Federal Benefit Notices

Memorial Hermann Health System

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Important notices include (but are not limited to) Medicare Creditable Coverage, CHIP, HIPAA Privacy, and Notice of Exchange (Marketplace Notice). If you have any questions, or would like a printed copy, please reach out to the contact listed above.

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 pages 2-5 for more details.

If you are enrolling in a Hospital Indemnity plan, note that it is not health insurance and review pages 21-22 for more details.

Other plan documents, including Summary Plan Descriptions (SPDs), Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBCs) and Benefit Summaries can be found on the <u>allHR</u>.

Important Notice from Memorial Hermann About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Memorial Hermann and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

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

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

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

When Can You Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

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

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two-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 Memorial Hermann coverage will be affected. Also, if you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Memorial Hermann coverage, be aware that you and your dependents may not be able to get this coverage back.

You should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered, with the coverage and cost of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Under the current Memorial Hermann Health Plan, you pay an annual pharmacy deductible on brand drugs of \$50 per covered individual. You may purchase a 30-day supply of medication for the following costs: \$10 (generic), 30% after deductible (min: \$35, max: \$75) (preferred brand), or 50% after deductible (min: \$50, max: \$125) (non-preferred brand). You may purchase a 90-day supply of medication for the following costs: \$25 (generic), 30% after deductible (min: \$90, max: \$190) (preferred brand), or 50% after deductible (min: \$125, max: \$315) (non-preferred brand). Specialty medication may be purchased for \$150 (preferred brand) or \$200 (non-preferred brand) for a 30-day supply. Pharmacy out-of-pocket costs will be applied to the overall medical and pharmacy out-of-pocket limits.

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

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with Memorial Hermann 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 one percent 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 percent 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.

More Information About This Notice or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage

Contact the persons/entities listed below for further information.

<u>NOTE:</u> You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan. If this coverage through Memorial Hermann changes, you also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

Visit www.medicare.gov.

Call your state Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help

Call 800.MEDICARE (800.633.4227). TTY users should call 877.486.2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at www.**socialsecurity.gov**, or call them at **1.800.772.1213** (TTY **1.800.325.0778**).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained Creditable Coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

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Part A: General Information

Even if you are offered health coverage through your employment, you may have other coverage options through the Health Insurance Marketplace ("Marketplace"). To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the Health Insurance Marketplace and health coverage offered through your employment.

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 in your geographic area.

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

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium and other out-of-pocket costs, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that is not considered affordable for you and doesn't meet certain minimum value standards (discussed below). The savings that you're eligible for depends on your household income. You may also be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your costs.

Does Employment-Based Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that is considered affordable for you and meets certain minimum value standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit, or advance payment of the tax credit, for your Marketplace coverage and may wish to enroll in your employment-based health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit, and advance payments of the 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 is considered affordable for you or meet minimum value standards. If your share of the premium cost of all plans offered to you through your employment is more than 9.12% of your annual household income, or if the coverage through your employment does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit, and advance payment of the credit, if you do not enroll in the employment-based health coverage. For family members of the employee, coverage is considered affordable if the employee's cost of premiums for the lowest-cost plan that would cover all family members does not exceed 9.12% of the employee's household income.¹²

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered through your employment, then you may lose access to whatever the employer contributes to the employment-based coverage. Also, this employer contribution -as well as your employee contribution to employment-based coverage- is generally excluded from income for federal and state income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis. In addition, note that if the health coverage offered through your employment does not meet the affordability or minimum value standards, but you accept that coverage anyway, you will not be eligible for a tax credit. You should consider all of these factors in determining whether to purchase a health plan through the Marketplace.

¹ Indexed annually; see https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/rp-22-34.pdf for 2023.

² An employer-sponsored or other employment-based 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. For purposes of eligibility for the premium tax credit, to meet the "minimum value

standard," the health plan must also provide substantial coverage of both inpatient hospital services and physician services.

When Can I enroll in Health Insurance Coverage Through the Marketplace?

