

Iredell County Legal Notices

Benefits Plan Year July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023





REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS

Important Legal Notices Affecting Your Health Plan Coverage

THE WOMEN'S HEALTH CANCER RIGHTS ACT OF 1998 (WHCRA)

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). 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.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. Therefore, the following deductibles and coinsurance apply: Base PPO Plan Individual deductible \$2,000 and 70% coinsurance after deductible. Buy Up PPO Plan Individual deductible \$1,500 and 70% coinsurance after deductible. HDHP HSA Plan Individual deductible \$2,000 and 70% coinsurance after deductible.

NEWBORNS ACT DISCLOSURE - FEDERAL

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward you or your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after your or your dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

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

Further, if you decline enrollment for yourself or eligible dependents (including your spouse) while Medicaid coverage or coverage under a State CHIP program is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if:

- coverage is lost under Medicaid or a State CHIP program; or
- you or your dependents become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy from the State.

In either case, you must request enrollment within 60 days from the loss of coverage or the date you become eligible for premium assistance. To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact person listed at the end of this summary.

NOTICE REGARDING WELLNESS PROGRAMS

THE NOTICE ISSUED BY THE EEOC IS BELOW:

Iredell County's Wellness Program is a voluntary program available to all employees. The program is administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored Wellness Programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. If you choose to participate in the Wellness Program you will be asked to complete a voluntary Health Risk Assessment or "HRA" which will include a blood test for cholesterol ratio, triglycerides, PSA for men age 40+, A1c and CBC; a measurement for blood pressure, height, weight and waist circumference. You are not required to complete the HRA.

Employees who choose to participate in the Wellness Program will receive a discounted rate on their Health Insurance Premiums. They may also qualify for up to \$500 in incentives by achieving certain biometric criteria.

<u>Biometric Screening</u> - We offer two exciting Biometric Screening Incentives! Employees who meet certain standards during the health screenings will receive a \$250 or \$500 incentive! The standards are relating to blood pressure, waist circumference, cholesterol ratio, A1C, and the absence of tobacco use. **You are eligible to receive a total of \$500 if all five (5) criteria are met!**

Incentive 1
Employees meeting at least four (4) out of five (5) of the criteria listed below qualify for a \$250 incentive.
Employees meeting all five (5) criteria qualify for a \$500 incentive.

Risk Factor	Criteria for Additional Reward	
Blood Pressure	< 138/< 86mm/Hg	
Cholesterol Ratio	< 4.5	
A1c	< 5.7%	
Tobacco	Absence of Tobacco use	
Waist Circumference	< 40" Male or < 35" Female	

Although you are not required to complete the HRA, only employees who do so will be eligible for any of the incentives listed above.

If you are unable to participate in any of the health-related activities or achieve any of the health outcomes required to earn an incentive, you may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. You may request a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard by contacting the Wellness Division at 704-832-2329 or 704-878-3057.

The information from your HRA and results from your biometric screening will be used to provide you with information to help you understand your current health and potential risks, and may also be used to offer you services through the wellness program, such as on-site Clinician services, literature, etc. You also are encouraged to share your results or concerns with your own doctor.

Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information

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

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the Wellness Program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the Wellness Program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the Wellness Program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual(s) who will receive your personally identifiable health information are a third-party vendor who will receive information to provide an aggregate summary of the whole Iredell County group. A third-party vendor may also share your data with an on-site Clinician or a Health Coach, in order to, provide you with services under the Wellness Program.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separate from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the Wellness Program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide, in connection with the Wellness Program, we will notify you immediately.

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

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact the Wellness Division at 704-832-2329 or 704-878-3057.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding any of this information can be directed to:
Human Resources
200 S Center Street, PO Box 788, Statesville, North Carolina 28687
Phone: 704-878-3000

MEDICARE PART D NOTICE

Important Notice from Iredell County about your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare – For Members Enrolled on <u>BASE PPO -or- BUY-UP PPO – or - HDHP with HSA</u>

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Iredell County and about your options under Medicare's Prescription Drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether 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. Iredell County has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the County's Base PPO, Buy-Up PPO and HDHP with HSA Plans are 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 15th to December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare Drug Plan.

What Happens to Your Current Coverage if You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare Drug Plan, your current Iredell County coverage will not be affected. You can keep this coverage and it will coordinate with Part D coverage. If you joined a Medicare Drug Plan after a COBRA qualified event, your COBRA coverage may end.

