



# PLAN NOTICES, DISCLOSURES & LEGAL DOCUMENTS

## Note to All Employees

Certain Federal Regulations require employers to provide disclosures of these regulations to all employees. The remainder of this document provides you with the required disclosures related to our employee benefits plan. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact your Plan Administrator as follows:

January 1, 2023  
Seminole County Public Schools  
Employee Benefits & Wellness Department  
400 E. Lake Mary Blvd.  
Sanford, FL 32773  
407-320-0095

## Notice Regarding Special Enrollment Rights

If you do not timely or properly complete the enrollment process, you and your Eligible Dependents generally will not be covered under the applicable Plan for the remainder of the Plan Year, except as described below. Also, if you fail to specifically enroll your Eligible Dependents on the enrollment form, your Eligible Dependents will not be covered under the applicable Plan for the remainder of the Plan Year, except as otherwise provided below.

(a.) If you decline enrollment for yourself or your dependents because you or your dependent had other health insurance or group health plan coverage, either through COBRA or otherwise, you may enroll yourself and Eligible Dependents in the Health Program within **30 days** of the loss of that coverage. For this purpose, "loss of coverage" will occur if the other group health plan coverage terminates as a result of: (i) termination of employer contributions for the other coverage; (ii) exhaustion of the maximum COBRA period; (iii) legal separation or divorce; (iv) death; (v) termination of employment; (vi) reduction in hours of employment; or (vii) failure to elect COBRA coverage.

However, a loss of coverage will not be deemed to occur if the other coverage terminates due to a failure to pay premiums or termination for cause. At the time you enroll in the Employer's Plan, you must provide a written statement from the administrator of the other health plan that you no longer have that coverage.

(b.) You are eligible to enroll yourself and your Eligible Dependent in the Health Program within **30 days** of the date you acquire a new Eligible Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. Your enrollment will become effective on the date of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. (Note pre-tax payments may not be made for retroactive coverage due to marriage.)

(c.) You are eligible to enroll yourself and your Eligible Dependent in the Plan within **60 days** after either:

(1.) You or your Eligible Dependent's Medicaid coverage under title XIX of the Social Security Act or CHIP coverage through a State child health plan under title XXI of the Social Security Act is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility for such coverage; or

(2.) You or your Eligible Dependent is determined to be eligible for employment assistance under Medicaid or CHIP to help pay for coverage under the Plan.

## Notice Regarding Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (Janet's Law)

On October 21, 1998, Congress passed a Federal Law known as the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act. The law includes important new protections for breast cancer patients who elect breast reconstruction in connection with a mastectomy. For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and patient, for:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical complications at all stages of the mastectomy, including lymph edemas

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductible and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan.

If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, please call your plan administrator.

## Notice Regarding Michelle's Law

On Thursday, October 9, 2008, President Bush signed into law H.R. 2851, known as Michelle's Law. This law requires employer health plans to continue coverage for employees' dependent children who are college students and need a medically necessary leave of absence. This law applies to both fully insured and self-insured medical plans.

### **The dependent child's change in college enrollment must meet the following requirements:**

The dependent is suffering from a serious illness or injury.

The leave is medically necessary.

The dependent loses student status for purposes of coverage under the terms of the plan or coverage.

Coverage for the dependent child must remain in force until the earlier of:

- One year after the medically necessary leave of absence began.
- The date the coverage would otherwise terminate under the terms of the plan.

A written certification by the treating physician is required. The certification must state that the dependent child is suffering from a serious illness or injury and that the leave is medically necessary. Provisions under this law became effective for plan years beginning on or after October 9, 2009.

## Notice Regarding Patient Protection Rights

The Seminole County Public Schools group health plan allows members to designate a Primary Care Provider. The following paragraphs outline certain protections under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act) and only apply when the Plan requires or allows the designation of a Primary Care Provider.

You will have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the Plan's network and who is available to accept you and/or your Eligible Dependents. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider. You also do not need prior authorization from the Plan or from any other person (including your primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a healthcare professional in the Plan's network. The healthcare professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan or procedures for making referrals or notifying primary care provider or Plan of treatment decisions.

If you do not make a provider designation, the Plan may make one for you. For information on how to select or change a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, pediatricians, or obstetrics or gynecology healthcare professionals, please contact the insurer.

## HIPAA Privacy

The Plan complies with the privacy requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). These requirements are described in a Notice of Privacy Practices that was previously given to you. A copy of this notice is available upon request.

## Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

There is an additional 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.

### *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.

Each year, the open enrollment period for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace runs from Nov. 1 through Dec. 15 of the previous year. After Dec. 15, you can get coverage through the Marketplace only if you qualify for a special enrollment period or are applying for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

### *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 9.12 percent of your household income for 2023 (9.61 percent for 2022), 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. (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.)

