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Notice of Availability of Important Documents

Dear Employee,

This notice is to inform you of the availability of **important benefit notification documents**. In addition to those documents you are provided upon enrollment and through notifications including but not limited to Medicare Part D Creditable/Non-Creditable Coverage, Women's Cancer Rights, Newborns Act and Children's Health Insurance Protection Act (where applicable), more details can be found in the summary plan description, summary of material modifications, insurance contracts and other supporting documents.

The Tennessee Conference Health Plan has created a like on the TNUMC website where all of these documents can be viewed.

If you wish to receive a hard copy of this information, at no cost, please contact Melinda Parker by email, mparker@tnumc.org or call 615-327-1162 with your preference.

Sincerely,

Melinda Parker
Assistant Benefits Officer

Notices Included:
Grandfathered Status
Newborn and Mother's Health Protection Act
Women's Health & Cancer Rights Act
Notice of Special Enrollment Rights
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
Notice of Medicare Creditable Coverage

GRANDFATHER STATUS OF HEALTH PLAN

This Tennessee Conference, United Methodist Church believes this plan is a “grandfathered health plan” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your [plan or policy] may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the plan administrator, Jim Allen at 615-327-1162.

NEWBORN’S AND MOTHER’S 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 the issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

THE WOMEN’S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT

The Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) provides protections for individuals who elect breast reconstruction after a mastectomy. Under WHCRA, group health plans offering mastectomy coverage must also provide coverage for certain services relating to the mastectomy, in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient. Required coverage includes 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.

Written notice about the availability of these mastectomy-related benefits must be delivered to participants in a group health plan upon enrollment and then each year afterwards.

Does WHCRA apply to individuals who have not been diagnosed with cancer but who must undergo a mastectomy due to other medical reasons?

Despite the title, nothing in the law limits entitlement to WHCRA benefits to cancer patients. If an individual is receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy and the group health plan covers mastectomies, then the individual is entitled to WHCRA benefits.

Also, despite the title, nothing in the law limits WHCRA entitlements to women.

Does WHCRA mandate minimum hospital lengths of stay in connection with mastectomy or breast reconstruction?

No, but many State laws applicable to insured coverage provide more protections than WHCRA. Thus, if a plan provides coverage through an insurance company, covered individuals may be entitled to minimum hospital stays under State law. If your plan is insured, check with your State insurance department for more information.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS

HIPAA applies to any employer that has two or more active employees. Under HIPAA group health plans are required to provide active employees, their dependents and COBRA qualified beneficiaries with special enrollment opportunities for certain situations.

The following are just some events that may trigger a Special Enrollment Event:

- Loss of eligibility under other coverage;
 - Due to divorce or legal separation;
 - Dependent loss of eligibility due to age under a parents plan;
 - Death of an employee's spouse which leaves the spouse with no coverage;
 - Spouse's employment ends, as does insurance coverage; and
 - Spouse no longer eligible due to hours being cut.
- Loss of eligibility under Medicaid/CHIP;
- 18/36 month exhaustion under COBRA;
- Birth/ Adoption/Place for adoption of a child;
- Marriage of an employee; and
- Gain of eligibility for Medicaid/CHIP premium assistance.

You must notify the Office of Administrative Services, (615) 327-1162 or toll-free (800-359-1162) within 30 days of the Special Enrollment Event taking place. Coverage will not be provided if the request is made after the 30 day period.

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.

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.

Enrolling for the first time you must complete an enrollment form and provide the supporting documentation for your Special Enrollment Event. If you are currently enrolled and adding a dependent then a written request is required along with the supporting documentation.

Additional FAQs regarding HIPAA and Special Enrollment Rights can be found at:

http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/faqs/faq_consumer_hipaa.html

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1- 877-KIDS NOW** or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of January 31, 2019. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA - Medicaid	FLORIDA - Medicaid
Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: http://flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/ Phone: 1-877-357-3268
ALASKA - Medicaid	GEORGIA - Medicaid
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: http://myakhipp.com/ Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx	Website: Medicaid www.medicaid.georgia.gov - Click on Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Phone: 404-656-4507
ARKANSAS - Medicaid	INDIANA - Medicaid
Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/ Phone: 1-877-438-4479 All other Medicaid Website: http://www.indianamedicaid.com Phone 1-800-403-0864
IOWA - Medicaid	KANSAS - Medicaid
Website: http://dhs.iowa.gov/hawk-i Phone: 1-800-257-8563	Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/ Phone: 1-785-296-3512

KENTUCKY - Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE - Medicaid
Website: https://chfs.ky.gov Phone: 1-800-635-2570	Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll-Free: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218
LOUISIANA - Medicaid	NEW JERSEY - Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331 Phone: 1-888-695-2447	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
MAINE - Medicaid	NEW YORK - Medicaid
Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711	Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/healthcare/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831
MASSACHUSETTS - Medicaid and CHIP	NORTH CAROLINA - Medicaid
Website: http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/ Phone: 1-800-862-4840	Website: https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/ Phone: 919-855-4100
MINNESOTA - Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA - Medicaid
Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp Phone: 1-800-657-3739 or 651-431-2670	Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-844-854-4825
MISSOURI - Medicaid	OKLAHOMA - Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005	Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742
MONTANA - Medicaid	OREGON - Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HiPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084	Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html Phone: 1-800-699-9075
NEBRASKA - Medicaid	PENNSYLVANIA - Medicaid
Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: (855) 632-7633 Lincoln: (402) 473-7000 Omaha: (402) 595-1178	Website: http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm Phone: 1-800-692-7462
NEVADA - Medicaid	RHODE ISLAND - Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 855-697-4347

SOUTH CAROLINA - Medicaid	VIRGINIA - Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Medicaid Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282
SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	WASHINGTON - Medicaid
Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Website: http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/premium-payment-program Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
TEXAS - Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA - Medicaid
Website: http://gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Website: http://mywvhipp.com/ Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
UTAH - Medicaid and CHIP	WISCONSIN - Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/ CHIP Website: http://health.utah.gov/chip Phone: 1-877-543-7669	Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf Phone: 1-800-362-3002
VERMONT - Medicaid	WYOMING - Medicaid
Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Website: https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/ Phone: 307-777-7531

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2019, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

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

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CREDITABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE AND MEDICARE

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that the prescription drug coverage listed below under the Tennessee Conference Health Plan is expected to pay out, on average, at least as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay in 2019. This is known as “creditable coverage.”

Why this is important. If you or your covered dependent(s) are enrolled in any prescription drug coverage during 2019 listed in this notice and are or become covered by Medicare, you may decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan later and not be subject to a late enrollment penalty – as long as you had creditable coverage within 63 days of your Medicare prescription drug plan enrollment. You should keep this notice with your important records.

If you or your family members aren’t currently covered by Medicare and won’t become covered by Medicare in the next 12 months, this notice doesn’t apply to you.

Please read this notice carefully. It has information about prescription drug coverage with the Tennessee Conference Health Plan and prescription drug coverage available for people with Medicare. It also tells you where to find more information to help you make decisions about your prescription drug coverage.

Notice of Creditable Coverage

You may have heard about Medicare’s prescription drug coverage (called Part D), and wondered how it would affect you. Prescription drug coverage is available to everyone with Medicare through Medicare prescription drug plans. All Medicare prescription drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

Individuals can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan when they first become eligible, and each year from October 15 through December 7. Individuals leaving employer/union coverage may be eligible for a Medicare Special Enrollment Period.

If you are covered by the Tennessee Conference Health Plan prescription drug plan listed below, you’ll be interested to know that coverage is, on average, at least as good as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage for 2019. Coverage under this plan will help you avoid a late Part D enrollment penalty if you are or become eligible for Medicare and later decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

Under the Tennessee Conference Health Plan, the following prescription drug plan design applies:

After a \$50 per calendar year deductible per covered person:

Retail – 30 or 90 day supply

- Generic: 30 day: You pay **\$10** / 90 day: You pay **\$30** {then the plan pays the balance of the cost}
- Preferred Brand Name: 30 day: You pay **\$30** / 90 day: You pay **\$90** {plan pays balance of the cost}
- Non-Preferred Brand Name: 30 day: You pay **\$60** / 90 day: You pay **\$180** {plan pays balance of the cost}

Mail Order – 90 day supply

- Generic – You pay **\$25**, {then the plan pays the balance of the cost}
- Preferred Brand Name – You pay **\$75**, {then the plan pays the balance of the cost}
- Non-Preferred Brand Name – You pay **\$150**, {then the plan pays the balance of the cost}

If you decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan and you are an active employee or family member of an active employee, you may also continue your employer coverage. In this case, the employer plan will continue to pay primary or secondary as it had before you enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan. If you waive or drop the Tennessee

Conference Health Plan coverage, Medicare will be your only payer. You can re-enroll in the employer plan [at annual enrollment or] if you have a special enrollment event for the Tennessee Conference Health Plan.

You should know that if you waive or leave coverage with the Tennessee Conference Health Plan and you go 63 days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage (once your applicable Medicare enrollment period ends), your monthly Part D premium will go up at least 1% per month for every month that you did not have creditable coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without coverage, your Medicare prescription drug plan premium will always be at least 19% higher than what most other people pay. You'll have to pay this higher premium as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following November to enroll in Part D.

You may receive this notice at other times in the future – such as before the next period you can enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage, if this Tennessee Conference Health Plan coverage changes, or upon your request.

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. Medicare participants will get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare prescription drug plans. Here's how to get more information about Medicare prescription drug plans:

- Visit www.medicare.gov for personalized help.
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see a copy of the *Medicare & You* handbook for the telephone number).
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For people with limited income and resources, extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan is available. Information about this extra help is available from the Social Security Administration (SSA). For more information about this extra help, visit SSA online at www.socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this notice. If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan after your applicable Medicare enrollment period ends, you may need to provide a copy of this notice when you join a Part D plan to show that you are not required to pay a higher Part D premium amount.

For more information about this notice or your prescription drug coverage, contact the Tennessee Conference, Office of Administrative Services, 304 S. Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 4, Nashville, TN 37211 – 615-327-1162