



# WELCOME TO OPEN ENROLLMENT

Plan Year: 2021

Lew Thompson and Son Trucking

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PICK THE BEST BENEFITS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Lew Thompson and Son Trucking strives to provide you and your family with a comprehensive and valuable benefits package. We want to make sure you’re getting the most out of our benefits—that’s why we’ve put together this Open Enrollment Guide.

Open enrollment is a short period each year when you can make changes to your benefits. This guide will outline all of the different benefits Lew Thompson and Son Trucking offers, so you can identify which offerings are best for you and your family.

Elections you make during open enrollment will become effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. If you have questions about any of the benefits mentioned in this guide, please don’t hesitate to reach out to HR.

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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you're a full-time employee at Lew Thompson and Son Trucking, you're eligible to enroll in the benefits outlined in this guide. All full time employees are eligible for benefits the first of the month following 60 days of full time employment. In addition, the following family members are eligible for medical, dental and vision coverage:

- Spouse
- Children under 26

## HOW TO ENROLL

Are you ready to enroll? The first step is to review your current benefits. Did you move recently or get married? Verify all of your personal information and make any necessary changes.

Once all your information is up to date, it's time to make your benefit elections. The decisions you make during open enrollment can have a significant impact on your life and finances, so it is important to weigh your options carefully.

## HOW TO MAKE CHANGES

Unless you experience a life-changing qualifying event, you cannot make changes to your benefits until the next open enrollment period. Qualifying events include things like:

- Marriage, divorce or legal separation
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Change in child's dependent status
- Death of a spouse, child or other qualified dependent
- Change in residence
- Change in employment status or a change in coverage under another employer-sponsored plan

## HEALTH INSURANCE

Lew Thompson and Son Trucking is proud to offer three different PPO medical plans with a large national network. Your network will be with Aetna but your claims will be processed by a company called HealthEZ. You can access providers for both doctors and hospitals by visiting [www.aetna.com/asa](http://www.aetna.com/asa). Your medical plans covers both in-network and out-of-network benefits. However, to save the most money you will want to have services rendered at an in-network provider.

The easiest way to find your provider is by visiting [www.lewthompsonbenefits.com](http://www.lewthompsonbenefits.com)

Lew Thompson & Son Medical Plans			
Services	Value Plan (H S A)	Core Plan	Advantage Plan
Deductible (Individual/Family)	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$2,500 / \$5,000	\$2,000 / \$4,000
Out-of-Pocket (Individual/Family)	\$6,500 / \$13,500	\$6,500 / \$13,000	\$4,000 / \$8,000
Lifetime Benefit Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
PCP Office Visit	Deductible + 50%	No copay	\$25 copay
Specialist Office Visit	Deductible + 50%	Deductible + 20%	\$50 copay
Urgent Care	Deductible + 50%	\$50 copay	\$50 copay
Inpatient Hospital	Deductible + 50%	\$350 copay + deductible & coinsurance	Deductible + 20%
Outpatient Services	Deductible + 50%	\$350 copay + deductible & coinsurance	Deductible + 20%
Prescription Drugs	Deductible + 50%	\$10/\$35/\$75/\$150	\$10/\$35/\$60

Lew Thompson & Son Trucking contributes \$275/month for all 3 health plans offered through HealthEZ. The below payroll is per pay period.

For the last several years we have utilized just an Employee Only and Family rate. However, this year we are switching to a 4-tier rate structure. You will have the 4 options of:

- Employee Only
- Employee/Spouse
- Employee/Child(ren)
- Family

Weekly payroll deductions for all three plans are listed below:

	Value Plan	Core Plan	Advantage Plan
Employee Only	\$33.04	\$67.16	\$85.66
Employee/Spouse	\$137.06	\$208.71	\$247.56
Employee/Child(ren)	\$103.97	\$163.67	\$196.04
Family	\$222.17	\$324.52	\$380.02

## DENTAL INSURANCE

In addition to protecting your smile, dental insurance helps pay for dental care and usually includes regular checkups, cleanings and X-rays. Several studies suggest that oral diseases, such as periodontitis (gum disease), can affect other areas of your body—including your heart. Receiving regular dental care can protect you and your family from the high cost of dental disease and surgery.