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

### *How Can I Get More Information?*

For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description or contact Employee Benefits & Wellness Department. The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) for more information, as well as an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

### **Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at [www.askebsa.dol.gov](http://www.askebsa.dol.gov) or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

**If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2022. Contact your State for more information on eligibility:**

ALABAMA-Medicaid	CALIFORNIA
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program <a href="http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp">http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</a> Phone: 916-445-8322 Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: <a href="mailto:hipp@dhcs.ca.gov">hipp@dhcs.ca.gov</a>
ALASKA-Medicaid	COLORADO-Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a> Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx</a>	Health First Colorado Website: <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a> Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus</a> CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program</a> HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442
ARKANSAS-Medicaid	FLORIDA-Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Website: <a href="https://www.flmedicaidtplecovery.com/flmedicaidtplecovery.com/hipp/index.html">https://www.flmedicaidtplecovery.com/flmedicaidtplecovery.com/hipp/index.html</a> Phone: 1-877-357-3268
GEORGIA-Medicaid	MAINE-Medicaid
A HIPP Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp</a> Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1 GA CHIPRA Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra</a> Phone: (678) 564-1162, Press 2	Enrollment Website: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a> Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711 Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a> Phone: 1-800-977-6740 TTY: Maine relay 711
INDIANA-Medicaid	MASSACHUSETTS-Medicaid and CHIP
Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 Website: <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/</a> Phone: 1-877-438-4479 All other Medicaid Website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a> Phone 1-800-457-4584	Website: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa">https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa</a> Phone: 1-800-862-4840 TTY: (617) 886-8102

IOWA-Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)	MINNESOTA-Medicaid
Medicaid Website: <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Hawki Website: <a href="http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki">http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki</a> Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563 HIPP Website: <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp</a> HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562	Website: <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp">https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp</a> Phone: 1-800-657-3739
KANSAS-Medicaid	MISSOURI-Medicaid
Website: <a href="https://www.kancare.ks.gov/">https://www.kancare.ks.gov/</a> Phone: 1-800-792-4884	Website: <a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a> Phone: 573-751-2005
KENTUCKY-Medicaid	MONTANA-Medicaid
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx</a> Phone: 1-855-459-6328 Email: <a href="mailto:KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov">KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov</a>  KCHIP Website: <a href="https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx">https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a> Phone: 1-877-524-4718 Kentucky Medicaid Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov">https://chfs.ky.gov</a>	Website: <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a> Phone: 1-800-694-3084 Email: <a href="mailto:HSHIPPPProgram@mt.gov">HSHIPPPProgram@mt.gov</a>
LOUISIANA-Medicaid	NEBRASKA-Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://www.medicaid.la.gov">www.medicaid.la.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/la hipp">www.ldh.la.gov/la hipp</a> Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)	Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a> Phone: 1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 402-473-7000 Omaha: 402-595-1178
NEVADA-Medicaid	SOUTH DAKOTA-Medicaid
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-828-0059
NEW HAMPSHIRE-Medicaid	TEXAS-Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program">www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program</a> Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218	Website: <a href="http://gethipptexas.com/">http://gethipptexas.com/</a> Phone: 1-800-440-0493
NEW JERSEY-Medicaid and CHIP	UTAH-Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a> Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: <a href="http://www.nifamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.nifamilycare.org/index.html</a> CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710	Medicaid Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a> CHIP Website: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/chip">http://health.utah.gov/chip</a> Phone: 1-877-543-7669
NEW YORK-Medicaid	VERMONT-Medicaid
Website: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a> Phone: 1-800-541-2831	Website: <a href="http://www.greenmountaincare.org/">http://www.greenmountaincare.org/</a> Phone: 1-800-250-8427
NORTH CAROLINA-Medicaid	VIRGINIA-Medicaid and CHIP

Website: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/</a> Phone: 919-855-4100	Website: <a href="https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select">https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select</a> <a href="https://www.coverva.org/hipp/">https://www.coverva.org/hipp/</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Phone: 1-855-432-5924
<b>NORTH DAKOTA-Medicaid</b>	<b>WASHINGTON-Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/">http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/</a> Phone: 1-844-854-4825	Website: <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/">https://www.hca.wa.gov/</a> Phone: 1-800-562-3022
<b>OKLAHOMA-Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>WEST VIRGINIA-Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a> Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Website: <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a> <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/</a> Medicaid phone: 304-558-1700 CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
<b>OREGON-Medicaid</b>	<b>WISCONSIN-Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html">http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html</a> Phone: 1-800-699-9075	Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm</a> Phone: 1-800-362-3002
<b>PENNSYLVANIA-Medicaid</b>	<b>WYOMING-Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Medicaid/HIPP-Program.aspx">https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Medicaid/HIPP-Program.aspx</a> Phone: 1-800-692-7462	Website: <a href="https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/">https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/</a> Phone: 1-800-251-1269
<b>RHODE ISLAND-Medicaid and CHIP</b>	
Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a> Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct Rltte Share Line)	
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA-Medicaid</b>	
Website: <a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-549-0820	

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2022, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa)  
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)  
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

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The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee

Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210 or email [ebbsa.opr@dol.gov](mailto:ebbsa.opr@dol.gov) and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0137.

