

# SOUTHSIDE SPECIAL SERVICES OF MARION COUNTY

2023

## BENEFIT PLAN NOTIFICATIONS



*If you 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 12 for more details.*



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## SPECIAL ENROLLMENT NOTICE

This notice is being provided to ensure that you understand your right to apply for group health insurance coverage. You should read this notice even if you plan to waive coverage at this time.

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

Example: You waived coverage because you were covered under a plan offered by your spouse's employer. Your spouse terminates his employment. If you notify your employer within 30 days of the date coverage ends, you and your eligible dependents may apply for coverage under our health plan.

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.

Example: When you were hired by us, you were single and chose not to elect health insurance benefits. One year later, you marry. You and your eligible dependents are entitled to enroll in this group health plan. However, you must apply within 30 days from the date of your marriage.

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 you or your dependents' coverage ends under Medicaid or a state children's health insurance program.

Example: When you were hired by us, your children received health coverage under CHIP and you did not enroll them in our health plan. Because of changes in your income, your children are no longer eligible for CHIP coverage. You may enroll them in this group health plan if you apply within 60 days of the date of their loss of CHIP coverage.

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 you or your dependents' determination of eligibility for such assistance.

**To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact your Human Resource Department within 30 days of the qualifying event.**

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 July 31, 2022. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –**

ALABAMA – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program <a href="http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp">http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</a> Phone: 916-445-8322 Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: <a href="mailto:hipp@dhcs.ca.gov">hipp@dhcs.ca.gov</a>
ALASKA – Medicaid	COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a> Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx">https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Health First Colorado Website: <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a> Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus</a> CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program</a> HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Website: <a href="https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com/flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/index.html">https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com/flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/index.html</a> Phone: 1-877-357-3268
GEORGIA – Medicaid	MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
GA HIPP Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp</a> Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1 GA CHIPRA Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra</a> Phone: (678) 564-1162, Press 2	Website: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa">https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa</a> Phone: 1-800-862-4840 TTY: (617) 886-8102

<p align="center"><b>INDIANA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64          Website: <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/</a>          Phone: 1-877-438-4479          All other Medicaid          Website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a>          Phone 1-800-457-4584</p>	<p align="center"><b>MINNESOTA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website:  <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp">https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp</a>          Phone: 1-800-657-3739</p>
<p align="center"><b>IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website:  <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members</a>          Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366          Hawki Website:  <a href="http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki">http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki</a>          Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563          HIPP Website:  <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp</a>          HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562</p>	<p align="center"><b>MISSOURI – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a>          Phone: 573-751-2005</p>
<p align="center"><b>KANSAS – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.kancare.ks.gov/">https://www.kancare.ks.gov/</a>          Phone: 1-800-792-4884</p>	<p align="center"><b>MONTANA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a>          Phone: 1-800-694-3084          Email: <a href="mailto:HHSHIPPProgram@mt.gov">HHSHIPPProgram@mt.gov</a></p>
<p align="center"><b>KENTUCKY – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website:  <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx</a>          Phone: 1-855-459-6328          Email: <a href="mailto:KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov">KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov</a></p> <p>KCHIP Website:  <a href="https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx">https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a>          Phone: 1-877-524-4718</p> <p>Kentucky Medicaid Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov">https://chfs.ky.gov</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>NEBRASKA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a>          Phone: 1-855-632-7633          Lincoln: 402-473-7000          Omaha: 402-595-1178</p>
<p align="center"><b>LOUISIANA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.medicaid.la.gov">www.medicaid.la.gov</a> or  <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp">www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp</a>          Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)</p>	<p align="center"><b>NEVADA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website: <a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a>          Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900</p>
<p align="center"><b>MAINE – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Enrollment Website:  <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a>          Phone: 1-800-442-6003          TTY: Maine relay 711</p> <p>Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage:  <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a>          Phone: -800-977-6740.          TTY: Maine relay 711</p>	<p align="center"><b>NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program</a>          Phone: 603-271-5218          Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218</p>