To locate a dental provider, visit [www.mutualofomaha](http://www.mutualofomaha). Provided through Mutual of Omaha:

TYPE OF SERVICE	AMOUNT YOU PAY – IN-NETWORK
<b>Deductible</b>	\$25 per person (up to 3 for family) per benefit period, for Basic and Major care. There is no deductible for Preventative care.
<b>Preventive Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleaning</li> <li>Oral Exams</li> <li>X-rays</li> </ul>	100%
<b>Basic Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anesthesia</li> <li>Composite Fillings</li> <li>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</li> <li>Simple Extractions</li> </ul>	80%
<b>Major Services</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bridges &amp; Dentures</li> <li>Dental Implants</li> <li>Single Crowns</li> </ul>	50%
<b>Annual Maximum</b>	\$1,000 per person

### Low Thompson & Son Trucking Dental Payroll Deductions:

Weekly Payroll	Employee Only	Employee/Spouse	Employee/Child(ren)	Family
	\$5.19	\$10.52	\$12.74	\$19.24

## VISION INSURANCE

Driving to work, reading a news article and watching TV are all activities you likely perform every day. Your ability to do all of these activities, though, depends on your vision and eye health. Vision insurance can help you maintain your vision as well as detect various health problems.

Lew Thompson and Son Trucking vision insurance through Mutual of Omaha entitles you to specific eye care benefits. Our policy covers routine eye exams and other procedures, and provides specified dollar amounts or discounts for the purchase of eyeglasses and contact lenses. To locate a dental provider, visit [mutualofomaha.com](http://mutualofomaha.com). Coverage is provided through Mutual of Omaha.

If you seek the services of a provider listed in our Preferred Provider directory, your benefits include the following:

TYPE OF SERVICE	AMOUNT YOU PAY – IN-NETWORK
Eye Examination	\$20 copay - Once per year, per covered person
<b>Materials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single Vision</li> <li>• Lined Bifocal</li> <li>• Lined Trifocal</li> <li>• Lenticular Lenses</li> </ul>	\$20 copay
Frames	\$130 allowable; 20% off over the allowable
<b>Contact Lenses</b> (includes fitting, follow-up & materials)	\$130 allowable; 15% off over the allowable
Medically Necessary Contacts	Covered in full

Lew Thompson & Son Trucking Weekly Vision payroll deductions:

Weekly Payroll	Employee Only	Employee/Spouse	Employee/Child(ren)	Family
	\$1.33	\$2.33	\$2.37	\$3.75

## VOLUNTARY TERM LIFE

Lew Thompson & Son Trucking and affiliated companies offer group voluntary life insurance, through Mutual of Omaha. Should you wish to purchase life insurance on yourself or your dependents you can do so. The premium for the Voluntary Life will be payroll deducted after tax.

### Eligibility:

All full time employees and their dependents (spouse and dependent children to age 26) are eligible for benefits the first of the month following 60 days of full time employment.

Plan Details	
Employee Benefit	\$25,000 increments to a maximum of \$250,000 \$150,000 is considered Guarantee Issue (under age 70)
Spouse Benefit	\$10,000 increments to a maximum of \$50,000 \$30,000 is considered Guarantee Issue (under age 70)
Child Benefit	\$10,000 for dependent children age 14 days to 26 years
Portability	Included – allows you to take your coverage with you if you terminate employment.
Accelerated Life Benefit	80% of the amount of the life insurance benefit is available to you if terminally ill, not to exceed \$200,000.
Waiver of Premium	If it is determined that you are totally disabled, your life insurance benefit will continue without payment of premium, subject to certain conditions.
Benefit Reductions	Reduced by 35% at age 65, 60% at 70, 75% at 75, 85% at 80

See benefit admin system for breakdown of payroll deductions by amount elected. If you have any questions please contact your benefit administrator.