You can enroll in a Marketplace health insurance plan during the annual Marketplace Open Enrollment Period. Open Enrollment varies by state but generally starts November 1 and continues through at least December 15.

Outside the annual Open Enrollment Period, you can sign up for health insurance if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. In general, you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if you've had certain qualifying life events, such as getting married, having a baby, adopting a child, or losing eligibility for other health coverage. Depending on your Special Enrollment Period type, you may have 60 days before or 60 days following the qualifying life event to enroll in a Marketplace plan.

There is also a Marketplace Special Enrollment Period for individuals and their families who lose eligibility for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage on or after March 31, 2023, through July 31, 2024. Since the onset of the nationwide COVID-19 public health emergency, state Medicaid and CHIP agencies generally have not terminated the enrollment of any Medicaid or CHIP beneficiary who was enrolled on or after March 18, 2020, through March 31, 2023. As state Medicaid and CHIP agencies resume regular eligibility and enrollment practices, many individuals may no longer be eligible for Medicaid or CHIP coverage starting as early as March 31, 2023. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is offering a temporary Marketplace Special Enrollment period to allow these individuals to enroll in Marketplace coverage.

Marketplace-eligible individuals who live in states served by HealthCare.gov and either- submit a new application or update an existing application on HealthCare.gov between March 31, 2023 and July 31, 2024, and attest to a termination date of Medicaid or CHIP coverage within the same time period, are eligible for a 60-day Special Enrollment Period. That means that if you lose Medicaid or CHIP coverage between March 31, 2023, and July 31, 2024, you may be able to enroll in Marketplace coverage within 60 days of when you lost Medicaid or CHIP coverage. In addition, if you or your family members are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage, it is important to make sure that your contact information is up to date to make sure you get any information about changes to your eligibility. To learn more, visit HealthCare.gov or call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users can call 1-855-889-4325.

What about Alternatives to Marketplace Health Insurance Coverage?

If you or your family are eligible for coverage in an employment-based health plan (such as an employersponsored health plan), you or your family may also be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in that health plan in certain circumstances, including if you or your dependents were enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage and lost that coverage. Generally, you have 60 days after the loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage to enroll in an employment-based health plan, but if you and your family lost eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP coverage between March 31, 2023 and July 10, 2023, you can request this special enrollment in the employment-based health plan through September 8, 2023. Confirm the deadline with your employer or your employment-based health plan.

Alternatively, you can enroll in Medicaid or CHIP coverage at any time by filling out an application through the Marketplace or applying directly through your state Medicaid agency. Visit https://www.healthcare.gov/medicaid-chip/getting-medicaid-chip/ for more details.

How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description or contact HR Shared Services at 713-456-MHHS (6447) or HRSS@memorialhearmann.org.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through

the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit **HealthCare.gov** for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

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

3. Employer Name		4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
Memorial Hermann Health System		74-1152597
5. Employer address		6. Employer phone number
920 Frostwood, Suite 5:100		713-456-MHHR (6447)
7. City	8. State	9. Zip Code
Houston	TX	77024
10. Who can we contact about health coverage at this job? HR Shared Services		
11. Phone number (if different from above)	12. Email HRSS@me	address emorialhermann.org

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

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

- x All employees. Eligible employees are: [fill in eligibility rules if applicable]
- o Some employees. Eligible employees are: [full-time, working 30 hours/week or more, parttime, working less than 30 hours/week, and supplemental/PRN employees (MH Care Plan only)]

· With respect to dependents:

- **x** We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are: [legal spouses for full-time and part-time employees, dependent children up to age 26, disabled dependents]
- o We do not offer coverage.
- **x** 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 this 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** will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit **HealthCare.gov** to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

HIPAA Privacy Policy

Your Information. Your Rights. Our Responsibilities.

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. **Please review it carefully.**

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Memorial Hermann Health System Flexible Benefit Plan

This notice pertains only to healthcare coverage provided under the plan.