<b>NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a> Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a> CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710	Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-828-0059
<b>NEW YORK – Medicaid</b>	<b>TEXAS – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a> Phone: 1-800-541-2831	Website: <a href="http://gethiptexas.com/">http://gethiptexas.com/</a> Phone: 1-800-440-0493
<b>NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>	<b>UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhs.gov/">https://medicaid.ncdhs.gov/</a> Phone: 919-855-4100	Medicaid Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a> CHIP Website: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/chip">http://health.utah.gov/chip</a> Phone: 1-877-543-7669
<b>NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b>	<b>VERMONT– Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/">http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/</a> Phone: 1-844-854-4825	Website: <a href="http://www.greenmountaincare.org/">http://www.greenmountaincare.org/</a> Phone: 1-800-250-8427
<b>OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a> Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Website: <a href="https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select">https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select</a> <a href="https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp">https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
<b>OREGON – Medicaid</b>	<b>WASHINGTON – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html">http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html</a> Phone: 1-800-699-9075	Website: <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/">https://www.hca.wa.gov/</a> Phone: 1-800-562-3022
<b>PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid</b>	<b>WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HI-PP-Program.aspx">https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HI-PP-Program.aspx</a> Phone: 1-800-692-7462	Website: <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/</a> <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a> Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700 CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
<b>RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a> Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RItE Share Line)	Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm</a> Phone: 1-800-362-3002
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>	<b>WYOMING – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.scdhs.gov">https://www.scdhs.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: <a href="https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/">https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/</a> Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2022, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://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](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)  
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

## SOUTHSIDE SPECIAL SERVICES OF MARION COUNTY NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

This Notice of Privacy Practices describes the legal obligations of the Southside Special Services of Marion County Employee Benefit Plans (the "Plans") and your legal rights regarding your protected health information held by the Plan under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH"). This Notice has been drafted in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, contained in the Code of Federal Regulations at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164. Terms not defined in this Notice have the same meaning as they have in the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

Among other things, this Notice describes how your protected health information may be used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations, or for any other purposes that are permitted or required by law.

We are required to provide this Notice of Privacy Practices (the "Notice") to you pursuant to HIPAA.

The HIPAA Privacy Rule protects only certain medical information known as "protected health information." Generally, protected health information is individually identifiable health information, including demographic information, collected from you or created or received by a health care provider, a health care clearinghouse, a health plan, or your employer on behalf of a group health plan that relates to:

- (1) Your past, present or future physical or mental health or condition;
- (2) The provision of health care to you; or
- (3) The past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to you.

If you have any questions about this Notice or about our privacy practices, please contact Human Resources.

### Effective Date

This Notice is effective January 1, 2023.

### DEFINITIONS

**Plan Sponsor** means **Southside Special Services of Marion County** and any other employer that maintains the Plan for the benefit of its associates.

**Protected Health Information ("PHI")** means individually identifiable health information, which is defined under the law as information that is a subset of health information, including demographic information, that is created or received by the Plan and that relates to your past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition; the health care services you receive; or the past, present, or future payment for the health care services you receive; and that identifies you, or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify you.

### USES AND DISCLOSURES OF YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

The following categories describe different ways that the Plan may use and disclose your PHI. For each category of uses and disclosures we will explain what we mean and, where appropriate, provide examples for illustrative purposes. Not every use or disclosure in a category will be listed. However, all of the ways we are permitted or required to use and disclose PHI will fall within one of the categories.

**Your Authorization** – Except as outlined below or otherwise permitted by law, the Plan will not use or disclose your PHI unless you have signed a form authorizing the Plan to use or disclose specific PHI for an explicit purpose to a specific person or group of persons. Uses and disclosures of your PHI for marketing purposes and/or the sale of



your PHI require your authorization. You have the right to revoke any authorization in writing except to the extent that the Plan has taken action in reliance upon the authorization.

**Uses and Disclosures for Payment** –The Plan may use and disclose your PHI as necessary for benefit payment purposes without obtaining an authorization from you. The persons to whom the Plan may disclose your PHI for payment purposes include your health care providers that are billing for or requesting a prior authorization for their services and treatments of you, other health plans providing benefits to you, and your approved family member or guardian who is responsible for amounts, such as deductibles and co-insurance, not covered by the Plan.