OMB Control Number 1210-0137 (expires 1/31/2023)

## Medicare Notice

You must notify Seminole County Public Schools when you or your dependents become Medicare eligible. Seminole County Public Schools is required to contact the insurer to inform them of your Medicare status. Federal law determines whether Medicare or the group health plan is the primary payer. You must also notify Medicare directly that you have group health insurance coverage. Privacy laws prohibit Medicare from discussing coverage with anyone other than the Medicare beneficiary or their legal guardian. The toll-free number to Medicare Coordination of Benefits is 1-855-797-2627.

If you have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a federal law gives you more choices in your prescription drug plan. Please see the complete Medicare Part D Coverage Notice(s) that follow(s).

## Medicare Part D Coverage Notice – Important Information About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please note that the following notice only applies to individuals who are or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months.

Medicare eligible individuals may include employees, spouses or dependent children who are Medicare eligible for one of the following reasons.

- Due to the attainment of age 65
- Due to certain disabilities as determined by the Social Security Administration
- Due to end-stage renal disease (ESRD)

You are responsible for providing this notice to your spouse, your domestic partner or any dependent who is or will become Medicare eligible in the next 12 months. If your spouse, your domestic partner or any dependent resides at a different address than you, please contact us to provide that individual's address as soon as possible.

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Seminole County Public Schools 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:

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.

Seminole County Public Schools has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by your company plan 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. If your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

### *When Can You Join a Medicare Drug Plan?*

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15 through December 7. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.



### *What Happens to Your Current Coverage if You Decide to Join a Medicare Drug Plan?*

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current coverage will not be affected. Your current coverage pays for other health expenses in addition to prescription drugs. The prescription drug coverage is part of the Group Health Plan and cannot be separated from the medical coverage. If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you and your eligible dependents will still be eligible to receive all of your current health and prescription drug benefits. You have the option to waive the coverage provided under the Group Health Plan due to your eligibility for Medicare. If you decide to waive coverage under the Group Health Plan due to your Medicare eligibility, you will be entitled to re-enroll in the plan during the next open enrollment period.

### *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 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 19 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 your Employee Benefits and Wellness Department. You will receive this notice each year and again, if this coverage through your company 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](http://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, visit U.S. Social Security Administration's at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call 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).***

## **Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills**

***When you get emergency care or get treated by an out-of-network provider at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, you are protected from surprise billing or balance billing.***

### *What is "balance billing" (sometimes called "surprise billing")?*

When you see a doctor or other health care provider, you may owe certain out-of-pocket costs, such as a copayment, coinsurance, and/or a deductible. You may have other costs or have to pay the entire bill if you see a provider or visit a health care facility that isn't in your health plan's network.

"Out-of-network" describes providers and facilities that haven't signed a contract with your health plan. Out-of-network providers may be permitted to bill you for the difference between what your plan agreed to pay and the full amount charged for a service. This is called "balance billing." This amount is likely more than in-network costs for the same service and might not count toward your annual out-of-pocket limit.



“Surprise billing” is an unexpected balance bill. This can happen when you can’t control who is involved in your care—like when you have an emergency or when you schedule a visit at an in-network facility but are unexpectedly treated by an out-of-network provider.

*You are protected from balance billing for:*

#### Emergency services

If you have an emergency medical condition and get emergency services from an out-of-network provider or facility, the most the provider or facility may bill you is your plan’s in-network cost-sharing amount (such as copayments and coinsurance). You can’t be balance billed for these emergency services. This includes services you may get after you’re in stable condition, unless you give written consent and give up your protections not to be 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 may bill you is your plan’s in-network cost-sharing amount. This applies to emergency medicine, anesthesia, pathology, radiology, laboratory, neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These providers can’t balance bill you and may not ask you to give up your protections not to be balance billed.

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

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

*When balance billing isn’t allowed, you also have the following protections:*

- You are only responsible for paying your share of the cost (like the copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles that you would pay if the provider or facility was in-network). Your health plan will pay out-of-network providers and facilities directly.
- Your health plan generally must:
  - Cover emergency services without requiring you to get approval for services in advance (prior authorization).
  - Cover emergency services by out-of-network providers.
  - Base what you owe the provider or facility (cost-sharing) on what it would pay an in network provider or facility and show that amount in your explanation of benefits.
  - Count any amount you pay for emergency services or out-of-network services toward your deductible and out-of-pocket limit.

