

Enrollment Notices & Disclosures



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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 05-06 for more details.

HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES REMINDER

Protecting Your Health Information Privacy Rights

ArentFox Schiff LLP is committed to the privacy of your health information. The administrators of the ArentFox Schiff LLP Welfare Benefit Plan (the "Plan") use strict privacy standards to protect your health information from unauthorized use or disclosure.

The Plan's policies protecting your privacy rights and your rights under the law are described in the Plan's Notice of Privacy Practices. You may receive a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by contacting Jennifer Halliday – Chief Human Resources Officer at 202.857.6046 or Jennifer.Halliday@afslaw.com.

HIPAA SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS

ArentFox Schiff LLP Welfare Benefit Plan Notice of Your HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights

Our records show that you are eligible to participate in the ArentFox Schiff LLP Welfare Benefit Plan (to actually participate, you must complete an enrollment form and pay part of the premium through payroll deduction).

A federal law called HIPAA requires that we notify you about an important provision in the plan – your right to enroll in the plan under its "special enrollment provision" if you acquire a new dependent, or if you decline coverage under this plan for yourself or an eligible dependent while other coverage is in effect and later lose that other coverage for certain qualifying reasons.

Loss of Other Coverage (Excluding Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program). If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while other health insurance or group health plan coverage is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after your or your dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

Loss of Coverage for Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program. If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while Medicaid coverage or coverage under a state children's health insurance program is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after your or your dependents' coverage ends under Medicaid or a state children's health insurance program.

New Dependent by Marriage, Birth, Adoption, or Placement for Adoption. 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 new dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Eligibility for Premium Assistance Under Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program – If you or your dependents (including your spouse) become eligible for a state premium assistance subsidy from Medicaid or through a state children's health insurance program with respect to coverage under this plan, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after your or your dependents' determination of eligibility for such assistance.

To request special enrollment or to obtain more information about the plan's special enrollment provisions, contact Jennifer Halliday – Chief Human Resources Officer at 202.857.6046 or Jennifer.Halliday@afslaw.com.

IMPORTANT WARNING

If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent, you must complete our form to decline coverage. On the form, you are required to state that coverage under another group health plan or other health insurance coverage (including Medicaid or a state children's health insurance program) is the reason for declining enrollment, and you are asked to identify that coverage. If you do not complete the form, you and your dependents will not be entitled to special enrollment rights upon a loss of other coverage as described above, but you will still have special enrollment rights when you have a new dependent by marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, or by virtue of gaining eligibility for a state premium assistance subsidy from Medicaid or through a state children's health insurance program with respect to coverage under this plan, as described above. If you do not gain special enrollment rights upon a loss of other coverage, you cannot enroll yourself or your dependents in the plan at any time other than the plan's annual open enrollment period, unless special enrollment rights apply because of a new dependent by marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, or by virtue of gaining eligibility for a state premium assistance subsidy from Medicaid or through a state children's health insurance program with respect to coverage under this plan.

NOTICE OF CREDITABLE COVERAGE

Important Notice from ArentFox Schiff LLP

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 ArentFox Schiff LLP 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. ArentFox Schiff LLP has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the 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 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 ArentFox Schiff LLP coverage will not be affected. You will be allowed to keep this coverage if you elect Part D and your current ArentFox Schiff LLP coverage will coordinate with Part D coverage. If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your ArentFox Schiff LLP coverage, be aware that you and your dependents may not be able to get this coverage back until the next annual enrollment period or you experience a qualified change-in-status event.

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 ArentFox Schiff LLP 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) as long as 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 ArentFox Schiff LLP changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For 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 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: October 13, 2023

Name of Entity/Sender: ArentFox Schiff LLP

Contact—Position/Office: Pamela Krebs, Director of Benefits, Compensation & HRIS

Office Address: 1717 K Street, NW

Washington, DC 20006

United States

Phone Number: 312.258.4693

WOMEN'S HEALTH & 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"). 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 the plan. Therefore, the following deductibles and coinsurance apply:

Plan I: HSA High Deductible \$2000 Plan (Individual: 10% coinsurance and \$2,000 deductible; Family: 10% coinsurance and \$4,000 deductible)

Plan 2: HSA High Deductible \$4000 Plan (Individual: 10% coinsurance and \$4,000 deductible; Family: 10% coinsurance and \$8,000 deductible)

If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, please call your Plan Administrator at **202.857.6046** or **Jennifer.Halliday@afslaw.com**.

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

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 I-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, 2023. Contact your State for more information on eligibility.

ALABAMA – Medicaid	ALASKA – Medicaid
Website: http://myalhipp.com	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
Phone: 1-855-692-5447	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)	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

COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/	Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/index.html
Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711	Phone: 1-877-357-3268
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	
GEORGIA – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
GA HIPP Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64
premium-payment-program-hipp	Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/
Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1	Phone: 1-877-438-4479
GA CHIPRA Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third- party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-	All other Medicaid
2009-chipra	Website: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/
Phone: (678) 564-1162, Press 2	Phone 1-800-457-4584
IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)	KANSAS – Medicaid
Medicaid Website:	Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/
https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members	Phone: 1-800-792-4884
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366	HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660
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	
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	LOUISIANA – Medicaid
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program	Website: www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp
(KI-HIPP) Website:	Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline)
https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx	or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)
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/agencies/dms	
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MAINE – Medicaid	MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
Enrollment Website: https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/	Website: https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa
s/?language=en_US Phone: 1-800-442-6003	Phone: 1-800-862-4840
TTY: Maine relay 711	TTY: (617) 886-8102
Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage:	Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com
https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms	
Phone: -800-977-6740	
TTY: Maine relay 711	

MINNESOTA – Medicaid and CHIP	MISSOURI – Medicaid		
Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/ health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other- insurance.jsp	Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005		
Phone: 1-800-657-3739			
MONTANA – Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid		
Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP	Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov		
Phone: 1-800-694-3084	Phone: 1-855-632-7633		
Email: HHSHIPPProgram@mt.govDD	Lincoln: 402-473-7000		
	Omaha: 402-595-1178		
NEVADA – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid		
Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov	Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/		
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	health-insurance-premium-program		
	Phone: 603-271-5218		
	Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218		
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	NEW YORK – Medicaid		
Medicaid Website:	Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/		
http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/	Phone: 1-800-541-2831		
Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392			
CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html			
CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710			
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid		
Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/	Website: https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare		
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VERMONT – Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Department of Vermont Health Access	Website: https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select
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/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022	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)
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, 2023, 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

COBRA GENERAL NOTICE

Introduction

You're getting this notice because you recently gained coverage under a group health plan (the Plan). This notice has important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. This notice explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to get it. When you become eligible for COBRA, you may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage.

The right to COBRA continuation coverage was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you and other members of your family when group health coverage would otherwise end. For more information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should review the Plan's Summary Plan Description or contact the Plan Administrator.

You may have other options available to you when you lose group health coverage. For example, you may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, you may qualify for lower costs on your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, you may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse's plan), even if that plan generally doesn't accept late enrollees.

What is COBRA continuation coverage?

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when it would otherwise end because of a life event. This is also called a "qualifying event." Specific qualifying events are listed later in this notice. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse, and your dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage must pay for COBRA continuation coverage.

If you're an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- · Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you're the spouse of an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- · Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee's hours of employment are reduced;
- · The parent-employee's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a "dependent child."

When is COBRA continuation coverage available?

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. The employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the following qualifying events:

- The end of employment or reduction of hours of employment;
- · Death of the employee;
- The employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both).

For all other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs. You must provide this notice to Jennifer Halliday – Chief Human Resources Officer at 202.857.6046 or Jennifer.Halliday@afslaw.com.

How is COBRA continuation coverage provided?

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered employees may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage that generally lasts for 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.

There are also ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended:

Disability extension of 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by Social Security to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to get up to an additional II months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 29 months. The disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the I8-month period of COBRA continuation coverage.

Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage

If your family experiences another qualifying event during the 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if the Plan is properly notified about the second qualifying event. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children getting COBRA continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies; becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); gets divorced or legally separated; or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child. This extension is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

Are there other coverage options besides COBRA Continuation Coverage?

Yes. Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at www.healthcare.gov/.

Can I enroll in Medicare instead of COBRA continuation coverage after my group health plan coverage ends?

In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the Medicare initial enrollment period, you have an 8-month special enrollment period to sign up for Medicare Part A or B, beginning on the earlier of

- The month after your employment ends; or
- The month after group health plan coverage based on current employment ends.

If you don't enroll in Medicare and elect COBRA continuation coverage instead, you may have to pay a Part B late enrollment penalty and you may have a gap in coverage if you decide you want Part B later. If you elect COBRA continuation coverage and later enroll in Medicare Part A or B before the COBRA continuation coverage ends, the Plan may terminate your continuation coverage. However, if Medicare Part A or B is effective on or before the date of the COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued on account of Medicare entitlement, even if you enroll in the other part of Medicare after the date of the election of COBRA coverage.

If you are enrolled in both COBRA continuation coverage and Medicare, Medicare will generally pay first (primary payer) and COBRA continuation coverage will pay second. Certain plans may pay as if secondary to Medicare, even if you are not enrolled in Medicare.

For more information visit https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you.

If you have questions

Questions concerning your Plan or your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit www.dol.gov/ebsa. (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.) For more information about the Marketplace, visit www.healthcare.gov.

Keep your Plan informed of address changes

To protect your family's rights, let the Plan Administrator know about any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

Plan contact information

ArentFox Schiff LLP

Jennifer Halliday - Chief Human Resources Officer 1717 K Street, NW Washington, District of Columbia 20036 United States 202.857.6046

MARKETPLACE NOTICE

New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

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.²

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 Steven Coffin, Director of Benefits & Retirement at 202.350.3645 or **steven.coffin@afslaw.com**.

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.

² 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.

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** 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.

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

13. Is the en	aployee currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will the employee be eligible in the next 3 months?
13a. I	Continue) If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probationary period, when is the employee ole for coverage? (mm/dd/yyyy) (Continue)
14. Does the e	mployer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*?
Yes (Go	to question 15) No (STOP and return form to employee)
employer has tobacco cessat a. How much	est cost plan that meets the minimum value standard offered only to the employee (don't include family plans): If the wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/she received the maximum discount for any cion programs, and didn't receive any other discounts based on wellness programs. would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$Varies by class Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Monthly Quarterly Yearly
If the plan yea	r will end soon and you know that the health plans offered will change, go to question 16. If you don't know, STOP and employee.
16. What chan	ge will the employer make for the new plan year?
	Employer won't offer health coverage
	Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.* (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)
a. How much	would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$Varies by class
b. How often?	□ Weekly □ Every 2 weeks □ Twice a month □ Monthly □ Quarterly □ Yearly

Leave Notices



Your Employee Rights Under the Family and Medical Leave Act

What is FMLA leave?

The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is a federal law that provides eligible employees with **job-protected leave** for qualifying family and medical reasons. The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) enforces the FMLA for most employees.

Eligible employees can take **up to 12 workweeks** of FMLA leave in a 12-month period for:

- . The birth, adoption or foster placement of a child with you,
- Your serious mental or physical health condition that makes you unable to work.
- To care for your spouse, child or parent with a serious mental or physical health condition, and
- Certain qualifying reasons related to the foreign deployment of your spouse, child or parent who is a military servicemember.

An eligible employee who is the spouse, child, parent or next of kin of a covered servicemember with a serious injury or illness <u>may</u> take up to 26 workweeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember.

You have the right to use FMLA leave in **one block of time**. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, you may take FMLA leave **intermittently in separate blocks of time**, **or on a reduced schedule** by working less hours each day or week. Read Fact Sheet #28M(c) for more information.

FMLA leave is <u>not paid leave</u>, but you may choose, or be required by your employer, to use any employer-provided paid leave if your employer's paid leave policy covers the reason for which you need FMLA leave.

Am I eligible to take FMLA leave?

You are an eligible employee if $\underline{\textbf{all}}$ of the following apply:

- You work for a covered employer,
- You have worked for your employer at least 12 months,
- You have at least 1,250 hours of service for your employer during the 12 months before your leave, and
- Your employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of your work location.

Airline flight crew employees have different "hours of service" requirements.

You work for a **covered employer** if **one** of the following applies:

- You work for a private employer that had at least 50 employees during at least 20 workweeks in the current or previous calendar year,
- · You work for an elementary or public or private secondary school, or
- You work for a public agency, such as a local, state or federal government agency. Most federal employees are covered by Title II of the FMLA, administered by the Office of Personnel Management.

How do I request FMLA leave?

Generally, to request FMLA leave you must:

- Follow your employer's normal policies for requesting leave,
- · Give notice at least 30 days before your need for FMLA leave, or
- If advance notice is not possible, give notice as soon as possible.

You do <u>not</u> have to share a medical diagnosis but must provide enough information to your employer so they can determine whether the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. You <u>must</u> also inform your employer if FMLA leave was previously taken or approved for the same reason when requesting additional leave.

Your **employer <u>may</u> request certification** from a health care provider to verify medical leave and may request certification of a qualifying exigency.

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights.

State employees may be subject to certain limitations in pursuit of direct lawsuits regarding leave for their own serious health conditions. Most federal and certain congressional employees are also covered by the law but are subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management or Congress.

What does my employer need to do?

If you are eligible for FMLA leave, your **employer** <u>must</u>:

- Allow you to take job-protected time off work for a qualifying reason,
- Continue your group health plan coverage while you are on leave on the same basis as if you had not taken leave, and
- Allow you to return to the same job, or a virtually identical job with the same pay, benefits and other working conditions, including shift and location, at the end of your leave.

Your **employer** <u>cannot</u> interfere with your FMLA rights or threaten or punish you for exercising your rights under the law. For example, your employer cannot retaliate against you for requesting FMLA leave or cooperating with a WHD investigation.

After becoming aware that your need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, your **employer** <u>must</u> **confirm whether you are eligible** or not eligible for FMLA leave. If your **employer determines** that you are **eligible**, your **employer** <u>must</u>

- · About your FMLA rights and responsibilities, and
- How much of your requested leave, if any, will be FMLA-protected leave.

Where can I find more information?

Call 1-866-487-9243 or visit dol.gov/fmla to learn more.

If you believe your rights under the FMLA have been violated, you may file a complaint with WHD or file a private lawsuit against your employer in court. **Scan the QR code to learn about our WHD complaint process**.



WAGE AND HOUR DIVISION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR







GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

Information on Paid Family Leave in the District of Columbia

Expanded benefits available October 2022

Your employer is subject to the District of Columbia's Paid Family Leave law, which provides covered employees paid time off from work for qualifying parental, family, medical, and prenatal events. For more information about the Paid Family Leave program, please visit the Office of Paid Family Leave's website at <u>dcpaidfamilyleave.dc.gov</u>.

Covered Workers

To receive benefits under the Paid Family Leave program, you must work for a covered employer in DC. To find out if you are a covered worker, you can ask your employer or contact the Office of Paid Family Leave using the contact information below. Your employer is required to tell you if you are covered by the Paid Family Leave program. Additionally, your employer is required to provide you information about the Paid Family Leave program at these three (3) times:

- 1. At the time you were hired;
- 2. At least once a year; and
- 3. If you ask your employer for leave that could qualify for benefits under the Paid Family Leave program.

Covered Events

There are four (4) kinds of Paid Family Leave benefits:

- 1. Parental leave receive benefits to bond with a new child for up to 12 weeks in a year;
- 2. Family leave receive benefits to care for a family member for up to 12 weeks in a year;
- 3. Medical leave receive benefits for your own serious health condition for up to 12 weeks in a year; and
- 4. Prenatal leave receive benefits for prenatal medical care for up to 2 weeks in a year.

Maximum Leave Entitlement

Each kind of leave has its own eligibility rules and its own limit on the length of time you can receive benefits in a year. The maximum amount of leave for any combination of parental, family, and medical leave is 12 weeks. However, there is an exception for pregnant women who take prenatal leave. Pregnant women are eligible for 2 weeks of prenatal leave while pregnant and 12 weeks of parental leave after giving birth, for a maximum of 14 weeks.

Applying for Benefits

If you have experienced an event that may qualify for benefits, be sure to apply no more than 30 days after your event. You can learn more about applying for benefits with the Office of Paid Family Leave at dcpaidfamilyleave.dc.gov.

Benefit Amounts

Paid Family Leave benefits are based on the wages your employer paid to you and reported to the Department of Employment Services. If you believe your wages were reported incorrectly, you have the right to provide proof of your correct wages. The current maximum weekly benefit amount is \$1,049.

Employee Protection

The Office of Paid Family Leave does not administer any job protections for District workers who take leave from work. However, some job protections may be available under laws and regulations administered by the District's Office of Human Rights (OHR).

Under the Universal Paid Leave Act, the Office of Paid Family Leave is required to provide notice of the following:

- 1. That retaliation by a covered employer against a covered employee for requesting, applying for, or using paid-leave benefits is prohibited;
- 2. That an employee who works for a covered employer with under 20 employees shall not be entitled to job protection if he or she decides to take paid leave pursuant to this act; and
- 3. That employees have a right to file a complaint with OHR if they feel they have been retaliated against for requesting, applying for, or using paid leave.

For more information on OHR and job protections, please visit the following web address: **ohr.dc.gov**.

For more information about Paid Family Leave, please visit the Office of Paid Family Leave's website at dcpaidfamilyleave.dc.gov, call 202-899-3700, or email does.opfl@dc.gov.

Paid Family Leave STATEMENT OF RIGHTS



If you need to take time off from work to care for a family member, you may be entitled to Paid Family Leave benefits.

Paid Family Leave is employee-funded insurance that provides eligible employees job-protected, paid time off to:

- **BOND** with a newly born, adopted or fostered child;
- CARE for a family member with a serious health condition (see paidfamilyleave.ny.gov for eligible family members); or
- ASSIST loved ones when a spouse, domestic partner, child or parent is deployed abroad on active military service.

Paid Family Leave may also be available for use in situations when you or your minor dependent child are under an order of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19. See **PaidFamilyLeave.ny.gov/COVID19** for full details.

Eligibility:

- If you have a regular work schedule of <u>20 or more hours per week</u>, you are eligible after <u>26 consecutive weeks</u> of employment with your employer.
- If you have a regular work schedule of <u>less than 20 hours per week</u>, you are eligible after working for your employer for 175 days, which do not need to be consecutive.

Citizenship or immigration status is not a factor in your eligibility.

Benefits:

You can take up to 12 weeks of Paid Family Leave and receive 67% of your average weekly wage, capped at 67% of the New York State Average Weekly Wage. Generally, your average weekly wage is the average of your last eight weeks of pay prior to starting Paid Family Leave. Leave can be taken all at once or intermittently, but must be in full-day increments.

Rights and Protections:

- Job protection: Return to the same or comparable job after you take leave.
- You keep your health insurance while on leave (you may have to continue paying your portion of the premium costs, if any).
- Your employer is **prohibited from discriminating or retaliating** against you for requesting or taking Paid Family Leave.

Disputes:

If your Paid Family Leave claim is denied, you may request to have the denial reviewed by a neutral arbitrator. The insurance carrier listed below will provide you with information about requesting arbitration.

Discrimination Complaints:

If your employer terminates your employment, reduces your pay and/or benefits, or disciplines you in any way as a result of you requesting or taking Paid Family Leave, you may request to be reinstated by taking these steps:

- 1. Complete the Formal Request for Reinstatement Regarding Paid Family Leave (Form PFL-DC-119).
- 2. Send your completed form to your employer and a copy of the completed form to: Paid Family Leave, P.O. Box 9030, Endicott, NY 13761-9030
- **3.** If your employer does not reinstate you or take other corrective action within 30 days, you may file a discrimination complaint with the Workers' Compensation Board using the *Paid Family Leave Discrimination/Retaliation Complaint* (*Form PFL-DC-120*). The Workers' Compensation Board will assemble your case and schedule a hearing.
- **4.** There are other state and federal laws that protect employees from discrimination. Additional information is available at PaidFamilyLeave.ny.gov.

Paid Family Leave Request Process:

- 1. Notify your employer at least 30 days in advance, if foreseeable, or as soon as possible.
- 2. Complete and submit the Request for Paid Family Leave (Form PFL-1) to your employer.
- **3.** You must submit your completed request package to your employer's insurance carrier within <u>30 days</u> after the start of your leave to avoid losing benefits.
- **4.** In most cases, the insurance carrier must pay or deny benefits within <u>18 calendar days</u> of receiving your completed request or your first day of leave, whichever is later.

You may obtain all forms from your employer, their insurance carrier listed below, or online at PaidFamilyLeave.ny.gov/Forms.

For more information, forms and instructions, visit PaidFamilyLeave.ny.gov or call the PFL Helpline (844)-337-6303

This information is a simplified presentation of your rights as required by Section 229 of the Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law. Your employer's Paid Family Leave benefits insurance carrier is:

PRESCRIBED BY THE CHAIR, WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD NYS Paid Family Leave PO Box 9030, Endicott NY 13761



Notice of Benefits Available Under M.G.L. Chapter 175M

Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML)

Available Leave

Covered individuals may be entitled to family and medical leave for the following reasons:

- up to 20 weeks of paid medical leave in a benefit year if they have a serious health condition that incapacitates them from work.
- up to 12 weeks of paid family leave in a benefit year related to the birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child, to care for a family member with a serious health condition, or because of a qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that a family member is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call to active duty in the Armed Forces.
- up to 26 weeks of paid family leave in a benefit year to care for a family member who is a covered service member with a serious health condition.

Covered individuals are eligible for no more than 26 total weeks, in the aggregate, of paid family and medical leave in a single benefit year.

Benefits

To fund PFML benefits, employers may deduct payroll contributions of up to 0.318% (adjusted annually) from a covered individual's wages or other earnings. A covered individual's average weekly earnings will determine his or her benefit amount, for a maximum weekly benefit of up to \$ 1,129.82 (adjusted annually).



Who is a Covered Individual Under the Law?

Generally, a worker qualifies as a covered individual eligible for PFML benefits if they are:

- · covered by unemployment insurance in Massachusetts and paid wages by a Massachusetts employer; or
- a self-employed individual who resides and works in Massachusetts and chooses to opt-in to the program; and
- has earned more than 30 times the expected benefit and more than \$6,000 (adjusted annually) in the last four completed quarters preceding the application for benefits.

Job Protection

Generally, an employee who has taken paid family or medical leave must be restored to the employee's previous position or to an equal position, with the same status, pay, employment benefits, length-of-service credit, and seniority as of the date of leave.

These job protections do not apply to former employees, independent contractors, or self-employed individuals.

Health Insurance -

Employers must provide for, contribute to, or otherwise maintain the employee's employment-related health insurance benefits, if any, at the level and under the conditions coverage would have been provided if the employee had continued working continuously for the duration of such leave.

No Retaliation or Discrimination

- It is unlawful for an employer to discriminate or retaliate against an employee for exercising any right to which s/he isentitled under the law.
- An employee or former employee who is discriminated or retaliated against for exercising rights under the law may, not more than three years after the violation occurs, institute a civil action in the superior court, and may be entitled todamages of as much as three times his or her lost wages.

Private Plans

If an employer offers employees paid family leave, medical leave, or both, with benefits that are at least as generous as those provided under the law, the employer may apply for an exemption from paying the contributions. Employees continue to be protected from discrimination and retaliation under the law even when an employer opts to provide paid leave benefits through a private plan.



If you have questions or concerns about your Paid Family and Medical Leave rights, please call:

(833) 344-7365 or visit: https://www.mass.gov/DFML



This notice must be posted in a conspicuous place on the employer's premises.

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City & County of San Francisco Paid Parental Leave Ordinance



Notice of Rights for New Parents

If you take time off work to bond with a new child, you may be eligible for SF Paid Parental Leave supplemental compensation from your employer, in addition to your weekly benefit from the California Paid Family Leave program.

Are You Eligible?

- Did you start working for your employer 6 months (180 days) before taking bonding leave?
- Do you work a minimum of 8 hours per week & 40% of your hours in San Francisco?
- Are you receiving California Paid Family Leave benefits to bond with your new child?

Duration: Up to 8 weeks.

Employers with 20 or more employees worldwide are covered by this law.

Amount: California Paid Family Leave (PFL) benefits are 60% or 70% of weekly wages (up to a cap). SF employers pay the difference between your weekly benefit from the California PFL program and 100% of your normal gross weekly wages (up to the maximum).

For more information, visit www.sfgov.org/pplo or call (415) 554- 4190.

Ordenanza de Licencia Paternal Pagada de San Francisco Aviso de Derechos de Nuevos Padres

Si toma tiempo libre del trabajo para vincularse con un nuevo bebe, usted puede ser elegible para la remuneración suplementaria de la Licencia Paternal Pagada de SF de su empleador, además de su beneficio semanal del programa de Permiso Familiar Pagado de California.

¿Es usted elegible?

- ¿Comenzó a trabajar para su empleador 6 meses (180 días) antes de la licencia de vinculación?
- ■¿Trabaja un mínimo de 8 horas por semana y el 40% de sus horas en San Francisco?
- ¿Está recibiendo beneficios del Permiso Familiar Pagado de California para vincularse con su bebe?

Duración: Hasta 8 semanas.

Los empleadores con 20 o más empleados en todo el mundo están cubiertos por esta lev.

Cantidad: Los beneficios de Permiso Familiar Pagado de California (PFL) son 60% o 70% de los salarios semanales (hasta un tope máximo). Su empleador en SF paga la diferencia entre su beneficio semanal del programa de California PFL y el 100% de sus salarios semanales brutos normales (hasta un límite máximo).

Para obtener más información, visite www.sfgov.org/pplo o llame al (415) 554-4190.

三藩市帶薪育兒休假條例

新父母權利通知如果你想休假和新生兒建立感情,你可能有資格從雇主那裡獲得三藩市帶薪育兒休假補助金 (SF Paid Parental Leave supplemental compensation), 這是在你的加州帶薪家庭休假計劃 (California Paid Family Leave Program) 每週福利之外的補助金。

你符合資格嗎?

- 你在育兒休假之前是否已為你的雇主工作了6個月(180天)?
- 你是否每週至少工作8個小時而且40%的工作時間都在三藩市?
- 你是否因為初生嬰兒的緣故領取加州帶薪家庭休假福利?

持續時間:最多8週。

在全球有20位或以上員工的雇主均受此法律管轄。

金額:加州PFL福利是每週工資的60%或70%(不超過上限)。三藩市雇主支付你從加州帶薪家庭休假計劃(PFL)中獲得的每週補助金與你的每週正常工資總額的100%之間的差額(不超過上限)。

如需了解更多資訊, 請閱網站www.sfgov.org/pplo 或致電 (415) 554-4190

Ordinansa ng San Francisco ukol sa Bayad na Oras para sa mga Bagong Magulang Paunawa ng mga Karapatan ng mga Bagong Magulang

Kung kayo po ay magbabakasyon sa trabaho upang makapiling ang inyong bagong anak, maaari kayong tumanggap ng benepisyo dagdag na sahod mula sa inyong employer na nilaan ng San Francisco para sa mga bagong magulang (SF Paid Parental Leave supplemental compensation), bukod po ito sa lingguhang benepisyong galing sa California (California Paid Family Leave program).

Sino ang maaring tumanggapng nasabing benepisyo?

- Nagsimula po ba kayong nagtrabaho para sa inyong employer 6 na buwan (180 araw) bago ang inyong bakasyon?
- Nagtatrabaho po ba kayo ng hindi kukulangin sa 8 oras sa isang linggo at 40% ng inyong oras ay sa San Francisco?
- Tumatanggap po ba kayo ng mga benepisyo galing sa California (California Paid Family Leave) para makapiling ang inyong bagong anak?

Laon: Hanggang 8 na linggo.

Ang mga employer na may 20 o higit pang mga empleyado sa buong mundo ay nasasakupan ng ordinansang ito.

Halaga: Ang mga benepisyo ng California Paid Family Leave (PFL) ay 60% o 70% ng inyong lingguhang sahod (may limitasyon). Ang kakulangan sa inyong makukuhang lingguhang benepisyo mula sa California Paid Family Leave (PFL) ay babayaran ng SF employer upang inyong matanggap ang 100% ninyong regular na sahod (hanggang sa pinakamalaking halaga na maibibigay).

Para sa karagdagang impormasyon, bumisita sa www.sfgov.org/pplo o tawagan ang (415) 554-4190.

Fact Sheet: California Paid Family Leave



California Paid Family Leave (PFL) provides partial wage-replacement benefits to California workers who take time off from work for what matters most – caring for a seriously ill family member, bonding with a new child (including newly fostered and adopted children), or participating in a qualifying military event.

Am I Eligible?

You may be eligible if you are:

- A part-or full-time employee who pays into to State Disability Insurance (noted as "CASDI" on paystubs) and have earned at least \$300 in wages during the 12-month base period of the claim.
- A self-employed California worker or independent contractor who has contributed to the <u>Disability Insurance Elective</u> <u>Coverage program</u> (edd.ca.gov/disability/Self-Employed.htm).

Your eligibility isn't affected by:

- · Length of time worked at your current job.
- Citizenship and immigration status.

What does PFL Cover?

- Bonding with a new child entering the family through birth, adoption or foster care placement.
- Caring for a seriously ill family member (child, parent, parentin-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or registered domestic partner).
- Taking part in a qualifying event as a result of a family member's (spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, or child) military deployment to a foreign country.

What is a Serious Health Condition for PFL?

A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that requires:

- At-home or in-patient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility.
- Continuing treatment by a physician or health care practitioner.

Unless issues arise, cosmetic treatments, the common cold, flu, earaches, upset stomachs, minor ulcers, and non-migraine headaches do not qualify as a serious health condition.

What is Considered a Qualifying Event?

A qualifying event is any military event or an essential need resulting from a family member's deployment to a foreign country. For PFL, the military event does not have to occur in California. Qualifying events include:

· Arranging for childcare or parental care during the deployment.

- Assisting in making legal or financial arrangements during the deployment.
- · Attending counseling.
- Assisting the military member during rest and recuperation leave.
- · Attending military sponsored events or ceremonies.
- Representing the military member at federal, state, or local events.
- Addressing issues due to the military member's death.

Rest and recuperation leave can be done anywhere if you can provide the orders for your military family member showing the rest and recuperation leave.

How Much are PFL Benefits?

You may receive approximately 60 to 70 percent of your paycheck. Your employer may allow you to use vacation, sick, paid time off, or other leave along with your PFL benefits for you to receive up to 100 percent pay. You can estimate your weekly benefit amount using the <u>Disability Insurance and PFL Calculator</u> (edd.ca.gov/PFL_Calculator).

Do I Have to Take the Benefits all at Once?

You can take PFL all at once or split the time over a 12-month period. Bonding leave can only be taken within the first 12 months of a child entering your family.

How Do I Apply?

You can apply online or by mail.

- Visit SDI Online (edd.ca.gov/SDI_Online).
- Order a Claim for Paid Family Leave Benefits (DE 2501F) form by mail from EDD Forms and Publications (edd.ca.gov/forms).
- Call 1-877-238-4373

Submit your claim no later than 41 days after you begin your family leave. Do not file before your first day of leave.

For more information on filing a claim for bonding, caregiving, and military assistance, including the supporting documents you need to submit, visit <u>California PFL</u> (edd.ca.gov/PaidFamilyLeave).

The EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Requests for services, aids, and/or alternate formats need to be made by calling 1-866-490-8879 (voice). TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.

Notice to Employees



UI

This employer is registered with the Employment Development Department (EDD) as required by the California Unemployment Insurance Code and is reporting wage credits to the EDD that are being accumulated for you to be used as a basis for:

Unemployment Insurance

(funded entirely by employers' taxes)

Unemployment Insurance (UI) is paid for by your employer and provides partial income replacement when you are unemployed or your hours are reduced due to no fault of your own. To claim UI benefit payments you must also meet all UI eligibility requirements, including that you must be available for work and searching for work.

How to File a New UI Claim

Use one of the following methods:

- Online: UI OnlineSM is the fastest and most convenient way to file your UI claim. Visit
 <u>UI Online</u> (edd.ca.gov/UI_Online) to get started.
- Phone: Representatives are available at the following toll-free numbers, Monday through Friday between
 8 a.m. to 12 noon (Pacific Standard Time) except during state holidays.

 English
 1-800-300-5616
 Cantonese
 1-800-547-3506
 Vietnamese
 1-800-547-2058

 Spanish
 1-800-326-8937
 Mandarin
 1-866-303-0706
 TTY
 1-800-815-9387

Fax or Mail: When accessing UI Online to file a new claim, some customers will be instructed to fax or
mail their UI application to the EDD. If this occurs, the *Unemployment Insurance Application* (DE 11011),
will display. For faster and more secure processing, fax the completed form to the number listed on the form.
If mailing your UI application, use the address on the form and allow additional time for processing.

Important: Waiting to file your UI claim may delay benefit payments.

D

Disability Insurance

(funded entirely by employees' contributions)

Disability Insurance (DI) is funded by employees' contributions and provides partial wage replacement benefits to eligible Californians who are unable to work due to a non-work-related illness, injury, pregnancy, or disability. Your employer must provide the *Disability Insurance Provisions* (DE 2515) brochure, to newly hired employees and to each employee who is unable to work due to a non-work-related illness, injury, pregnancy, or disability.

How to File a New DI Claim

Use one of the following methods:

- Online: SDI Online is the fastest and most convenient way to file your claim. Visit <u>SDI Online</u> (edd.ca.gov/SDI_Online) to get started.
- Mail: To file a claim with the EDD by mail, complete and submit a Claim for Disability Insurance (DI) Benefits
 (DE 2501) form. You can obtain a paper claim form from your employer, physician/practitioner, visiting a
 State Disability Insurance office, online at EDD Forms and Publications (edd.ca.gov/Forms), or by calling
 1-800-480-3287.

Note: If your employer maintains an approved Voluntary Plan for DI coverage, contact your employer for assistance.

For more information about DI, visit <u>State Disability Insurance</u> (edd.ca.gov/disability) or call 1-800-480-3287. State government employees should call 1-866-352-7675.

TTY (for deaf or hearing-impaired individuals only) is available at 1-800-563-2441.

PFL

Paid Family Leave

(funded entirely by employees' contributions)

Paid Family Leave (PFL) is funded by employees' contributions and provides partial wage replacement benefits to eligible Californians who need time off work to care for seriously ill child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or registered domestic partner. Benefits are available to parents who need time off work to bond with a new child entering the family by birth, adoption, or foster care placement. Benefits are also available for eligible Californians who need time off work to participate in a qualifying event resulting from a spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, or child's military deployment to a foreign country.

Your employer must provide the *Paid Family Leave* (DE 2511) brochure, to newly hired employees and to each employee who is taking time off work to care for a seriously ill family members, to bond with a new child, or to participate in a qualifying military event.

How to File a New PFL Claim

Use one of the following methods:

- Online: SDI Online is the fastest and most convenient way to file your claim. Visit
 SDI Online (edd.ca.gov/SDI_Online) to get started.
- Mail: To file a claim with the EDD by mail, complete and submit a Claim for Paid Family Leave (PFL) Benefits
 (DE 2501F) form. You can obtain a paper claim form from your employer, a physician/practitioner, visiting
 a State Disability Insurance office, online at EDD Forms and Publications (edd.ca.gov/Forms), or by calling
 1-877-238-4373.

Note: If your employer maintains an approved Voluntary Plan for PFL coverage, contact your employer for assistance.

For more information about PFL, visit <u>State Disability Insurance</u> (edd.ca.gov/disability) or call 1-877-238-4373.

State government employees should call 1-877-945-4747. TTY (for deaf or hearing-impaired individuals only) is available at 1-800-445-1312.

Note: Some employees may be exempt from coverage by the above insurance programs. It is illegal to make a false statement or to withhold facts to claim benefits. For additional information, visit the <u>EDD</u> (edd.ca.gov).















YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:

- you ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service:
- you have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer;
- you return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and
- ☆ you have not been separated from service with a disqualifying. discharge or under other than honorable conditions.

If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION

If you:

- ☆ are a past or present member of the uniformed service:
- have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- are obligated to serve in the uniformed service;

then an employer may not deny you:

- initial employment;
- reemployment;
- ₩ retention in employment;
- promotion; or
- any benefit of employment

because of this status.

In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION

- ☆ If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military.
- ☆ Even if you don't elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

ENFORCEMENT

- The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.
- For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its website at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at https://webapps.dol.gov/elaws/vets/userra
- If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances. The text of this notice was prepared by VETS, and may be viewed on the internet at this address: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/userra/poster Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees.











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