For example, the Plan may use or disclose your PHI, including information about any medical procedures and treatments you have received, are receiving, or will receive, to your doctor, your spouse's or other health plan under which you are covered, and your spouse or other family members, unless you object, in order to process your benefits under the Plan. Examples of other payment activities include determinations of your eligibility or coverage under the Plan, annual premium calculations based on health status and demographic characteristics of persons covered under the Plan, billing, claims management, reinsurance claims, review of health care services with respect to medical necessity, utilization review activities, and disclosures to consumer reporting agencies.

**Uses and Disclosures for Health Care Operations** – The Plan may use and disclose your PHI as necessary for health care operations without obtaining an authorization from you. Health care operations are those functions of the Plan it needs to operate on a day-to-day basis and those activities that help it to evaluate its performance. Examples of health care operations include underwriting, premium rating or other activities relating to the creation, amendment or termination of the Plan, and obtaining reinsurance coverage. Other functions considered to be health care operations include business planning and development; conducting or arranging for quality assessment and improvement activities, medical review, and legal services and auditing functions; and performing business management and general administrative duties of the Plan, including the provision of customer services to you and your covered dependents.

**Use or Disclosure of Genetic Information Prohibited.** The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2009 (GINA), and regulations promulgated thereunder, specifically prohibit the use, disclosure or request of PHI that is genetic information for underwriting purposes. Genetic information is defined as (1) your genetic tests; (2) genetic tests of your family member; (3) family medical history, or (4) any request of or receipt by you or your family members of genetic services. This means that your genetic information cannot be used for enrollment, continued eligibility, computation of premiums, or other activities related to underwriting, even if those activities are for purposes of health care operations or being performed pursuant to your written authorization.

**Family and Friends Involved in Your Care** – If you are available and do not object, the Plan may disclose your PHI to your family, friends, and others who are involved in your care or payment of a claim. If you are unavailable or incapacitated and the Plan determines that a limited disclosure is in your best interest, the Plan may share limited PHI with such individuals. For example, the Plan may use its professional judgment to disclose PHI to your spouse concerning the processing of a claim. If you do not wish us to share PHI with your spouse or others, you may exercise your right to request a restriction on our disclosures of your PHI (see below), including having correspondence the Plan sends to you mailed to an alternative address. The Plan is also required to abide by certain state laws that are more stringent than the HIPAA Privacy Standards, for example, some states give a minor child the right to consent to his or her own treatment and, under HIPAA, to direct who may know about the care he or she receives. There may be an instance when your minor child would request for you not to be informed of his or her treatment and the Plan would be required to honor that request.

**Business Associates** – Certain aspects and components of the Plan's services are performed through contracts with outside persons or organizations. Examples of these outside persons and organizations include our third-party administrator, reinsurance carrier, agents, attorneys, accountants, banks, and consultants. At times it may be necessary for us to provide certain of your PHI to one or more of these outside persons or organizations. However, if the Plan does provide your PHI to any or all of these outside persons or organizations, they will be required, through contract or by law, to follow the same policies and procedures with your PHI as detailed in this Notice.



**Plan Sponsor** -- The Plan may disclose a subset of your PHI, called summary health information, to the Plan Sponsor in certain situations. Summary health information summarizes claims history, claims expenses, and types of claims experienced by individuals under the Plan, but all information that could effectively identify whose claims history has been summarized has been removed. Summary health information may be given to the Plan Sponsor when requested for the purposes of obtaining premium bids, for providing coverage under the Plan, or for modifying, amending or terminating the Plan. The Plan may also disclose to the Plan Sponsor whether you are enrolled in or have disenrolled from the Plan.

**Other Products and Services** – The Plan may contact you to provide information about other health-related products and services that may be of interest to you without obtaining your authorization. For example, the Plan may use and disclose your PHI for the purpose of communicating to you about health benefit products or services that could enhance or substitute for existing coverage under the Plan, such as long-term health benefits or flexible spending accounts. The Plan may also contact you about health-related products and services, like disease management programs that may add value to you, as a covered person under the Plan. However, the Plan must obtain your authorization before the Plan sends you information regarding non-health related products or services, such as information concerning movie passes, life insurance products, or other discounts or services offered to the general public at large.

