



HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights - If you are declining enrollment for medical benefits for yourself or your eligible dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself and your eligible dependents in the medical benefits provided under this Plan if you or your eligible 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 plan 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.

If you request a change due to a special enrollment event within the 30 day timeframe, coverage will be effective the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. For all other events, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment.

As of April 1, 2009, the Plan must allow a HIPAA special enrollment for employees and dependents who are eligible but not enrolled if they lose Medicaid or CHIP coverage because they are no longer eligible, or they become eligible for a state's premium assistance program. Employees have 60 days from the date of the Medicaid/CHIP event to request enrollment under the Plan. (Please see the "Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Offer Free Or Low-Cost Health Coverage to Children and Families" notice.) If you request this change, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. Specific restrictions may apply, depending on federal and state law. To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact your local human resources department, and any additional contact information of the appropriate plan representative.