

**Phoebe-Devitt
Homes
Health
Plan Notices 2020**

Required Notices

Women's Health & Cancer Rights Act

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) requires group health plans to make certain benefits available to participants who have undergone or who are going to have a mastectomy. In particular, a plan must offer mastectomy patients benefits for:

- Covered under the employer-sponsored medical plan, and
- 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. Your plans comply with these requirements.

Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act Non-discrimination Requirements

Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) prohibits group health plans and health insurance issuers from discriminating against individuals in eligibility and continued eligibility for benefits and in individual premium or contribution rates based on health factors.

These health factors include: health status, medical condition (including both physical and mental illnesses), claims experience, receipt of health care, medical history, genetic information, evidence of insurability (including conditions arising out of acts of domestic violence and participation in activities such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, all-terrain vehicle riding, horseback riding, skiing, and other similar activities), and disability.

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, HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights require your plan to allow you and/or your dependents to enroll in your employer's plans (except dental and vision plans elected separately from your medical plans) if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stopped contributing towards your or your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 30 days (60 days if the lost coverage was Medicaid or Healthy Families) 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. Other midyear election changes may be permitted under your plan (refer to “Change in Status” section). To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact your Human Resources Representative.

“HIPAA Special Enrollment Opportunities” include:

- COBRA (or state continuation coverage) exhaustion.
- Loss of other coverage ⁽¹⁾.
- Acquisition of a new spouse or dependent through marriage ⁽¹⁾, adoption ⁽¹⁾, placement for adoption ⁽¹⁾ or birth ⁽¹⁾.
- Loss of state Children’s Health Insurance Program coverage (e.g., Healthy Families)(60-day notice) ⁽¹⁾.
- Employee or dependents become eligible for state Premium Assistance Subsidy Program (60-daynotice).

“Change in Status” Permitted Midyear Election Changes

- Due to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations, in order to be eligible to take your premium contribution using pre-tax dollars, your election must be irrevocable for the entire plan year. As a result, your enrollment in the medical, dental, and vision plans or declination of coverage when you are first eligible, will remain in place until the next Open Enrollment period, unless you have an approved “change in status” as defined by the IRS.
- Examples of permitted “change in status” events include:
 - Change in legal marital status (e.g., marriage ⁽²⁾, divorce)
 - Change in number of dependents (e.g., birth ⁽²⁾, adoption ⁽²⁾ or death)
 - Change in eligibility of a child
 - Change in your / your spouse’s benefits coverage
 - A substantial change in your / your spouse’s benefits coverage
 - A relocation that impacts network access
 - Enrollment in state-based insurance Exchange
 - Medicare Part A or B enrollment
 - Qualified Medical Child Support Order or other judicial decree
 - A dependent’s eligibility ceases resulting in a loss of coverage ⁽³⁾
 - Loss of other coverage
 - Change in employment status where you have a reduction in hours to an average below 30 hours of service per week, but continue to be eligible for benefits, and you intend to enroll in another plan that

provides Minimum Essential Coverage that is effective no later than the first day of the second month following the date of revocation of your employer sponsored coverage

- You enroll, or intend to enroll, in a Qualified health Plan (QHP) through the State Marketplace (i.e. Exchange) and it is effective no later than the day immediately following the revocation of your employer sponsored coverage.

You must notify Human Resources within 30 days of the above change in status, with the exception of the following which requires notice within 60 days:

- Loss of eligibility or enrollment in Medicaid or state health insurance programs (e.g., Healthy Families)

1) Indicates that this event is also a qualified "Change in Status"

(2) Indicates this event is also a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right

(3) Indicates that this event is also a COBRA Qualifying Event

HIPAA Privacy Notice

Notice of Health Information Privacy Practices

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

This notice is required by law under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). One of its primary purposes is to make certain that information about your health is handled with special respect for your privacy. HIPAA includes numerous provisions designed to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your protected health information (PHI). PHI is health information that contains identifiers, such as your name, address, social security number, or other information that identifies you.

Our Pledge Regarding Health Information

- We understand that health information about you and your health is personal.
- We are committed to protecting health information about you.
- This notice will tell you the ways in which we may use and disclose health information about you.
- We also describe your rights and certain obligations we have regarding the use and disclosure of health information.

We are Required by Law to

- Make sure that health information that identifies you is kept private;
- Give you this notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to health information about you;
- Follow the terms of the notice that are currently in effect.

The Plan Will Use Your Health Information for

TREATMENT: The plan may use your health information to assist your health care providers (doctors, pharmacies, hospitals and others) to assist in your treatment. For example, the plan may provide a treating physician with the name of another treating provider to obtain records or information needed for your treatment.

REGULAR OPERATIONS: We may use information in health records to review our claims experience and to make determinations with respect to the benefit options that we offer to employees.

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES: There are some services provided in our organization through contracts with business associates. Business associate agreements are maintained with insurance carriers. Business associates with access to your information must adhere to a contract requiring compliance with HIPAA privacy and security rules.

AS REQUIRED BY LAW: We will disclose health information about you when required to do so by federal, state or local law.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION: We may release health information about you for Workers' Compensation or similar programs. These programs provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: We may disclose your health information for law enforcement purposes, or in response to a valid subpoena or other judicial or administrative request.

PUBLIC HEALTH: We may also use and disclose your health information to assist with public health activities (for example, reporting to a federal agency) or health oversight activities (for example, in a government investigation).

Your Rights Regarding Your Health Information

Although your health record is the physical property of the entity that compiled it, the information belongs to you. You have the right to:

- Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your information, where concerning a service already paid for;
- Obtain a paper copy of the Notice of Health Information Practices by requesting it from the plan privacy officer;

- Inspect and obtain a copy of your health information;
- Request an amendment to your health information;
- Obtain an accounting of disclosures of your health information;
- Request communications of your health information be sent in a different way or to a different place than usual (for example, you could request that the envelope be marked "Confidential" or that we send it to your work address rather than your home address);
- Revoke in writing your authorization to use or disclose health information except to the extent that action has already been taken, in reliance on that authorization.

The Plan's Responsibilities

The plan is required to:

- Maintain the privacy of your health information;
- Provide you with a notice as to our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to information we collect and maintain about you;
- Abide by the terms of this notice;
- Notify you if we are unable to agree to a requested restriction, amendment or other request;
- Notify you of any breaches of your personal health information within 60 days or 5 days if conducting business in California;
- Accommodate any reasonable request you may have to communicate health information by alternative means or at alternative locations.

The plan will not use or disclose your health information without your consent or authorization, except as provided by law or described in this notice. The plan reserves the right to change our health privacy practices. Should we change our privacy practices in a material way, we will make a new version of our notice available to you.

For More Information or to Report a Problem

- If you have questions or would like additional information, or if you would like to make a request to inspect, copy, or amend health information, or for an accounting of disclosures, contact the plan privacy officer. All requests must be submitted in writing.

Phoebe-Devitt Homes

Address: 1925 Turner Street Allentown, PA 18104

Contact Name: Kim Fritzingler

Email Address: kfritzinger@phoebe.org

Phone #: 610-794-5176

- If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a formal complaint with the plan privacy officer; or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

Other Uses of Health Information

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

Important Information on How Health Care Reform Affects Your Plan

Prohibition on Excess Waiting Periods

Group health plans may not apply a waiting period that exceeds 90 days. A waiting period is defined as the period that must pass before coverage for an eligible employee or his or her dependent becomes effective under the Plan. State law may require shorter waiting periods for insured group health plans. California law requires fully-insured plans to comply with the more restrictive waiting period limitation of no more than 60-days.

Preexisting Condition Exclusion

Effective for Plan Years on or after January 1, 2014, Group health plans are prohibited from denying coverage or excluding specific benefits from coverage due to an individual's preexisting condition, regardless of the individual's age. A PCE includes any health condition or illness that is present before the coverage effective date, regardless of whether medical advice or treatment was actually received or recommended.

Uniformed Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act Notice of 1994, Notice of Right to Continued Coverage under USERRA

Right to Continue Coverage

Under the Uniformed Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), you (the employee) have the right to continue the coverage that you (and your covered dependents, if any) had under the Company Medical Plan if the following conditions are met:

- You are absent from work due to service in the uniformed services (defined below);
- You were covered under the Plan at the time your absence from work began; and
- You (or an appropriate officer of the uniformed services) provided your employer with advance notice of your absence from work (you are excused from meeting this condition if compliance is precluded by military necessity or is otherwise impossible or unreasonable under the circumstances).

How to Continue Coverage

If the conditions are met, you (or your authorized representative) may elect to continue your coverage (and the coverage of your covered dependents, if any) under the Plan by completing and returning an Election Form 60 days after date that USERRA election notice is mailed, and by paying the applicable premium for your coverage as described below.