The Plan's Duty to Safeguard Your Protected Health Information.

Individually identifiable information about your past, present, or future health or condition, the provision of health care to you, or payment for the health care is considered "Protected Health

Information" ("PHI"). The Plan is required to extend certain protections to your PHI, and to give you this Notice about its privacy practices that explains how, when and why the Plan may use or disclose your PHI. Except in specified circumstances, the Plan may use or disclose only the minimum necessary PHI to accomplish the purpose of the use or disclosure.

The Plan is required to follow the privacy practices described in this Notice, though it reserves the right to change those practices and the terms of this Notice at any time. If it does so, and the change is material, you will receive a revised version of this Notice either by hand delivery, mail delivery to your last known address, or some other fashion. This Notice, and any material revisions of it, will also be provided to you in writing upon your request (ask your Human Resources representative, or contact the Plan's Privacy Official, described below), and will be posted on any website maintained by Memorial Hermann that describes benefits available to employees and dependents.

You may also receive one or more other privacy notices, from insurance companies that provide benefits under the Plan. Those notices will describe how the insurance companies use and disclose PHI, and your rights with respect to the PHI they maintain.

How the Plan May Use and Disclose Your Protected Health Information.

The Plan uses and discloses PHI for a variety of reasons. For its routine uses and disclosures it does not require your authorization, but for other uses and disclosures, your authorization (or the authorization of your personal representative (e.g., a person who is your custodian, guardian, or has your power-of-attorney) may be required. The following offers more description and examples of the Plan's uses and disclosures of your PHI.

• Uses and Disclosures Relating to Treatment, Payment, or Health Care Operations.

- Treatment: Generally, and as you would expect, the Plan is permitted to disclose your PHI for purposes of your medical treatment. Thus, it may disclose your PHI to doctors, nurses, hospitals, emergency medical technicians, pharmacists and other health care professionals where the disclosure is for your medical treatment. For example, if you are injured in an accident, and it's important for your treatment team to know your blood type, the Plan could disclose that PHI to the team in order to allow it to more effectively provide treatment to you.
- Payment: Of course, the Plan's most important function, as far as you are concerned, is that it pays for all or some of the medical care you receive (provided the care is covered by the Plan). In the course of its payment operations, the Plan receives a substantial amount of PHI about you. For example, doctors, hospitals and pharmacies that provide you care send the Plan detailed information about the care they provided, so that they can be paid for their services. The Plan may also share your PHI with other plans, in certain cases. For example, if you are covered by more than one health care plan (e.g., covered by this Plan, and your spouse's plan, or covered by the plans covering your father and mother), we may share your PHI with the other plans to coordinate payment of your claims.
- Health care operations: The Plan may use and disclose your PHI in the course of its "health care operations." For example, it may use your PHI in evaluating the quality of services you received, or disclose your PHI to an accountant or attorney for audit purposes. In some cases, the Plan may disclose your PHI to insurance companies for purposes of obtaining various insurance coverage. However, the Plan will not disclose, for underwriting purposes, PHI that is genetic information.
- Other Uses and Disclosures of Your PHI Not Requiring Authorization. The law provides that the Plan may use and disclose your PHI without authorization in the following circumstances:
 - To the Plan Sponsor: The Plan may disclose PHI to the employers (such as Memorial Hermann) who sponsor or maintain the Plan for the benefit of employees and dependents. However, the PHI may only be used for limited purposes, and may not be used for purposes of employment-related actions or decisions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefits department for purposes of enrollments and disenrollments, census, claim resolutions, and other matters related to Plan administration; payroll department for purposes of ensuring appropriate payroll deductions and other payments by covered persons for their coverage; information technology department, as needed for preparation of data compilations and reports related to Plan administration; finance department for purposes of reconciling appropriate payments of premium to and benefits from the Plan, and other matters related to Plan administration; internal legal counsel to assist with resolution of claim, coverage and other disputes related to the Plan's provision of benefits.
 - Required by law: The Plan may disclose PHI when a law requires that it report information about suspected abuse, neglect or domestic violence, or relating to suspected criminal activity, or in response to a court order. It must also disclose PHI to authorities that monitor compliance with these privacy requirements.
 - For public health activities: The Plan may disclose PHI when required to collect information about disease or injury, or to report vital statistics to the public health authority.
 - For health oversight activities: The Plan may disclose PHI to agencies or departments responsible for monitoring the health care system for such purposes as reporting or investigation of unusual incidents.

