termination from Medicaid or CHIP coverage, or
- date the employee or dependent is determined to be eligible for contribution assistance.

Employees need to contact their State's Medicaid or CHIP program to determine if they are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, and to see if their State will subsidize group health plan contributions. If they are eligible for the subsidy, they need to contact you, the employer, to take advantage of the new special enrollment opportunity and enroll in the group health plan.

Attached is supplemental information to provide to your employees as to notify them of the new special enrollment opportunities. Suggested ways to notify your employees of this notice is via their paycheck, internal distribution or through your company's intranet. All new employees should be given this information upon hire.

The new law also requires annual notices be provided in states that provide Medicaid or CHIP contribution assistance. The notice requirement is not effective until the first plan year beginning after the date a model notice is issued. Plan years that begin in January will need to comply as of January 1, 2011.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the billing and enrollment department at 800-807-9460.

**Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
Offer Free or Low-Cost Health Coverage to Children And Families**

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, you can 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, you can 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, you can ask the State if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

Once it is determined that you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, your employer’s health plan is required to permit you and your dependents to enroll in the plan – as long as you and your dependents are eligible, but not already enrolled in the employer’s plan. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.**

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 February 4, 2010. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility –

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| ALABAMA – Medicaid | INDIANA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.medicaid.state.al.us/ Phone: 1-800-362-1504 | Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm Phone: 1-877-438-4479 |
| ALASKA – Medicaid | IOWA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/ Phone: 1-888-804-6330 | Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/ Phone: 1-888-346-9562 |
| ARIZONA – CHIP | KANSAS – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx Phone: 602-417-5422 | Website: https://www.khpa.ks.gov Phone: 1-800-635-2570 |
| ARKANSAS – CHIP | KENTUCKY – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.arkidsfirst.com/home.htm Phone: 1-888-474-8275 | Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570 |
| CALIFORNIA – Medicaid | LOUISIANA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medical/Pages/default.aspx Phone: 1-800-635-2570 | Website: http://www.dhh.state.la.us/offices/?ID=92 Phone: 1-888-342-6207 |

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| COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP | MAINE – Medicaid |
| Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-221-3943 CHIP Website: http:// www.CHPplus.org CHIP Phone: 1-800-359-1991 | Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/ Phone: 1-800-321-5557 |
| FLORIDA – Medicaid | MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP |
| Website: http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml Phone: 1-866-762-2237 | Medicaid Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth Medicaid Phone: 1-800-462-1120 CHIP Website: http://www.mass.gov/eohhs Click on For Consumers, then Insurance (including Mass Health), then Additional Insurance and Assistance Programs, then Children’s Medical Security Plan CHIP Phone: 1-800-841-2900 |
| GEORGIA – Medicaid | |
| Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/ Click on Programs, then Medicaid Phone: 1-800-869-1150 | |
| IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP | MINNESOTA – Medicaid |
| Medicaid Website: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588 | Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/ Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance Phone: 800-657-3739 |
| MISSOURI – Medicaid | NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm Phone: 573-751-3425 | Website: http://www.nc.gov Phone: 919-855-4100 |
| MONTANA – Medicaid | NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml Telephone: 1-800-362-8312 | Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-755-2604 |
| NEBRASKA – Medicaid | OKLAHOMA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm Phone: 1-877-255-3092 | Website: http://www.okhca.org/ Phone: 1-800-522-0310 |
| NEVADA – Medicaid and CHIP | OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP |
| Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-775-684-3676 CHIP Website: http://www.nevadacheckup.state.nv.us/ CHIP Phone: 1-877-543-7669 | Medicaid Website: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/index.shtml Medicaid Phone: 1-800-359-9517 CHIP Website: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/app_benefits/ohp4u.shtml CHIP Phone: 1-800-359-9517 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid | |
| Website: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/MEDICAIDPROGRAM/default.htm Phone: 1-800-852-3345 x 5254 | |

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| NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP | PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid |
| Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-356-1561 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 | Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/MedicalAssistance/ Phone: 1-866-542-3015 |
| | RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid |
| | Website: http://www.dhs.ri.gov/People/FamilieswithChildren/HealthCare/RItShare/tabid/212/Default.aspx Phone: 401-462-5300 |
| NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP | SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid |
| Medicaid Website: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Medicaid Phone: 1-888-997-2583 CHIP Website: http://www.insurenemexico.state.nm.us/PAKHome.htm CHIP Phone: 1-888-997-2583 | Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820 |
| | TENNESSEE – Medicaid |
| | Website: http://www.state.tn.us/tennicare/ Phone: 1-866-311-4287 |
| NEW YORK – Medicaid | TEXAS – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.newyorkhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/index.htm Phone: 718-557-1399 | Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-252-8263 |
| UTAH – Medicaid | WASHINGTON – Medicaid |
| Website: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-662-9651 | Website: http://ihrsa/sites/DCS/COB/default.aspx Phone: 1-800-562-6136 |
| VERMONT – Medicaid | WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://ovha.vermont.gov/ Telephone: 1-800-250-8427 | Website: http://www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm Phone: 304-342-1604 |
| VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP | WISCONSIN – Medicaid |
| Medicaid Website: http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: http://www.famis.org/welcome.cfm CHIP Phone: 1-866-873-2647 | Website: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/index.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002 |
| | WYOMING – Medicaid |
| | Website: http://www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html Telephone: 307-777-7531 |

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since February 4, 2010, or for more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/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, Ext. 61565