

Important Notices

According to federal and state legal directives, we are required to provide the following information.

Special Enrollment Rights

You may be eligible to enroll yourself and your dependents in a medical plan without waiting for an open enrollment period if:

- You or your eligible dependents declines the Medical Plan because you have other group medical coverage, then you lose the other coverage because you are no longer eligible, or because the employer failed to pay the required premium. In such cases, you must enroll in the Medical Plan within 30 days after losing the other coverage. You will have to provide proof that you had other coverage.
- You or your eligible dependents declines the Medical Plan because you have COBRA coverage under another group medical plan, then you exhaust your COBRA coverage. In such cases, you must complete your entire COBRA coverage period, and you must enroll in the Medical Plan within 30 days after completing your COBRA coverage period. You will have to provide proof that you completed your COBRA coverage period.
- You decline the Medical Plan and then a new dependent is added to your family due to marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. In such cases, you must enroll in the Medical Plan within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption. You will have to provide proof of the event.
- You and your eligible dependents become eligible for premium assistance through a state Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance program (CHIP) and when you lose coverage under one of these programs. In such a case, you must request enrollment not later than 60 days after the loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage or not later than 60 days of the determination of eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP premium assistance.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

Under federal law, health care plans may not restrict any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a normal 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 and with the mother's consent, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable).

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

Under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act, group health plans must make certain benefits available to participants of health plans who have undergone a mastectomy. In particular, plans that provide medical and surgical benefits for a mastectomy must also provide coverage for:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- External breast prostheses (breast forms that fit into a bra) that are needed before or during the reconstruction; and
- Treatment of physical complications in all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.
- Coverage is determined by the health plan, in coordination with the physician and patient.

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.

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

ALABAMA – Medicaid	ALASKA – Medicaid
Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: http://myakhipp.com/ Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Website: http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp Phone: 916-445-8322 Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov
COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/State Relay 711 CHP+: https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): https://www.mycohibi.com/ HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442	Website: https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com/flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/index.html Phone: 1-877-357-3268

GEORGIA – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
GA HIPP Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1 GA CHIPRA Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 2	Health Insurance Premium Payment Program All other Medicaid Website: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/ http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/ Family and Social Services Administration Phone: 1-800-403-0864 Member Services Phone: 1-800-457-4584
IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)	KANSAS – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: iowa Medicaid Health & Human Services Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Hawki Website: Hawki - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa Health & Human Services Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563 HIPP Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Health & Human Services (iowa.gov) HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562	Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Phone: 1-800-792-4884 HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	LOUISIANA – Medicaid
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx Phone: 1-855-459-6328 Email: KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov KCHIP Website: https://kynect.ky.gov Phone: 1-877-524-4718 Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms	Website: www.medicicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)
MAINE – Medicaid	MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
Enrollment Website: https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711 Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofii/applications-forms Phone: 1-800-977-6740 TTY: Maine relay 711	Website: https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa Phone: 1-800-862-4840 TTY: 711 Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	MISSOURI – Medicaid
Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/ Phone: 1-800-657-3672	Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005
MONTANA – Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084 Email: HSHIPPProgram@mt.gov	Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: 1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 402-473-7000 Omaha: 402-595-1178

NEVADA – Medicaid		NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid	
Medicaid Website: http://dhcftp.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900		Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-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/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)		Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831	
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid		NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	
Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ Phone: 919-855-4100		Website: https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare Phone: 1-844-854-4825	
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP		OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742		Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-800-699-9075	
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP		RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicoid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html Phone: 1-800-692-7462 CHIP Website: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov) CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)		Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct Rite Share Line)	
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid		SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820		Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059	
TEXAS – Medicaid		UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Texas Health and Human Services Phone: 1-800-440-0493		Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP) Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/ Email: upp@utah.gov 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 (HIPP) Program Department of Vermont Health Access Phone: 1-800-250-8427		Website: https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select 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/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022	Website: https://dhr.wv.gov/bms/ 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: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002	Website: https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/ 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
 Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

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

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

MCAD'S HEALTH PLANS NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Effective January 01, 2025

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. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Privacy Officer:

Senior Director of Human Resources

Hope Denardo

2501 Stevens Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Email : benefits@mcad.edu | Phone : (612) 874-3798

WHO WILL FOLLOW THIS NOTICE

This notice describes the medical information practices of the MCAD's Cafeteria Plan, the MCAD Medical Plan and the MCAD Dental Plan ("Health Plan") and that of any third party that assists in the administration of Health Plan claims.

For purposes of HIPAA and this notice, the Health Plan includes the following: Cafeteria Plan

OUR PLEDGE REGARDING MEDICAL INFORMATION

We understand that medical information about you and your health is personal. We are committed to protecting medical information about you. This notice applies to all of the medical records maintained by the Health Plan. Your personal doctor or health care provider may have different policies or notices regarding the doctor's use and disclosure of your medical information created in the doctor's office or clinic.

This notice tells you about the ways in which we may use and disclose medical information about you. It also describes our obligations and your rights regarding the use and disclosure of medical information.

We are required by law to:

- make sure that medical information that identifies you is kept private;
- give you this notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to medical information about you; and
- follow the terms of the notice that are currently in effect.

HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

The following categories describe different ways that we use and disclose medical information. For each category of uses or disclosures, we will explain what we mean and present some examples. These examples are not exhaustive. Not every use or disclosure in a category will be listed. However, all of the ways we are permitted to use and disclose information will fall within one of the categories.

Please note: In most instances, how information is used and disclosed has not changed. The descriptions reflect how the Health Plan has traditionally operated.

For Treatment (as described in applicable regulations). We may use or disclose medical information about you to facilitate medical treatment or services by providers. We may disclose medical information about you to providers, including doctors, nurses, technicians, medical students, or other hospital personnel who are involved in taking care of you.

For Payment (as described in applicable regulations). We may use and disclose medical information about you to determine eligibility for benefits, to facilitate payment for the treatment and services you receive from health care providers, to determine benefit responsibility under the Health Plan, or to coordinate Health Plan coverage. For example, we may tell your health care provider about your medical history to determine whether a particular treatment is experimental, investigational, or medically necessary or to determine whether the Health Plan covers the treatment. We may also share medical information with a utilization review or pre-certification service provider. Likewise, we may share medical information with another entity to assist with the adjudication (legal actions) or subrogation (third party reimbursements) of health claims or to another health plan to coordinate benefit payments.

For Health Care Operations (as described in applicable regulations). We may use and disclose medical information about you for other Health Plan operations. These uses and disclosures are necessary to run the Health Plan. For example, we may use medical information in connection with: conducting quality assessment and improvement activities; underwriting, premium rating, and other activities relating to Health Plan coverage; submitting claims for stop-loss (or excess loss) coverage; conducting or arranging for medical review, legal services, audit services, and fraud and abuse detection programs; business planning and development such as cost management; and business management and general Health Plan administrative activities.

As Required By Law. We will disclose medical information about you when required to do so by federal, state or local law. For example, we may disclose medical information when required by a court order or subpoena.

To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety. The Health Plan may use and disclose medical information about you when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of the public or another person. However, disclosure would be limited to someone able to help prevent the threat.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Disclosure to Health Plan Sponsor. Information may be disclosed to another health plan for purposes of facilitating claims payments under that plan. In addition, medical information may be disclosed to MCAD's personnel solely for administering benefits under the Health Plan.

Organ and Tissue Donation. If you are an organ donor, we may release medical information to organizations that handle organ procurement or organ, eye or tissue transplantation or to an organ donation bank, as necessary to facilitate organ or tissue donation and transplantation.

Military and Veterans. If you are a member of the armed forces, we may release medical information about you as required by military command authorities. We may also release medical information about foreign military personnel to the appropriate foreign military authority.

Workers' Compensation. We may release medical information about you for workers' compensation or similar programs. These programs provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness.

Public Health Risks. We may disclose medical information about you for public health activities. These activities generally include the following:

- to prevent or control disease, injury or disability;
- to report births and deaths;
- to report reactions to medications or problems with products;
- to notify people of recalls of products they may be using;
- to notify a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition;
- to notify the appropriate government authority if we believe an individual has been the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. We will only make this disclosure if you agree or when required or authorized by law.