- Relating to decedents: The Plan may disclose PHI relating to an individual's death to coroners, medical examiners or funeral directors, and to organ procurement organizations relating to organ, eye, or tissue donations or transplants.
- ➢ For research purposes: In certain circumstances, and under strict supervision of a privacy board, the Plan may disclose PHI to assist medical and psychiatric research.
- To avert threat to health or safety: In order to avoid a serious threat to health or safety, the Plan may disclose PHI as necessary to law enforcement or other persons who can reasonably prevent or lessen the threat of harm.
- For specific government functions: The Plan may disclose PHI of military personnel and veterans in certain situations, to correctional facilities in certain situations, to government programs relating to eligibility and enrollment, and for national security reasons.
- Uses and Disclosures Requiring Authorization: For uses and disclosures beyond treatment, payment and operations purposes, and for reasons not included in one of the exceptions described above, the Plan is required to have your written authorization. Most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes (where appropriate), uses and disclosures of PHI for marketing purposes, and disclosures that constitute a sale of PHI require your written authorization. Your authorizations can be revoked at any time to stop future uses and disclosures, except to the extent that the Plan has already undertaken an action in reliance upon your authorization.
- Uses and Disclosures Requiring You to have an Opportunity to Object: The Plan may share PHI with your family, friend or other person involved in your care, or payment for your care. We may also share PHI with these people to notify them about your location, general condition, or death. However, the Plan may disclose your PHI only if it informs you about the disclosure in advance and you do not object (but if there is an emergency situation and you cannot be given your opportunity to object, disclosure may be made if it is consistent with any prior expressed wishes and disclosure is determined to be in your best interests; you must be informed and given an opportunity to object to further disclosure as soon as you are able to do so).

Your Rights Regarding Your Protected Health Information.

You have the following rights relating to your protected health information:

- **To request restrictions on uses and disclosures:** You have the right to ask that the Plan limit how it uses or discloses your PHI. The Plan will consider your request, but is not legally bound to agree to the restriction. To the extent that it agrees to any restrictions on its use or disclosure of your PHI, it will put the agreement in writing and abide by it except in emergency situations. The Plan cannot agree to limit uses or disclosures that are required by law.
 - Effective February 17, 2010, you can restrict disclosure of PHI for payment or health care operations if you pay the health care provider the full out-of-pocket cost.
- **To restrict certain disclosures to health plans:** You have the right to restrict certain disclosures of PHI to a health plan, including the Plan, where you pay out of pocket in full for health care items or services.
- **To opt out of fundraising communications:** To the extent that the Plan engages in fundraising, you have the right to opt out of receiving such communications from the Plan.
- **To choose how the Plan contacts you:** You have the right to ask that the Plan send you information at an alternative address or by an alternative means. The Plan must agree to your request

as long as it is reasonably easy for it to accommodate the request.