**Other Uses and Disclosures** – Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Plan may make certain other uses and disclosures of your PHI without your authorization, including the following:

The Plan may use or disclose your PHI to the extent that the use or disclosure is required by law.

The Plan may disclose your PHI to the proper authorities if the Plan suspects child abuse or neglect; the Plan may also disclose your PHI if we believe you to be a victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.

The Plan may disclose your PHI if authorized by law to a government oversight agency (e.g., a state insurance department) conducting audits, investigations, or civil or criminal proceedings.

The Plan may disclose your PHI in response to a court order specifically authorizing the disclosure, or in the course of a judicial or administrative proceeding (e.g., to respond to a subpoena or discovery request), provided written and documented efforts by the requesting party have been made to (1) notify you of the disclosure and the purpose of the litigation, or (2) obtain a qualified protective order prohibiting the use or disclosure of your PHI for any other purpose than the litigation or proceeding for which it was requested.

The Plan may disclose your PHI to the proper authorities for law enforcement purposes, including the disclosure of certain identifying information requested by police officers for the purpose of identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person; the disclosure of your PHI if you are suspected to be a victim of a crime and you are incapacitated; or if you are suspected of committing a crime on the Plan (e.g., fraud).

The Plan may use or disclose PHI to avert a serious threat to health or safety.

The Plan may use or disclose your PHI if you are a member of the military, as required by armed forces services, and the Plan may also disclose your PHI for other specialized government functions such as national security or intelligence activities.

The Plan may disclose your PHI to state or federal workers' compensation agencies for your workers' compensation benefit determination.

The Plan may, as required by law, release your PHI to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for enforcement of the HIPAA Privacy Rules.

**Verification Requirements** -- Before the Plan discloses your PHI to anyone requesting it, the Plan is required to verify the identity of the requester and the requester's authority to access your PHI. The Plan may rely on reasonable evidence of authority such as a badge, official credentials, written statements on appropriate government letterhead, written or oral statements of legal authority, warrants, subpoenas, or court orders.

## RIGHTS THAT YOU HAVE

To request to inspect, copy, amend, or get an accounting of PHI pertaining to your PHI in the Plan, you may contact the Privacy Officer.

**Right to Inspect and Copy Your PHI** – You have the right to request a copy of and/or inspect your PHI that the Plan maintains, unless the PHI was compiled in reasonable anticipation of litigation or contains psychotherapy notes. In certain limited circumstances, the Plan may deny your request to copy and/ or inspect your PHI. In most of those limited circumstances, a licensed health care provider must determine that the release of the PHI to you or a person authorized by you, as your “personal representative,” may cause you or someone else identified in the PHI harm. If your request is denied, you may have the right to have the denial reviewed by a designated licensed health care professional that did not participate in the original decision. Requests for access to your PHI must be in writing and signed by you or your personal representative. You may ask for a *Participant PHI Inspection Form* from the Plan through the Privacy Office at the address below. If you request that the Plan copy or mail your PHI to you, the Plan may charge you a fee for the cost of copying your PHI and the postage for mailing your PHI to you. If you ask the Plan to prepare a summary of the PHI, and the Plan agrees to provide that explanation, the Plan may also charge you for the cost associated with the preparation of the summary.

**Right to Request Amendments to Your PHI** – You have the right to request that PHI the Plan maintains about you be amended or corrected. The Plan is not obligated to make requested amendments to PHI that is not created by the Plan, not maintained by the Plan, not available for inspection, or that is accurate and complete. The Plan will give each request careful consideration. To be considered, your amendment request must be in writing, must be signed by you or your personal representative, must state the reasons for the amendment request, and must be sent to the Privacy Office at the address below. If the Plan denies your amendment request, the Plan will provide you with its basis for the denial, advise you of your right to prepare a statement of disagreement which it will place with your PHI, and describe how you may file a complaint with the Plan or the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services. The Plan may limit the length of your statement of disagreement and submit its own rebuttal to accompany your statement of disagreement. If the Plan accepts your amendment request, it must make a reasonable effort to provide the amendment to persons you identify as needing the amendment or persons it believes would rely on your unamended PHI to your detriment.

**Right to Request an Accounting for Disclosures of Your PHI** – You have the right to request an accounting of disclosures of your PHI that the Plan makes. Your request for an accounting of disclosures must state a time period that may not be longer than six years and may not include dates before April 14, 2004. Not all disclosures of your PHI must be included in the accounting of the disclosures. Examples of disclosures that the Plan is required to account for include those pursuant to valid legal process, or for law enforcement purposes. Examples of disclosures that are not subject to an accounting include those made to carry out the Plan's payment or health care operations, or those made with your authorization. To be considered, your accounting requests must be in writing and signed by you or your personal representative, and sent to the Privacy Office at the address below. The first accounting in any 12-month period is free; however, the Plan may charge you a fee for each subsequent accounting you request within the same 12-month period.

**Right to Place Restrictions on the Use and Disclosure of Your PHI** – You have the right to request restrictions on certain of the Plan's uses and disclosures of your PHI for payment or health care operations, disclosures made to persons involved in your care, and disclosures for disaster relief purposes. For example, you may request that the Plan not disclose your PHI to your spouse. Your request must describe in detail the restriction you are requesting. The Plan is not required to agree to your request, but will attempt to accommodate reasonable requests when appropriate. The Plan retains the right to terminate an agreed-to restriction if it believes such termination is appropriate. In the event of a termination by the Plan, it will notify you of the termination. You also have the right to terminate, in writing or orally, any agreed-to restriction. Requests for a restriction (or termination of an existing restriction) may be made by contacting the Plan through the Privacy Office at the telephone number or address below.

**Request for Confidential Communications** – You have the right to request that communications regarding your PHI be made by alternative means or at alternative locations. For example, you may request that messages not be left on voice mail or sent to a particular address. The Plan is required to accommodate reasonable requests if you inform the Plan that disclosure of all or part of your information could place you in danger. The Plan may

grant other requests for confidential communications in its sole discretion. Requests for confidential communications must be in writing, signed by you or your personal representative, and sent to the Privacy Office at the address below.

**Right to a Copy of the Notice** – You have the right to a paper copy of this Notice upon request by contacting the Privacy Office.

**Right to Notice of Breach** - You have the right to receive notice if your PHI is improperly used or disclosed as a result of a breach of unsecured PHI.

**Complaints** – If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with the Plan through the Privacy Office in writing at the address below. You may also file a complaint in writing with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., within 180 days of a violation of your rights. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you have questions or need further assistance regarding this Notice, you may contact our Privacy Office in writing.

## **Important Notice from Southside Special Services of Marion County 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 Southside Special Services of Marion County 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. Southside Special Services of Marion County has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the Southside Special Services of Marion County Employer Welfare Plan 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.

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### **When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th.

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

### **What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current Southside Special Services of Marion County coverage may not be affected.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Southside Special Services of Marion County coverage, be aware that you and your dependents may not be able to get this coverage back.

### **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 Southside Special Services of Marion County and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) 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 Southside Special Services of Marion County 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](http://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](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

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*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).*

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Date:	For plan year beginning 1/1/2023
Name of Entity/Sender:	Southside Special Services of Marion County
Contact--Position/Office:	Human Resource Department
Address:	5391 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227
Phone Number:	317-789-1661

## **NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT OF 1998**

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 was passed into law on October 21, 1998 amending the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The law requires plans which provide mastectomy coverage to provide notice to individuals of their rights to benefits for breast reconstruction following a mastectomy. Your Plan currently provides coverage for a mastectomy and reconstructive breast surgery following a mastectomy. Benefits for medical and surgical treatment for reconstruction in connection with a mastectomy are further clarified as follows according to the requirements of the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998:

- 1) All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- 2) Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce symmetrical appearance; and
- 3) Coverage for prostheses and physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedema in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient.

These benefits will be paid at the same benefit level as other benefits payable under the Plan.

### **MICHELLE'S LAW NOTICE**

Michelle's Law requires the Plan to allow extended eligibility in some cases for a dependent child who would lose eligibility for Plan coverage due to loss of full-time student status. There are two definitions that are important for purposes of determining whether the Michelle's Law extension of eligibility applies to a particular child: Dependent child means a child of a plan participant who is eligible under the terms of a group health benefit plan based on his or her student status and who was enrolled at a post-secondary educational institution immediately before the first day of a medically necessary leave of absence.

Medically necessary leave of absence means a leave of absence or any other change in enrollment:

- 1) of a dependent child from a post-secondary educational institution that begins while the child is suffering from a serious illness or injury;
- 2) which is medically necessary;
- 3) and which causes the dependent child to lose student status under the terms of the Plan.

For the Michelle's Law extension of eligibility to apply, a dependent child's treating physician must provide written certification of medical necessity (i.e., certification that the dependent child suffers from a serious illness or injury that necessitates the leave of absence or other enrollment change that would otherwise cause loss of eligibility). If a dependent child qualifies for the Michelle's Law extension of eligibility, the Plan will treat the dependent child as eligible for coverage until the earlier of:

- 1) One year after the first day of the leave of absence; or
- 2) The date that Plan coverage would otherwise terminate (for reasons other than failure to be a full-time student).

A dependent child on a medically necessary leave of absence is entitled to receive the same Plan benefits as other dependent children covered under the Plan. Further, any change to Plan coverage that occurs during the Michelle's Law extension of eligibility will apply to the dependent child to the same extent as it applies to other dependent children covered under the Plan.

### **MODEL NEWBORNS' ACT DISCLOSURE**

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

### **MENTAL HEALTH PARITY ACT**

The Mental Health Parity Act (the "Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008") was signed into law on October 3, 2008, and the Federal Mental Health Parity (MHP) law became effective October 3, 2009.

The MHP law applies to group health insurers and to fully insured and self-insured ERISA groups of 51 or more employees that include mental health/substance use disorder benefits. It mandates equalization of copays, coinsurance, deductibles and the elimination of day and visit limits and financial maximums. This can be accomplished by applying the same limits as apply to the medical and surgical benefits, or by creating "separate but equal" limits. The Act does not require health plans to provide mental health/ substance use disorder benefits; however, if these benefits are offered, they must be at parity with the group's medical and surgical benefits.

## **QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDER (QMCSO)**

A Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) is a medical child support order issued under state law that creates or recognizes the existence of an "alternate recipient's" right to receive benefits for which a participant or beneficiary is eligible under a group health plan. An "alternate recipient" is any child of a participant (including a child adopted by or placed for adoption with a participant in a group health plan) who is recognized under a medical child support order as having a right to enrollment under a group health plan with respect to such participant is an alternate recipient. Upon receipt, the administrator of a group health plan is required to determine, within a reasonable period of time, whether a medical child support order is qualified, and to administer benefits in accordance with the applicable terms of each order that is qualified. In the event you are served with a notice to provide medical coverage for a dependent child as the result of a legal determination, you may obtain information from your employer; know the rules for seeking to enact such coverage. These rules are provided at no cost to you and may be requested from your employer at any time.



## HEALTH CARE REFORM NOTIFICATIONS

### **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice includes information about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that was recently passed and provides you with important information that you need to know. Please read this information carefully and contact your HR Department for further clarification.

#### **Patient Protection**

The Plan generally allows the designation of a primary care provider, but it is not required. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, please contact the customer service phone number on your medical ID card.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider, but it is not required.

You do not need prior authorization from Anthem or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, please contact the customer service phone number on your medical ID card.

#### **Non-Grandfathered Plan Notice**

This Plan is a "non-grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act) and will comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on essential benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply can be directed to the plan administrator. You may also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform). This website has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered and non-grandfathered health plans.

#### **Notice Lifetime Limit No Longer Applies and Enrollment Opportunity**

The lifetime limit on the dollar value of benefits under the group health plan no longer applies.

#### **Notice of Extension of Dependent Coverage to Age 26**

The limiting age for eligible children has been extended to age 26. Coverage will terminate the end of the month following the 26th birthday.

*While every effort was taken to accurately provide the notices in this booklet, discrepancies, or errors are always possible. In case of discrepancy between the notice in this booklet and the actual legislation, the legislation will prevail. If you have any questions about this information, contact Human Resources.*