### Southern Healthcare Agency

301 New Pointe Ridgeland, MS 39157 Contact Person: Josh Young

Phone: 800-880-2772

Email: jyoung@southernhealthcare.com

# **Ongoing Notices**

The following are notices that the passage of the PPACA Healthcare Reform bill requires that we provide. For more information regarding these or other provisions of your health insurance plan, contact:

Southern Healthcare Agency at 800-880-2772

### Notice of Opportunity to Enroll in connection with Extension of Dependent Coverage to Age 26

Individuals whose coverage ended, or who were denied coverage (or were not eligible for coverage), before attainment of age 26 due to student status, marital status, financial dependency or residency are eligible to enroll in this group health plan.

### **Notice of Lifetime Limit No Longer Applies**

The lifetime limit on the dollar value of benefits under your group health plan no longer applies. Individuals whose coverage ended by reason of reaching a lifetime limit under the plan are eligible to enroll in the plan.

### Notice of Designation of a Primary Care Provider

You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, you may go to <a href="https://www.bcbsms.com">www.bcbsms.com</a>. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals.

### The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 ("WHCRA")

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 Manager or Southern Healthcare Agency for more information.

## 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 January 31, 2015. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	GEORGIA – Medicaid	
Website: www.myalhipp.com	Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/	
Phone: 1-855-692-5447	- Click on Programs, then Medicaid, then Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)	
	Phone: 1-800-869-1150	
ALASKA – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid	
Website: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/ Phone (Outside of Anchorage): 1-888-318-8890	Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa Phone: 1-800-889-9949	
Phone (Anchorage): 907-269-6529		
COLORADO – Medicaid	IOWA – Medicaid	
Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf	Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/	
Medicaid Customer Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943	Phone: 1-888-346-9562	
FLORIDA – Medicaid	KANSAS – Medicaid	
Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/	Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/	
Phone: 1-877-357-3268	Phone: 1-800-792-4884	

KENTUCKY – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid		
Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm	Website:		
Phone: 1-800-635-2570	http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/documents/hippapp.pdf		
	Phone: 603-271-5218		
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP		
Website: http://www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/		
Phone: 1-888-695-2447	dmahs/clients/medicaid/		
	Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392		
	CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html		
	CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710		
MAINE – Medicaid	NEW YORK – Medicaid		
Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html	Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/		
Phone: 1-800-977-6740	Phone: 1-800-541-2831		
TTY 1-800-977-6741			
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid		
Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth	Website: http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma		
Phone: 1-800-462-1120	Phone: 919-855-4100		
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid		
Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/id_006254	Website:		
Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance	http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/		
Phone: 1-800-657-3739	Phone: 1-800-755-2604		
MISSOURI – Medicaid	OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP		
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.ht	Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org		
m	Phone: 1-888-365-3742		
Phone: 573-751-2005			
MONTANA – Medicaid	OREGON – Medicaid		
Website: http://medicaid.mt.gov/member	Website: http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov		
Phone: 1-800-694-3084	http://www.hijossaludablesoregon.gov		
	Phone: 1-800-699-9075		
NEBRASKA – Medicaid	PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid		
Website: www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov	Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/hipp		
Phone: 1-855-632-7633	Phone: 1-800-692-7462		
NEVADA – Medicaid	RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid		
Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/	Website: www.ohhs.ri.gov		
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Phone: 401-462-5300		

SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP		
Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov	Medicaid Website:		
Phone: 1-888-549-0820	http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm		
	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924		
	CHIP Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance. cfm		
	CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282		
SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	WASHINGTON – Medicaid		
Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Website: http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/premiumpymt/pages/ index.aspx		
	Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473		
TEXAS – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid		
Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com/	Website: www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/		
Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Phone: 1-877-598-5820, HMS Third Party Liability		
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP		
Website:	Website:		
Medicaid: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid CHIP: http://health.utah.gov/chip	https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p- 10095.htm		
Phone: 1-866-435-7414	Phone: 1-800-362-3002		
VERMONT– Medicaid	WYOMING – Medicaid		
Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Website: http://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/equalitycare Phone: 307-777-7531		

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2015, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services www.dol.gov/ebsa 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

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

OMB Control Number 1210-0137 (expires 10/31/2016)

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

Form Approved OMB No. 1210-0149 (expires 6-30-2023)

### 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 Melissa Conway (662) 378-4470

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 Identi	4. Employer Identification Number (EIN)			
Southern Healthcare Agency, Inc.		64-0	64-0829013			
5. Employer address			6. Employer phone number			
301 New Pointe		· · · · ·	(601) 933-0037			
7. City 8.		8. State	9. ZIP code			
Ridgeland		MS	39157			
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job?						
Josh Young						
11. Phone number (if different from above) 12. Email address						
(601) 933-0037 jyoung@southernhealthca		hcare.com	e.com			
∙As your employ	nformation about health coverage er, we offer a health plan to: All employees. Eligible employe Some employees. Eligible employe	ees are:	yer:			
	Employees classified as full-time upon hiring and employees classified as variable hour who satisfy the initial eligibility requirement of 1,560 hours within a consecutive 12 month measurement period.					
· —	•With respect to dependents:  X We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:					
	Legal dependents of eligible employ	rees who participate in So	uthern Healthcare's Insura	ance Program.		
	We do not offer coverage.					
X If checked, this	coverage meets the minimum va	alue standard, and the	cost of this coverage t	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 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.