- **To inspect and copy your PHI:** Unless your access is restricted for clear and documented treatment reasons, you have a right to see your PHI in the possession of the Plan or its vendors if you put your request in writing. The Plan, or someone on behalf of the Plan, will respond to your request, normally within 30 days. If your request is denied, you will receive written reasons for the denial and an explanation of any right to have the denial reviewed. You have the right to request the form in which your PHI is delivered. If you want copies of your PHI, a charge for copying may be imposed but may be waived, depending on your circumstances. You have a right to choose what portions of your information you want copied and to receive, upon request, prior information on the cost of copying.
- **To request amendment of your PHI:** If you believe that there is a mistake or missing information in a record of your PHI held by the Plan or one of its vendors, you may request, in writing, that the record be corrected or supplemented. The Plan or someone on its behalf will respond, normally within 60 days of receiving your request. The Plan may deny the request if it is determined that the PHI is: (i) correct and complete; (ii) not created by the Plan or its vendor and/or not part of the Plan's or vendor's records; or (iii) not permitted to be disclosed. Any denial will state the reasons for denial and explain your rights to have the request and denial, along with any statement in response that you provide, appended to your PHI. If the request for amendment is approved, the Plan or vendor, as the case may be, will change the PHI and so inform you, and tell others that need to know about the change in the PHI.
- To find out what disclosures have been made: You have a right to get a list of when, to whom, for what purpose, and what portion of your PHI has been released by the Plan and its vendors, other than instances of disclosure for which you gave authorization, or instances where the disclosure was made to you or your family. In addition, the disclosure list will not include disclosures for treatment, payment, or health care operations. The list also will not include any disclosures made for national security purposes, to law enforcement officials or correctional facilities, or before the date the federal privacy rules applied to the Plan. You will normally receive a response to your written request for such a list within 60 days after you make the request in writing. Your request can relate to disclosures going as far back as six years. There will be no charge for up to one such list each year. There may be a charge for more frequent request

How to Complain about the Plan's Privacy Practices.

If you think the Plan or one of its vendors may have violated your privacy rights, or if you disagree with a decision made by the Plan or a vendor about access to your PHI, you may file a complaint with the person listed below. You also may file a written complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The law does not permit anyone to take retaliatory action against you if you make such complaints.

Notification of a Privacy Breach

Any individual whose unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed to have been used, accessed, acquired or disclosed in an unauthorized manner will receive written notification from the Plan within 60 days of the discovery of the breach.

If the breach involves 500 or more residents of a state, the Plan will notify prominent media outlets in the state. The Plan will maintain a log of security breaches and will report this information to HHS on an annual basis. Immediate reporting from the Plan to HHS is required if a security breach involves 500 or more people.

Contact Person for Information, or to Submit a Complaint.

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact the Plan's Privacy Official (see above). If you have any complaints about the Plan's privacy practices, handling of your PHI, or breach notification process, please contact the Privacy Official.

Organized Health Care Arrangement Designation.

The Plan participates in what the federal privacy rules call an "Organized Health Care Arrangement." The purpose of that participation is that it allows PHI to be shared between the members of the Arrangement, without authorization by the persons whose PHI is shared, for health care operations. Primarily, the designation is useful to the Plan because it allows the insurers who participate in the Arrangement to share PHI with the Plan for purposes such as shopping for other insurance bids.

The members of the Organized Health Care Arrangement are:

Memorial Hermann Health System Flexible Benefit Plan

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 <u>www.healthcare.gov</u>.

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 <u>www.insurekidsnow.gov</u> 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 <u>www.askebsa.dol.gov</u> or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

ALABAMA – Medicaid	ALASKA – Medicaid
Website: <u>http://myalhipp.com/</u> Phone: 1-855-692-5447	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: <u>http://myakhipp.com/</u> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <u>CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</u> Medicaid Eligibility: <u>https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx</u>
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Website: <u>http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</u> Phone: 916-445-8322 Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: <u>hipp@dhcs.ca.gov</u>
COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	FLORIDA – Medicaid

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, 2024. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