If you do decide to join a Medicare Drug Plan and drop your current Iredell County coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will be able to get this coverage back (during open enrollment or in the case of special enrollment opportunity).

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 Iredell County and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare Drug Plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) if you have Medicare Prescription Drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For More Information About this Notice or your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...

Contact the person listed below for further information. **NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare Drug Plan, and if this coverage through Iredell County changes. You may also request a copy of this notice at any time.

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 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare Prescription Drug coverage is available. For information 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).

Date: July 1, 2022

Name of Entity/Sender: Iredell County

Contact--Position/Office: Human Resources Department

Address: P.O. Box 788, Statesville, NC 28687

Phone Number: 704-878-3000

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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.**

Your Information. Your Rights. Our Responsibilities.

Recipients of the notice are encouraged to read the entire notice. Contact information for questions or complaints is available at the end of the notice.

Your Rights

You have the right to:

- Get a copy of your health and claims records
- Correct your health and claims records

- Request confidential communication
- Ask us to limit the information we share
- Get a list of those with whom we've shared your information.
- Get a copy of this privacy notice
- Choose someone to act for you
- File a complaint if you believe your privacy rights have been violated

Your Choices

You have some choices in the way that we use and share information as we:

- Answer coverage questions from your family and friends
- Provide disaster relief
- Market our services and sell your information

Our Uses and Disclosures

We may use and share your information as we:

- Help manage the health care treatment you receive
- Run our organization
- Pay for your health services
- Administer your health plan
- Help with public health and safety issues
- Do research
- Comply with the law
- Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director
- Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests
- Respond to lawsuits and legal actions

Your Rights

When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

Get a copy of health and claims records

- You can ask to see or get a copy of your health and claims records and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this
- We will provide a copy or a summary of your health and claims records, usually within 30 days
 of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee

Ask us to correct health and claims records

- You can ask us to correct your health and claims records if you think they are incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this
- We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing, usually within 60 days

Request confidential communications

- You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address
- We will consider all reasonable requests, and must say "yes" if you tell us you would be in danger if we do not

Ask us to limit what we use or share

- You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations
- We are not required to agree to your request

Get a list of those with whom we've shared information

- You can ask for a list (accounting) of the times we've shared your health information for up to six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why
- We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care
 operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We'll provide
 one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for
 another one within 12 months

Get a copy of this privacy notice

You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.

Choose someone to act for you

- If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information
- We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action

File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated

- You can complain if you feel we have violated your rights by contacting us using the information at the end of this notice
- You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775, or visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/
- We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint

Your Choices

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions.

In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:

- Share information with your family, close friends, or others involved in payment for your care
- Share information in a disaster relief situation

If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

• In these cases we never share your information unless you give us written permission:

Marketing purposes

Sale of your information

Our Uses and Disclosures

How do we typically use or share your health information?

We typically use or share your health information in the following ways.

Help manage the health care treatment you receive

We can use your health information and share it with professionals who are treating you.

Example: A doctor sends us information about your diagnosis and treatment plan so we can arrange additional services.

Pay for your health services

We can use and disclose your health information as we pay for your health services.

Example: We share information about you with your dental plan to coordinate payment for your dental work.

Administer your plan

We may disclose your health information to your health plan sponsor for plan administration. Example: Your company contracts with us to provide a health plan, and we provide your company with certain statistics to explain the premiums we charge.

Run our organization

- We can use and disclose your information to run our organization and contact you when necessary
- We are not allowed to use genetic information to decide whether we will give you coverage and the price of that coverage. This does not apply to long term care plans

Example: We use health information about you to develop better services for you.

How else can we use or share your health information?

We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways – usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html.

Help with public health and safety issues

We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:

- Preventing disease
- Helping with product recalls
- Reporting adverse reactions to medications
- Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence
- Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety

Do research

We can use or share your information for health research.

Comply with the law

We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law.

Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director

- We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations
- We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies

Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests

We can use or share health information about you:

- For workers' compensation claims
- For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official
- With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law
- For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services

Respond to lawsuits and legal actions

We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

Our Responsibilities

- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind

For more information see: www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html.

Changes to the Terms of this Notice

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, on our web site (if applicable), and we will mail a copy to you.

Other Instructions for Notice

• July 1, 2022 | Sandra Gregory, sgregory@co.iredell.nc.us, 704-878-3128

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, 2022. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA-Medicaid	CALIFORNIA-Medicaid	
Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp Phone: 916-445-8322 Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov	
ALASKA-Medicaid	COLORADO-Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: http://myakhipp.com/ Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx	Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442	
ARKANSAS-Medicaid Website: http://myarhipp.com/	FLORIDA-Medicaid Website:	
Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/index.html Phone: 1-877-357-3268	
GEORGIA-Medicaid	MAINE-Medicaid	
A HIPP Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-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	Enrollment Website: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711 Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms Phone: -800-977-6740. TTY: Maine relay 711	

INDIANA-Medicaid	MASSACHUSETTS-Medicaid and CHIP	
Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa.hip/ Phone: 1-877-438-4479 All other Medicaid Website: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/ Phone 1-800-457-4584	Website: https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa Phone: 1-800-862-4840	
IOWA-Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)	MINNESOTA-Medicaid	
Medicaid Website: https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Hawki Website: http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563 HIPP Website: https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562	Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp Phone: 1-800-657-3739	
KANSAS-Medicaid	MISSOURI-Medicaid	
Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Phone: 1-800-792-4884	Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005	
KENTUCKY-Medicaid	MONTANA-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://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-877-524-4718 Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov	Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084	
LOUISIANA-Medicaid	NEBRASKA-Medicaid	
Website: www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)	Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: 1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 402-473-7000 Omaha: 402-595-1178	
NEVADA-Medicaid	SOUTH CAROLINA-Medicaid	
Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	
NEW HAMPSHIRE-Medicaid	SOUTH DAKOTA-Medicaid	
Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218	Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059	
NEW JERSEY-Medicaid and CHIP	TEXAS-Medicaid	
Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710	Website: http://gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493	

NEW YORK-Medicaid	UTAH-Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831	Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/ CHIP Website: http://health.utah.gov/chipPhone: 1-877-543-7669	
NORTH CAROLINA-Medicaid	VERMONT-Medicaid	
Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ Phone: 919-855-4100	Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427	
NORTH DAKOTA-Medicaid	VIRGINIA-Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-844-854-4825	Website: https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-selecthtps://www.coverva.org/en/hipp Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924	
OKLAHOMA-Medicaid and CHIP	WASHINGTON-Medicaid	
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022	
OREGON-Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA-Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html Phone: 1-800-699-9075	Website: https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/ http://mywvhipp.com/ Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700 CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)	
PENNSYLVANIA-Medicaid	WISCONSIN-Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx Phone: 1-800-692-7462	Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002	
RHODE ISLAND-Medicaid and CHIP	WYOMING-Medicaid	
Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)	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 January 31, 2022, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa 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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New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

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PART A: General Information

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

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

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

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

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

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

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

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

How Can I Get More Information?

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

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit **HealthCare.gov** 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.

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 Iredell County	4. Employer Identification Number (EIN) 56-6000309			
5. Employer address PO Box 788	6. Employer phone number 704-878-3000			
7. City Statesville	8. State NC	9. ZIP code 28687		
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job?				
Tania Trent, Human Resources Department				
11. Phone number (if different from above)	12. Email address Tania.Trent@co.iredell.nc.us			

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

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to:
 - All employees. Eligible employees are: Active full-time EMPLOYEE who works 30 or more hours per week. However, your EMPLOYER may establish additional criteria you must meet before you are eligible for coverage. This may include satisfying a probationary period before your coverage

begins. You may also be eligible for coverage under the PLAN if the PLAN ADMINISTRATOR allows eligibility to extend to other persons, such as retirees.

Some employees / Pre-65 Retirees. Eligible employees/Pre-65 Retirees are:

Pre-65 Retirees who were employees hired before 07/01/2014 and met set requirements for years of service with Iredell County based on age.

- With respect to dependents:
 - We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:
 - Spouse who cannot get coverage through their own employer... note that Spouse means under an existing marriage that is legally recognized under any state law.
 - Dependent Children through the end of the month of their 26th birthday.
 - Dependent Children who, in accordance with North Carolina law, is and continues to be either intellectually disabled or physically handicapped and incapable of selfsupport may continue to be covered under the PLAN regardless of age if the condition exists and coverage is in effect when the child reaches the end of eligibility for DEPENDENT CHILDREN. The handicap must be medically certified by the child's DOCTOR and may be verified annually by the PLAN.
- If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard*, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.
 - Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.

If you decide to shop for coverage in the Marketplace, HealthCare.gov 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.

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