**If you believe you’ve been wrongly billed**, you may contact the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) website at <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa> or call their toll-free number at 1-866-444-3272.

In addition to federal law, you may have protections available to you through state law. If state law protection is available, contact information will be included on your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) for any applicable services.

## Wellness Program Privacy Notice

Strive for 5 is a voluntary wellness program available to all employees. The program is administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. If you choose to participate in the wellness program you will be asked to complete a CIGNA health risk assessment or "HRA" that asks a series of questions

about your health-related activities and behaviors and whether you have or had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, or heart disease).

You will also be asked to complete annual lab work through your primary care, LabCorp, or Quest. Once the HRA and lab work are completed, you must obtain 5 points from the reward list shown in your benefit guide. You are not required participate in the wellness program. However, employees who choose to participate in the wellness program will receive an incentive of \$750.00 into your Health Savings Account or Health Reimbursement Account. Although you are not required to complete the HRA, lab work or reward points, only employees who do so will receive the incentive.

If you are unable to participate in any of the health-related activities or achieve any of the health outcomes required to earn an incentive, you may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. You may request a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard by contacting the Employee Benefits and Wellness Department at 407-320-0095.

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. Contact us at Employee Benefits and Wellness Department at 407-320-0095 and we will work with you.

The information from your HRA, lab work and reward points will be used to provide you with information to help you understand your current health and potential risks and may also be used to offer you services through the wellness program, such as a Diabetes Prevention Program. You also are encouraged to share your results or concerns with your own doctor.

#### *Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information*

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information.

Although the wellness program and Seminole County Public Schools may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, Strive for 5 will never disclose any of your personal information either publicly or to the employer, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual(s) who will receive your personally identifiable health information is (are) a registered nurse, a doctor, or a health coach in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separate from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you immediately. Notwithstanding these precautions, you should be aware that regardless of the safeguards in place, there is always a risk that your data could be used or disclosed other than as intended. If you are concerned about sharing your medical information through the wellness program, you can always undergo a screening directly with your physician, or you can forgo a screening entirely. It's important to balance the health benefits of regular healthcare screenings though against these privacy risks.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact the Employee Benefits and Wellness Department at 407-320-0095.

## Notice of Rescission of Coverage

Under Health Care Reform, your coverage may be rescinded (i.e., retroactively revoked) due to fraud or intentional misrepresentation regarding health benefits or due to failure to pay premiums. A 30-day advance notice will be provided before coverage can be rescinded.

## Summary of Benefits & Coverage (SBC)

As an employee, the health benefits available to you represent a significant component of your compensation package. They also provide important protection for you and your family in the case of illness or injury.

The Summary of Benefits & Coverage (SBC) is a document intended to help people understand their health coverage and compare health plans when shopping for coverage. The federal government requires all healthcare insurers and group healthcare sponsors to provide this document to plan participants. SBCs will be created for each medical plan offered. Group health plan sponsors must provide a copy of the SBC to each employee eligible for coverage under the plan. The SBC includes:

- A summary of the services covered by the plan
- A summary of the services not covered by the plan
- A glossary of terms commonly used in health insurance
- The copays and/or deductibles required by the plan, but not the premium
- Information about members' rights to continue coverage
- Information about members' appeal rights
- Examples of how the plan will pay for certain services

The SBCs are available electronically on the SCPS Insider. A paper copy is also available, free of charge, by calling your SCPS Employee Benefits and Wellness Department at 1-407-320-0095.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS

Important Notice: The Summary Plan Description (SPD) for the Seminole County Public Schools Employee Welfare Benefit Plan (Plan) is being provided to you electronically. The SPD describes important information about the benefits available to you and your dependents as participants in the Plan. The SPD also contains important information regarding your rights under the Employee Retirement Income and Security Act (ERISA). You should review your SPD to become familiar with your benefits, and you should keep it in a safe and convenient place for future reference.

Other important benefit files are also being provided to you electronically. Those may include: Summaries of Material Modifications, Summary Annual Reports, COBRA Notices, Summary of Benefits and Coverage; Notice of Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options, and other supplemental benefit documents.

The electronic copy of the SPD and other files can be accessed by you at: SCPS Insider

Paper Copy: You have the right to request and obtain a paper version of the SPD and other files at no cost. A paper version may be requested from Human Resources, at (407)320-0095 or contact email address who acts on behalf of the plan administrator.

If you (and/or) your dependents have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please see page 7-8 for more details.