What Happens if You Do Not Elect to Continue Coverage?

If you fail to submit a timely, completed Election Form as instructed or do not make a premium payment within the required time, you will lose your continuation rights under the Plan, unless compliance with these requirements is precluded by military necessity or is otherwise impossible or unreasonable under the circumstances.

If you do not elect continuation coverage, your coverage (and the coverage of your covered dependents, if any) under the Plan ends effective the end of the month in which you stop working due to your leave for uniformed service.

Premium for Continuing Your Coverage

The premium that you must pay to continue your coverage depends on your period of service in the uniformed services. Contact Human Resources for more details.

Length of Time Coverage Can Be Continued

If elected, continuation coverage can last 24 months from the date on which employee's leave for uniformed service began. However, coverage will automatically terminate earlier if one of the following events takes place:

- A premium is not paid in full within the required time;
- You fail to return to work or apply for reemployment within the time required under USERRA (see below) following the completion of your service in the uniformed services; or
- You lose your rights under USERRA as a result of a dishonorable discharge or other conduct specified in USERRA.

We will not provide advance notice to you when your continuation coverage terminates.

Reporting to Work/Applying for Reemployment

Your right to continue coverage under USERRA will end if you do not notify Human Resources of your intent to return to work within the timeframe required under USERRA following the completion of your service in the uniformed services by either reporting to work (if your uniformed service was for less than 31 days) or applying for reemployment (if your uniformed service was for more than 30 days). The time for returning to work depends on the period of uniformed service, as follows:

Period of Uniformed Service	Report to Work Requirement
Less than 31 days	The beginning of the first regularly scheduled work period on the day following the completion of your service, after allowing for safe travel home and an eight-hour rest period, or if that is unreasonable or impossible through no fault of your own, then as soon as is possible.
31–180 days	Submit an application for reemployment within 14 days after completion of your service or, if that is unreasonable or impossible through no fault of your own, then as soon as is possible.
181 days or more	Submit an application for reemployment within 90 days after completion of your service.
Any period if for purposes of an examination for fitness to perform uniformed service.	Report by the beginning of the first regularly scheduled work period on the day following the completion of your service, after allowing for safe travel home and an eight-hour rest period, or if that is unreasonable or impossible through no fault of your own, as soon as is possible.
Any period if you were hospitalized for or are convalescing from an injury or illness incurred or aggravated as a result of your service.	Report or submit an application for reemployment as above (depending on length of service period) except that time periods begin when you have recovered from your injuries or illness rather than upon completion of your service. Maximum period for recovering is limited to two years from completion of service but may be extended if circumstances beyond your control make it impossible or unreasonable for you to report to work within the above time periods

Definition

For you to be entitled to continued coverage under USERRA, your absence from work must be due to “service in the uniformed services.”

- “Uniformed services” means the Armed Forces, the Army National Guard, and the Air National Guard when an individual is engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty training, or full-time National Guard duty (i.e., pursuant to orders issued under federal law), the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or national emergency.
- “Service in the uniformed services” or “service” means the performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis in the uniformed services under competent authority, including active duty, active and inactive duty for training, National Guard duty under federal statute, a period for which a person is absent from employment for an examination to determine his or her fitness to perform any of these duties, and a period for which a person is absent from employment to perform certain funeral honors duty. It also includes certain service by intermittent disaster response appointees of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).

The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Premium Assistance Subsidy Notice

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, you can 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, you can 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, you can 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, 2020. Contact your State for more information on eligibility.

ALABAMA – Medicaid Website: www.myalhipp.com Phone: (855) 692-5447	MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP Website: www.mass.gov/ Phone: (800) 862-4840	PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid Website: www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Medical/HIPP-Program.aspx Phone: (800) 692-7462
ALASKA – Medicaid The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: myakhipp.com Phone: (866) 251-4861 Email: customerservice@myakhipp.com Medicaid Eligibility: dhs.alaska.gov/	MINNESOTA – Medicaid Website: www.mn.gov/dhs Under ELIGIBILITY tab, see “what if I have other health insurance], Phone: (800) 657-3739	RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP Website: www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: (855) 697-4347, or (401) 462-0311 (Direct Rite Share Line)
ARKANSAS – Medicaid Website: myarhipp.com Phone: 855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	MISSOURI – Medicaid Website: www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: (573) 751-2005	SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid Website: www.scdhhs.gov Phone: (888) 549-0820
CALIFORNIA – Medicaid Website: www.dhcs.ca.gov/ Phone (in-state): (800) 541-5555	MONTANA – Medicaid Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP Phone: (800) 694-3084	Maryland-Medicaid & CHIP Medicaid: https://mmcp.dhmm.maryland.gov/SitePages/Home.aspx CHIP: https://mmcp.dhmm.maryland.gov/chp/SitePages/Home.aspx
COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) Health First Colorado Website: www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: (800) 221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+: www.colorado.gov CHP+ Customer Service: (800) 359-1991/ State Relay 711	NEBRASKA – Medicaid Website: www.accessnebraska.ne.gov Phone: (855) 632-7633 Lincoln: (402) 473-7000 Omaha: (402) 595-1178	TEXAS – Medicaid Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com/ Phone: (800) 440-0493
FLORIDA – Medicaid Website: fmedicaidplrecovery.com/hipp/ Phone: (877) 357-3268	NEVADA – Medicaid Website: dhcfp.nv.gov Phone: (800) 992-0900	UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid Website: medicaid.utah.gov CHIP Website: health.utah.gov/chip Phone: (877) 543-7669
GEORGIA – Medicaid Website: medicaid.georgia.gov/ Phone: (678) 564-1162	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid Website: www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm Phone: (603) 271-5218, Toll free number for the HIPP program: (800) 852-3345 ext 5218	VERMONT– Medicaid Website: www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: (800) 250-8427
INDIANA – Medicaid Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 Website: www.in.gov/fssa/hip/ Phone: (877) 438-4479 All other Medicaid: www.indianamedicaid.com Phone: (800) 403-0864	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid Website: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: (609) 631-2392 CHIP Website: www.nifamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: (800) 701-0710	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP www.coverva.org/hipp/ Medicaid Phone: (800) 432-5924 CHIP Website: (855) 242-8282
IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki) Medicaid Website: http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members Medicaid Phone: (800) 338-8366 Hawki Website: dhs.iowa.gov/hawki Hawki Phone: (800) 257-8563	NEW YORK – Medicaid Website: www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: (800) 541-2831	WASHINGTON – Medicaid Website: www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: (800) 562-3022
KANSAS – Medicaid Website: www.kdheks.gov/hcf/ Phone: (800) 792-4884	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid Website: www.medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ Phone: (919) 855-4100	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid Website: www.mywvhipp.com Phone: (855) MyWVHIPP, (855) 699-8447
KENTUCKY – Medicaid Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies Phone: (855) 459-6328 Email: KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov KCHIP Website: kidshealth.ky.gov Phone: (877) 524-4718 Kentucky Medicaid Website: www.chfs.ky.gov	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid Website: www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: (844) 854-4825	WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP Website: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf Phone: (800) 362-3002

LOUISIANA – Medicaid Website: www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp Medicaid Hotline: (888) 342-6207 or (855) 618-5488 (LaHIPP)	OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP Website: www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: (888) 365-3742	WYOMING – Medicaid Website: wequalitycare.acs-inc.com/ Phone: (307) 777-7531
MAINE – Medicaid Website: www.maine.gov Phone: (800) 862-4840 TTY: Maine relay 711	OREGON – Medicaid Website: healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html Phone: (800) 699-9075	OHIO- Medicaid & CHIP Phone 1-800-324-8680 https://medicaid.ohio.gov/MEDICAID-101/Medicaid-State-Plan

To see if any other States have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2020, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/ebsa
(866) 444-EBSA (3272)

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

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The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210 or email ebsa.opr@dol.gov and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0137.

Employee Rights & Responsibilities under the Family Medical Leave Act

Basic Leave Entitlement

Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job protected leave to eligible employees for the following reasons:

- For incapacity due to pregnancy, prenatal medical care or child birth;
- To care for the employee's child after birth, or placement for adoption or foster care;
- To care for the employee's spouse, son or daughter, child or parent, who has a serious health condition;
- or
- For a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job.

Military Family Leave Entitlements

Eligible employees whose spouse, son, daughter or parent is on covered active duty or call to covered active duty status may use their 12-week leave entitlement to address certain qualifying exigencies. Qualifying exigencies may include attending certain military events, arranging for alternative childcare, addressing certain financial and legal arrangements, attending certain counseling sessions, and attending post-deployment reintegration briefings.

FMLA also includes a special leave entitlement that permits eligible employees to take up to 26 weeks of leave to care for a covered servicemember during a single 12-month period. A covered servicemember is: (1) a current member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy, is otherwise in outpatient status, or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list, for a serious injury or illness ⁽¹⁾; or (2) a veteran who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable at any time during the five-year period prior to the first date the eligible employee takes FMLA leave to care for the covered veteran, and who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy for a serious injury or illness. ⁽¹⁾

Benefits & Protections

During FMLA leave, the employer must maintain the employee's health coverage under any "group health plan" on the same terms as if the employee had continued to work. Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to their original or equivalent positions with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms.

Use of FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of an employee's leave.

Eligibility Requirements

Employees are eligible if they have worked for a covered employer for at least 12 months, have 1,250 hours of service in the previous 12 months (2), and if at least 50 employees are employed by the employer within 75 miles.

Definition of Serious Health Condition

A serious health condition is an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves either an overnight stay in a medical care facility, or continuing treatment by a health care provider for a condition that either prevents the employee from performing the functions of the employee's job, or prevents the qualified family member from participating in school or other daily activities.

Subject to certain conditions, the continuing treatment requirement may be met by a period of incapacity of more than 3 consecutive calendar days combined with at least two visits to a health care provider or one visit and a regimen of continuing treatment, or incapacity due to pregnancy, or incapacity due to a chronic condition. Other conditions may meet the definition of continuing treatment.

Use of leave

An employee does not need to use this leave entitlement in one block. Leave can be taken intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule when medically necessary. Employees must make reasonable efforts to schedule leave for planned medical treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the employer's operations. Leave due to qualifying exigencies may also be taken on an intermittent basis.

⁽¹⁾ The FMLA definitions of "serious injury or illness" for current service members and veterans are distinct from the FMLA definition of "serious health condition".

⁽²⁾ Special hours of service eligibility requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

Substitution of Paid Leave for Unpaid Leave

Employees may choose or employers may require use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. In order to use paid leave for FMLA leave, employees must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

Employee Responsibilities

Employees must provide 30 days advance notice of the need to take FMLA leave when the need is foreseeable. When 30 days' notice is not possible, the employee must provide notice as soon as practicable and generally must comply with an employer's normal call-in procedures.

Employees must provide sufficient information for the employer to determine if the leave may qualify for FMLA protection and the anticipated timing and duration of the leave. Sufficient information may include that the employee is unable to perform job functions; the family member is unable to perform daily activities, the need for hospitalization or continuing treatment by a health care provider; or circumstances supporting the need for military family leave. Employees also must inform the employer if the requested leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified. Employees also may be required to provide a certification and periodic recertification supporting the need for leave.

Employer Responsibilities

Covered employers must inform employees requesting leave whether they are eligible under FMLA. If they are, the notice must specify any additional information required as well as the employees' rights and responsibilities. If they are not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for the ineligibility.

Covered employers must inform employees if leave will be designated as FMLA-protected and the amount of leave counted against the employee's leave entitlement. If the employer determines that the leave is not FMLA protected, the employer must notify the employee.

Unlawful Acts by Employers

FMLA makes it unlawful for any employer to:

- Interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided under FMLA;
- Discharge or discriminate against any person for opposing any practice made unlawful by FMLA or for involvement in any proceeding under or relating to FMLA.

Enforcement

An employee may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

FMLA does not affect any Federal or State law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any State or local law or collective bargaining agreement which provides greater family or medical leave rights.

FMLA section 109 (29 U.S.C. § 2619) requires FMLA covered employers to post the text of this notice. Regulations 29 C.F.R. § 825.300(a) may require additional disclosures.

For additional information: (866) 4US-WAGE ((866) 487-9243) TTY: (877) 889-5627 www.wagehour.dol.gov.

Model General Notice of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights

**** Continuation Coverage Rights Under COBRA ****

Introduction

You're getting this notice because you recently gained coverage under a group health plan through Phoebe-Devitt Homes. 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 may be required to pay the entire premium for COBRA continuation coverage up to 102 percent of the cost to the plan.

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 house 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); or
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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 30 days after the qualifying event occurs.

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 11 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 18-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 period¹ 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.

¹ <https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/how-do-i-get-parts-a-b/part-a-part-b-sign-up-periods>.

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. (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

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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.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:

Contact Name: Kim Fritzing

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.