Health Oversight Activities. We may disclose medical information to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law. These oversight activities include, for example, audits, investigations, inspections, and licensure. These activities are necessary for the government to monitor the health care system, government programs, and compliance with civil rights laws.

Lawsuits and Disputes. If you are involved in a lawsuit or a dispute, we may disclose medical information about you in response to a court or administrative order. We may also disclose medical information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process by someone else involved in the dispute, but only if efforts have been made to tell you about the request or to obtain an order protecting the information requested.

Law Enforcement. We may release medical information if asked to do so by a law enforcement official:

- in response to a court order, subpoena, warrant, summons or similar process;
- to identify or locate a suspect, fugitive, material witness, or missing person;
- about the victim of a crime if, under certain limited circumstances, we are unable to obtain the person's agreement;
- about a death we believe may be the result of criminal conduct; and
- in emergency circumstances to report a crime; the location of the crime or victims; or the identity, description or location of the person who committed the crime.

Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors. We may release medical information to a coroner or medical examiner. This may be necessary, for example, to identify a deceased person or determine the cause of death. We may also release medical information about patients of the hospital to funeral directors as necessary to carry out their duties.

National Security and Intelligence Activities. We may release medical information about you to authorized federal officials for intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities authorized by law.

Inmates. If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may release medical information about you to the correctional institution or law enforcement official. This release would be necessary (1) for the institution to provide you with health care; (2) to protect your health and safety or the health and safety of others; or (3) for the safety and security of the correctional institution.

YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

You have the following rights regarding medical information we maintain about you:

Right to Inspect and Copy. You have the right to inspect and copy medical information that may be used to make decisions about your Health Plan benefits. To inspect and copy the medical information that may be used to make decisions about you, you must submit your request in writing to the Privacy Officer. If you request a copy of the information, we may charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing or other supplies associated with your request.

We may deny your request to inspect and copy in certain very limited circumstances. If you are denied access to medical information, you may request that the denial be reviewed.

Right to Amend. If you feel that medical information we have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may ask us to amend the information. You have the right to request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for the Health Plan.

To request an amendment, your request must be made in writing and submitted to the Privacy Officer. In addition, you must provide a reason that supports your request.

We may deny your request for an amendment if it is not in writing or does not include a reason to support the request. In addition, we may deny your request if you ask us to amend information that:

- is not part of the medical information kept by or for the Health Plan;
- was not created by us, unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment;
- is not part of the information which you would be permitted to inspect and copy; or is accurate and complete.

Right to an Accounting of Disclosures. You have the right to request an "accounting of disclosures" where such disclosure was made for any purpose other than treatment, payment, or health care operations.

To request this list of accounting of disclosures, you must submit your request in writing to Privacy Officer. Your request must state a time period which may not be longer than six years and may not include dates before April 14, 2004. Your request should indicate in what form you want the list (for example, paper or electronic). The first list you request within a 12 month period will be free. For additional lists, we may charge you for the costs of providing the list. We will notify you of the cost involved and you may choose to withdraw or modify your request at that time before any costs are incurred.

Right to Request Restrictions. You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the medical information we use or disclose about you for treatment, payment or health care operations. You also have the right to request a limit on the medical information we disclose about you to someone who is involved in your care or the payment for your care, like a family member or friend. For example, you could ask that we not use or disclose information about a surgery. We are not required to agree to your request.

To request restrictions, you must make your request in writing to the Privacy Officer. In your request, you must tell us (1) what information you want to limit; (2) whether you want to limit our use, disclosure or both; and (3) to whom you want the limits to apply, for example, disclosures to your spouse.

Right to Request Confidential Communications. You have the right to request that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you can ask that we only contact you at work or by mail. To request confidential communications, you must make your request in writing to the Privacy Officer. We will not ask you the reason for your request. We will accommodate all reasonable requests. Your request must specify how or where you wish to be contacted.

Right to a Paper Copy of This Notice. You have the right to a paper copy of this notice. You may ask us to give you a copy of this notice at any time. Even if you have agreed to receive this notice electronically, you are still entitled to a paper copy of this notice. To obtain a paper copy of this notice, contact the Privacy Officer.

CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE

We reserve the right to change this notice. We reserve the right to make the revised or changed notice effective for medical information we already have about you as well as any information we receive in the future. We will post a copy of the current notice on the Health Plan website. The notice will contain on the first page, in the top right hand corner, the effective date.

COMPLAINTS

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Health Plan or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint with the Health Plan, contact the Privacy Officer. All complaints must be submitted in writing.

To file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services, contact:

Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
233 N. Michigan Ave. - Suite 240
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 886-2359; (312) 353-5693 (TDD) | (312) 886-1807 FAX

You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

OTHER USES OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

Other uses and disclosures of medical information not covered by this notice or the other applicable laws will be made only with your written permission. If you provide us permission to use or disclose medical information about you, you may revoke that permission, in writing, at any time. If you revoke your permission, we will no longer use or disclose medical information about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization. You understand that we are unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission, and that we are required to retain our records of the care that we provided to you.

MNSURE COVERAGE OPTIONS AND YOUR HEALTH COVERAGE: FOR EMPLOYEES WHOSE EMPLOYERS OFFER HEALTH COVERAGE (MINNESOTA EMPLOYEES)

GENERAL INFORMATION

When key parts of the health care law known as the Affordable Care Act take effect, there will be a new place to buy health insurance in Minnesota; MNSure. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about MNSure and employment-based health coverage offered by your employer.

WHAT IS MNSURE?

MNSure is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. MNSure 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 for health insurance plans sold through MNSure or free or low-cost insurance from Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through MNSure begins November 1, 2024 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2025.

CAN I SAVE MONEY ON MY HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS THROUGH MNSURE?

Yes. You may qualify to save money and lower or eliminate your monthly premium. You may qualify for a tax credit or MinnesotaCare 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 MNSURE?

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 or MinnesotaCare through MNSure 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, a reduction in certain cost-sharing, or MinnesotaCare if your employer does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer for you, the employee only, is more than 9.02% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.¹

If you are seeking help paying costs for health coverage through MNSure, you will need information about the cost and value of your employer coverage to complete an online or paper application. If your employer offers health coverage to you, ask your employer to complete and give you the Health Coverage from Jobs (Appendix A) form. If your employer does not offer coverage to you, you do not need your employer to complete the Health Coverage from Jobs (Appendix A) form.

Note: If you purchase a health plan through MNSure 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 MNSure are made on an after-tax basis.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

There is help available to you to evaluate your coverage options through MNSure, including your eligibility for coverage through MNSure and its cost. Please visit www.mnsure.org for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage, or call 1-855-3MNSure (1-855-366-7873).

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

FEDERAL COVERAGE OPTIONS AND YOUR HEALTH COVERAGE: FOR EMPLOYEES WHOSE EMPLOYERS OFFER HEALTH COVERAGE (FEDERAL NOTICE – STATES OUTSIDE OF MINNESOTA)

GENERAL INFORMATION

When key parts of the health care law known as the Affordable Care Act take effect, there will be a new place to buy health insurance; the Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by your employer.

WHAT IS THE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET PLACE?

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 for health insurance plans sold through the Marketplace. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins November 1, 2024 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2025.

CAN I SAVE MONEY ON MY HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS IN THE MARKETPLACE?

Yes. You may qualify to save money and lower or eliminate 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, a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer for you, the employee only, is more than 9.02% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.¹

If you are seeking help paying costs for health coverage through the Marketplace, you will need information about the cost and value of your employer coverage to complete an online or paper application. If your employer offers health coverage to you, ask your employer to complete and give you the Health Coverage from Jobs (Appendix A) form. If your employer does not offer coverage to you, you do not need your employer to complete the Health Coverage from Jobs (Appendix A) form.

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?

There is help available to you to evaluate your coverage options through the Marketplace, including your eligibility for coverage and cost. Please visit 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.

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