Premiums increase on plan anniversary after you enter the next five-year age group



## DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS

### Eligible:

All full time employees are eligible for this benefit the first of the month following the first of the month following 60 days of full time employment.

### Cost and Benefit:

You never know when a disability could impact your way of life. Fortunately, Lew Thompson & Son Trucking and affiliated companies offer disability insurance through Mutual of Omaha.

A disability income insurance policy can help provide security when you need it, plus give you peace of mind so you can recover faster and get back to work sooner. If you become disabled, there is an elimination period before benefits are payable. Your benefits begin on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of your disabling injury or the 15<sup>th</sup> day of your disabling illness.

Your benefit is equivalent to 60% of your before-tax weekly earnings, not to exceed \$1,000.

As an active employee of Lew Thompson and Son Trucking, you have access to **LONG TERM DISABILITY** insurance policy with Mutual of Omaha.

A lengthy disability can be devastating, and is more common than you might think. It may lead to a loss of income, independence and financial security. A disability income insurance policy can help provide security when you need it most. It pays you cash benefits when you're sick or hurt and can't work.

Your benefits begin on the later of 90 calendar days after the onset of your disabling injury or illness or the date your short-term disability ends. The maximum monthly benefit is \$6,000.

## SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE

**Eligibility:**

All employees are eligible for benefits as of the first of the month following 60 days of full time employment.

**Benefit:**

Lew Thompson offers insurance policies through Mutual of Omaha to “supplement” the other coverages available to you. These are stand-alone policies, not tied to your employment and can be carried with you if leave.

## Mutual of Omaha – Critical Illness & Accident

**Critical Illness:**

A critical illness insurance policy provides a lump-sum cash benefit upon diagnosis of a critical illness like a heart attack, stroke or cancer. The benefit can be used to pay out-of-pocket expenses or to supplement your daily cost of living. There are two different critical illness plan options. One is for a \$5,000 payout and the other is for \$10,000.

**The critical illness does include a cancer payout.** Rates depend on age and plan elected.

**Accident Insurance**

An accident insurance policy supplements your medical coverage and provides a cash benefit for injuries you or an insured family member sustain from an accident. This benefit can be used to pay out-of-pocket medical expenses and cover unpaid time off work. As an active employee of Lew Thompson & Son you may purchase this coverage for yourself and your family members, and premiums can be deducted from your paycheck. It's a simple and affordable way for your family to receive added financial protection.

## CARRIER AND BROKER CONTACT INFORMATION

### Carrier Contact Information

#### **Medical**

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UnitedHealthCare

800-782-3740

[www.uhc.com](http://www.uhc.com)

#### **Dental**

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Mutual of Omaha

[www.mutualofomaha.com](http://www.mutualofomaha.com)

#### **Vision**

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Mutual of Omaha

1-833-279-4358

[www.mutualofomaha.com](http://www.mutualofomaha.com) (Vision network is “EyeMed Insight Network” as your Vision plan)

#### **Voluntary Group Term Life Insurance**

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Mutual of Omaha

[www.mutualofomaha.com](http://www.mutualofomaha.com)

#### **Disability Insurance**

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Mutual of Omaha

[www.mutualofomaha.com](http://www.mutualofomaha.com)

#### **Supplemental Coverage**

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Accident & Critical Illness

Mutual of Omaha

[www.mutualofomaha.com](http://www.mutualofomaha.com)

### **Broker Contact Information**

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## 2021 ANNUAL NOTICES

### SPECIAL ENROLLMENT NOTICE

*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).*

*In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within "30 days" after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.*

*To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact the Human Resources Department.*

### NEWBORNS' ACT DISCLOSURE

*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).*

### WHCRA 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 Human Resources Department for more information.*

## New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

*Beginning in 2014, there is 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 November 2018 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2021.*

### 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.<sup>1</sup>*

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

### How Can I Get More Information?

*For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description or contact the Human Resources Department for assistance.*