Health First Colorado Website: Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1.800-221-3943/State Relay 711 CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442 INDIANA – Medicaid INDIANA – Medicaid GEORGIA – Medicaid INDIANA – Medicaid Medicaid georgia.gov/health-insurance-program-fripp Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1 Health Insurance Premium Payment Program GA CHIPRA Website: Hawki India and CHIP (Hawki) KANSAS – Medicaid Medicaid Mebsite: Health & Human Services Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Medicaid Health & Human Services Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Medicaid Health & Human Services KANSAS – Medicaid Hawki Phone: 1-8	
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Phone: 1-877-524-4718	
Kentucky Medicaid Website:	
https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms	
MAINE – Medicaid MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid a	nd CHIP
Enrollment Website: Website: https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/p	
https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?la Phone: 1-800-862-4840	
nguage=en US	
TTY: Maine relay 711 Email: <u>masspremassistance@accenture.com</u>	
Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage:	
https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms	
Phone: 1-800-977-6740	
TTY: Maine relay 711	
MINNESOTA – Medicaid MISSOURI – Medicaid	

Website:	Website:
https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/ Phone: 1-800-657-3672	http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005
MONTANA – Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/	Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: 1-855-632-7633
HIPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084	Lincoln: 402-473-7000 Omaha: 402-595-1178
Email: HHSHIPPProgram@mt.gov	Offiana. 402-393-1176
NEVADA – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: <u>http://dhcfp.nv.gov</u>	Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program Phone: 603-271-5218
	Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345,
	ext. 15218 Email: DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	NEW YORK – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/	Website: <u>https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</u> Phone: 1-800-541-2831
dmahs/clients/medicaid/	
Phone: 1-800-356-1561 CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: 609-631-2392	
CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html	
CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711)	
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid Website: https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare
Phone: 919-855-4100	Phone: 1-844-854-4825
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP	OREGON – Medicaid
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Website: <u>http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</u> Phone: 1-800-699-9075
FIUNE. 1-666-303-3742	Filone. 1-600-099-9075
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP	RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-	Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or
medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment- program-hipp.html	401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)
Phone: 1-800-692-7462	
CHIP Website: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov)	
CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)	
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov	SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid Website: http://dss.sd.gov
Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Phone: 1-888-828-0059
TEXAS – Medicaid	UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment	Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP)
(HIPP) Program Texas Health and Human	Website: <u>https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/</u>
Services	Email: <u>upp@utah.gov</u>
Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Phone: 1-888-222-2542
	Adult Expansion Website:
	https://medicaid.utah.gov/expansion/
	Utah Medicaid Buyout Program Website:
	https://medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program/
	CHIP Website: https://chip.utah.gov/
VERMONT– Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment	Website: https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-
(HIPP) Program Department of Vermont Health	assistance/famis-select
Access	
Phone: 1-800-250-8427	https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-
	assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-
	programs
	Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
WASHINGTON – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/	Website: https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/
Phone: 1-800-562-3022	http://mywvhipp.com/
	Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700
	CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website:	Website:
https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-	https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-
10095.htm	and-eligibility/
Phone: 1-800-362-3002	Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2024, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human
Employee Benefits Security Administration	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa	www.cms.hhs.gov
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)	1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

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OMB Control Number 1210-0137 (expires 1/31/2026)

HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights

This notice describes special circumstances which may allow you and your eligible dependents to enroll in Memorial Hermann group health coverage during the year. Please review it carefully.

Memorial Hermann sponsors a group health plan (the "Plan") to provide coverage for health care services for our employees and their eligible dependents. Our records show you are eligible to participate, which requires you to complete enrollment in the Plan and pay your portion of the cost of coverage through payroll deductions or to decline coverage. A federal law called HIPAA requires we notify you about your right to later enroll yourself and eligible dependents for coverage in the Plan under "special enrollment provisions" described below.

Special Enrollment Provisions

Loss of Other Coverage

If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent because you had other group health plan coverage or other health insurance, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in the Plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage, or if the other employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents' other coverage. You must request enrollment within 30 days after you or your dependents' other coverage ends, or after the other employer stops contributing toward the other coverage. Please contact HR Shared Services for details, including the effective date of coverage added under this special enrollment provision (contact information provided below).