*The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) for more information, including 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, 2018. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –**

ALABAMA – Medicaid	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: <a href="http://flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/">http://flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/</a> Phone: 1-877-357-3268
ALASKA – Medicaid	GEORGIA – Medicaid
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>	Website: <a href="http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid">http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid</a> - Click on Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Phone: 404-656-4507
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	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="http://www.indianamedicaid.com">http://www.indianamedicaid.com</a> Phone 1-800-403-0864

<b>COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) &amp; Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)</b>	<b>IOWA – Medicaid</b>
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+: Colorado.gov/HCPF/Child-Health-Plan-Plus CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711	Website: <a href="http://dhs.iowa.gov/hawk-i">http://dhs.iowa.gov/hawk-i</a> Phone: 1-800-257-8563
<b>KANSAS – Medicaid</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/">http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/</a> Phone: 1-785-296-3512	Website: <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/nhhpp/">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/nhhpp/</a> Phone: 603-271-5218 Hotline: NH Medicaid Service Center at 1-888-901-4999
<b>KENTUCKY – Medicaid</b>	<b>NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov">https://chfs.ky.gov</a> Phone: 1-800-635-2570	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.njfamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a> CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
<b>LOUISIANA – Medicaid</b>	<b>NEW YORK – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331">http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331</a> Phone: 1-888-695-2447	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
<b>MAINE – Medicaid</b>	<b>NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html</a> Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711	Website: <a href="https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/">https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/</a> Phone: 919-855-4100
<b>MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/">http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/</a> Phone: 1-800-862-4840	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
<b>MINNESOTA – Medicaid</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp">https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp</a> Phone: 1-800-657-3739	Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a> Phone: 1-888-365-3742
<b>MISSOURI – Medicaid</b>	<b>OREGON – Medicaid</b>
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	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

<b>MONTANA – Medicaid</b>	<b>PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a> Phone: 1-800-694-3084	Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm">http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm</a> Phone: 1-800-692-7462
<b>NEBRASKA – Medicaid</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a> Phone: (855) 632-7633 Lincoln: (402) 473-7000 Omaha: (402) 595-1178	Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a> Phone: 855-697-4347
<b>NEVADA – Medicaid</b>	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: <a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-549-0820

<b>SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid</b>	<b>WASHINGTON – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Website: <a href="http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/premium-payment-program">http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/premium-payment-program</a> Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
<b>TEXAS – Medicaid</b>	<b>WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://gethipptexas.com/">http://gethipptexas.com/</a> Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Website: <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a> Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
<b>UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
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	Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf</a> Phone: 1-800-362-3002
<b>VERMONT– Medicaid</b>	<b>WYOMING – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.greenmountaincare.org/">http://www.greenmountaincare.org/</a> Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Website: <a href="https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/">https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/</a> Phone: 307-777-7531
<b>VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm">http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: <a href="http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm">http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm</a> CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282	



To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2018, 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  
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**General Notice Of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights** (For use by single-employer group health plans)

**\*\* 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 notice to your Human Resources department.**

### 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, 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](http://www.healthcare.gov).

### 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](http://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](http://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

Human Resources Department



## New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

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### PART A: General Information

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

#### What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### How Can I Get More Information?

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

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

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

## PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

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

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

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

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

☐ All employees. Eligible employees are:

☐ Some employees. Eligible employees are:

•With respect to dependents:

☐ We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:

☐ We do not offer coverage.

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

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

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



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

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

☐ **Yes** (Continue)

13a. If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probationary period, when is the employee eligible for coverage? \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) (Continue)

☐ **No** (STOP and return this form to employee)

**14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard\*?**

☐ Yes (Go to question 15) ☐ No (STOP and return form to employee)

**15. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard\* offered only to the employee** (don't include family plans): If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/ she received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and didn't receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.

a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b. How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly

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

**16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year?** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Employer won't offer health coverage

☐ Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.\* (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)

a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

b. How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly

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