New Dependent by Marriage, Birth, Adoption or Placement for Adoption

If you gain a new dependent as a result of a marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your new dependents in the Plan. You must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption. In the event you acquire a new dependent by birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may also be able to enroll your spouse in the Plan, if your spouse was not previously covered. Please contact HR Shared Services for details, including the effective date of coverage added under this special enrollment provision (contact information provided below).

Enrollment Due to Medicaid/CHIP Events

If you or your eligible dependents are not already enrolled in the Plan, you may be able to enroll yourself and your eligible dependents in the Plan if you or your dependents lose coverage under a state Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or if you or your dependents become eligible for premium assistance under state Medicaid or CHIP. You must request enrollment within 60 days from the date of the Medicaid/CHIP event. Please contact HR Shared Services for details, including the effective date of coverage added under this special enrollment provision (contact information provided below).

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this Notice or about how to enroll in the Plan, please contact HR Shared Services at **713-456-MHHR (6447)** or by writing to: Memorial Hermann HR Shared Services 920 Frostwood Suite 5:100, Houston, TX 77024

Notice Availability

A copy of this notice is available at our website, <u>www.yourmhbenefits.com</u> or on our intranet (<u>all/HR</u> via OneSource). Additional information regarding your rights to enroll in the Plan are found in the applicable summary plan description(s) for the Plan, or you may contact HR Shared Services as provided above for more information.

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act requires group health plans and their insurance companies and HMOs to provide certain benefits for mastectomy patients who elect breast reconstruction. For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed; Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; Prostheses; and Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

Breast reconstruction benefits are subject to deductibles and co-insurance limitations that are consistent with those established for other benefits under the plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, contact your plan administrator (see cover page for contact information).

Hospital Indemnity Notice

IMPORTANT: This is a fixed indemnity policy, NOT health insurance

This fixed indemnity policy may pay you a limited dollar amount if you're sick or hospitalized. You're still responsible for paying the cost of your care.

- The payment you get isn't based on the size of your medical bill.
- There might be a limit on how much this policy will pay each year.
- This policy isn't a substitute for comprehensive health insurance.
- Since this policy isn't health insurance, it doesn't have to include most Federal consumer protections that apply to health insurance.

Looking for comprehensive health insurance?

- Visit HealthCare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 (TTY: 1-855-889-4325) to find health coverage options.
- To find out if you can get health insurance through your job, or a family member's job, contact the employer.

Questions about this policy?

- For questions or complaints about this policy, contact your State Department of Insurance. Find their number on the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' website (naic.org) under "Insurance Departments."
- If you have this policy through your job, or a family member's job, contact the employer.

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA)

The Genetic Information

Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 protects employees against discrimination based on their genetic information. Unless otherwise permitted, your employer may not request or require any genetic information from you or your family members.

GINA prohibits employers and other entities covered by GINA Title II from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by this law.

To comply with this law, we are asking that you not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. "Genetic Information" as defined by GINA, includes an individual's family medical history, the results of genetic tests, the fact that a member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by a member or an embryo lawfully held by a member receive assistive reproductive services.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

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 of 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 issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours if applicable).

Mental Health Parity & Addiction Act

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

Michelle's Law

When a dependent child loses student status for purposes of the group health plan coverage as a result of a medically necessary leave of absence from a post-secondary educational institution, the group health plan will continue to provide coverage during the leave of absence for up to one year, or until coverage would otherwise terminate under the group health plan, whichever is earlier.

For additional information, contact your plan administrator (see cover page for contact information).

Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA)

The Uniformed and Services Employment and Re-Employment rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) sets requirements for continuation of health coverage and re-employment in regard to an Employee's military leave of absence. These requirements apply to medical and dental coverage for you and your Dependents. They do not apply to any Life, Short Term or Long Term Disability or Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage you may have. A full explanation of USERRA and your rights is beyond the scope of this document. If you want to know more, please see the Summary Plan Description (SPD) for any of our group insurance coverage or go to this site: http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/main.htm.

An alternative source is VETS. You can contact them at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit this site: http;//www.dol.gov/vets

An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at http://www.dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm