

# The choice is yours.



## Benefits decision guide



**BENEFITS FOR A HEALTHY LIFE**  
Your 2023 benefit choices  
**Full Time Employees**



# WELCOME TO YOUR BENEFITS ENROLLMENT

We recognize how important benefits are to you. That's why we're committed to helping you and your family enjoy the best possible physical, financial, and emotional well-being. It's also why we provide you with a comprehensive, highly competitive benefits package, with the flexibility to make the choices that best meet your needs.

Use this guide to better understand your 2023 benefits options. Then, be sure to make your choices by the enrollment deadlines to receive coverage for the coming year.



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## Who can enroll?

- Each Active, Full-time Employee as defined in the bargaining unit agreement OR Each Active, Full-time Non-Union Employee as defined in the Jones County Employee Handbook OR an Elected Official OR as required by federal law.
- Eligible dependents – Includes employee's spouse/and/or children to age 26, plus disabled dependent children of any age who meet plan criteria.

*If you (and/or your dependents) have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please see page 26 for more details.*

## Summary of Benefits and Coverage

The Health section of this guide provides an overview of your medical plan options. You can find detailed information about each plan, including a breakdown of costs, in each plan’s Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC). The SBCs summarize important information about your health coverage options in a standard format to help you compare costs and features across plans. The SBCs are available on the back of this guidebook.



# HEALTH

Quality health coverage is one of the most valuable benefits you enjoy as a Jones County employee. Our benefits program offers plans to help keep you and your family healthy and also provide important protection in the event of illness or injury.

## Medical

For 2023, the medical plan is described below:

- **Jones County offers a Basic PPO**, a preferred provider organization plan that minimizes your out-of-pocket expenses and offers rich benefits.

### Key features

Jones County's medical plan offers:

- Comprehensive, affordable coverage for a wide range of health care services.
- Flexibility to see any provider you want, although you'll save money when you stay in-network.
- In-network preventive care, with services covered at 100%, including annual physicals, recommended immunizations, well-woman and well-child exams, flu shots, and routine cancer screenings.
- Prescription drug coverage included with each medical plan.
- Financial protection through annual out-of-pocket maximums that limit the amount you'll pay each year.
- Choice of coverage levels: Employee-only and Family.



# Compare medical plans

The chart below provides a comparison of key coverage features and costs.

|   | Basic PPO   |                                  |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
|   | In-network  | Out-of-network                   |
| Annual deductible   |   |                                  |
| Per person/per family   | \$750 / \$1,500   |                                  |
| Out-of-pocket maximum   |   |                                  |
| Per person/per family   | \$1,500 / \$3,000   |                                  |
| Medical coverage  |   |                                  |
| Doctor's office visits  | Deductible waived, 20% coinsurance  | Deductible, then 40% coinsurance |
| Preventive care – One preventive exam and one gynecological exam per calendar year. One mammogram per calendar year. Preventive medical examinations performed for administrative purposes are covered in addition to the one regular preventive physical | \$0 Copay   | Deductible then 40% coinsurance  |
| Specialist visits   | Deductible waived, 20% coinsurance  | Deductible then 40% coinsurance  |
| Telemedicine  | Deductible waived, 20% coinsurance  | Deductible then 40% coinsurance  |
| Outpatient surgery  | Deductible then 20% coinsurance   | Deductible then 40% coinsurance  |
| Inpatient hospital (per stay)   | Deductible then 20% coinsurance   | Deductible then 40% coinsurance  |
| Emergency room  | Deductible then 20% coinsurance   |                                  |
| Urgent Care   | Deductible waived, 20% coinsurance  | Deductible then 40% coinsurance  |
| Retail prescription drugs (30-day supply)   |   |                                  |
| Rx Deductible Per person/per family (Tier 1 – excluded)   | \$50 / \$100  | Not Covered                      |
| Rx Out-of-pocket Per person/per family  | \$1,000 / \$2,000   |                                  |
| Tier 1  | \$10 Copay  |                                  |
| Tier 2  | \$20 Copay  |                                  |
| Tier 3 / Tier 4   | \$45 Copay  |                                  |
| Specialty   | Generic: \$50 Copay<br>Preferred: \$100 Copay<br>Non-Preferred: 50% Coinsurance |                                  |

## Money-saving tips

To stretch your health care dollars, remember to:

- **See in-network providers** who have agreed to accept lower negotiated rates. Visit your plan website to search for in-network providers near you.
- **Use the mail-order pharmacy** to save time and money when refilling long-term prescriptions.





## Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs)

Tax-advantaged FSAs are a great way to save money. The money you contribute to these accounts comes out of your paycheck without being taxed, and you withdraw it tax-free when you pay for eligible health care and dependent care expenses.

Jones County offers you the following FSAs:

### Health Care FSA

- Pay for eligible health care expenses, including out-of-pocket expenses such as plan deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance, but not insurance premiums.
- Contribute up to \$2,600 in 2023

### Dependent Care FSA

- Pay for eligible dependent care expenses, such as day care for a child or adult dependent care, so you can work, look for work, or attend school full time.
- Contribute up to \$5000 in 2023, or \$2,500 per spouse if you are married and file separate tax returns.

### Estimate carefully

Keep in mind, FSAs are “use-it-or-lose-it” accounts. You generally must use the money in an FSA within the plan year. But Jones County offers the following:

The Jones County plan includes a carryover option that allows an employee to carry forward up to \$500 of unused funds into the next year, rather than forfeit them, i.e., December 2023 comes, and you realize you have not spent all of your health care FSA funds, you will now be able to spend those 2023 funds on eligible services in 2024 – up to \$500

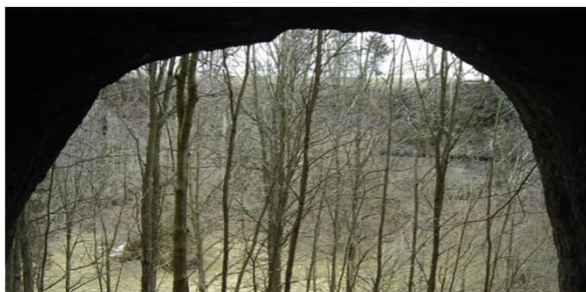
The Jones County plan includes a grace period for dependent care expenses that allows you to use 2023 funds for dependent care services until March 15, 2024, though you will still need to file for reimbursement of those expenses by March 31, 2024

For Further information on the Flexible Spending Accounts, see the brochure on the next page.

### What’s an eligible expense?

**Health Care FSA** – Plan deductibles, copays, coinsurance, and other health care expenses. To learn more, see IRS Publication 502 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**Dependent Care FSA** – Child day care, babysitters, home care for dependent elders, and related expenses. To learn more, see IRS Publication 503 at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).



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## Your Flexible Spending Account



### At-a-Glance

Your FSA:  
The Essentials

Managing Your Account

Using Your FSA Dollars

### Register online now!

If you haven't registered online yet, please do so today. To register, just visit [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks) and click "LOG IN/REGISTER" and select "Employee Registration." You'll need to answer a few simple questions and create a username and password.

### Questions?

HealthEquity makes it easy for you to get the help you need now. Please call us at 877-924-3967 or visit the Support Center at [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks) where you will find answers to frequently asked questions, important forms, videos and other useful resources.

### Download the EZ Receipts® mobile app!

Use your mobile device to file claims and take care of your account paperwork from anywhere. Go to [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks) to learn more.

### Welcome to HealthEquity. Start Saving. Here's How.

Welcome to your healthcare and/or dependent care flexible spending account (FSA) sponsored by your employer and brought to you by HealthEquity.

Your FSA is a great way to save on hundreds of eligible expenses like prescriptions, copayments, over-the-counter (OTC) items, and child and elder care.

### Your FSA: The Essentials

Your FSA is governed by IRS regulations that detail who is eligible to use the account and where and how the money in it is to be used. Your FSA was designed to be simple. To keep it that way, it's important to comply with the IRS regulations that govern the program. The following guidelines will help you avoid any inconvenience.

- **Make sure account funds are only spent on expenses for those who are eligible.** Typically, those eligible are you, your spouse and your eligible dependents.
- **Know what expenses are eligible.** Log in to your account at [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks) for a complete list of eligible healthcare expenses. Generally, eligible healthcare expenses include services and products that are medically necessary to treat a specific condition. Dependent care expenses typically include care provided for your qualifying child (under age 13) or other qualifying dependent so you can work.
- **Keep your receipts.** Save receipts that describe exactly what you paid for. Make sure the amount and service date—not the payment date—are included.
- **Over-the-counter (OTC) medications, drugs and menstrual care products.** You can use your HealthEquity® Visa® Healthcare Card (Card) for OTC medications and drugs, including menstrual care products. Alternatively, you can pay for the item out of pocket and use Pay Me Back to submit your claim to HealthEquity for reimbursement. Pay Me Back claims can be submitted online, or with your smartphone or mobile device. (FSA plans vary by employer, and these changes do not necessarily change the benefits under your employer's plan.)
- **Watch where you shop.** If using a HealthEquity Healthcare Card, shop only at general merchandise stores or pharmacies that have an IRS-approved inventory system in place. Visit [www.sigis.com](http://www.sigis.com) for the most updated list of approved merchants. The healthcare Card will not work at a non-certified merchant.
- **Verify all healthcare Card transactions.** If a transaction is not automatically verified at checkout or by a third-party system, you will be notified by email or upon login to your account. Failure to verify an outstanding transaction may result in healthcare Card suspension.
- **Register for an online account at [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks).** When you register online and provide a current email, you ensure that you will have 24/7 access to your account and will be automatically signed up to receive important updates and alerts. You also must have an account to use the mobile app and take advantage of features like Submit Receipt or Claim and healthcare Card usage requests.
- **Keep track of your FSA balance.** Plan ahead to make sure you spend the full amount of your balance.



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## Managing Your Account

You can manage and check up on your account through HealthEquity online or over the phone. The “Claims and Activity” page online details all your account activity and will even alert you if any healthcare Card transactions are in need of verification.

For the latest information, visit [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks) and log in to your account 24/7. In addition to reviewing your most recent FSA activity, you can:

- Update your account preferences and personal information.
- View your transactions and account history.
- Schedule payments to healthcare and dependent care providers.
- Check the complete list of eligible expenses for your FSA program.
- Order additional HealthEquity Healthcare Cards for your family.
- Download the EZ Receipts app to file claims and healthcare Card use paperwork.

## Using Your FSA Dollars

When you pay for an eligible healthcare or dependent care expense, you want to put your FSA to work right away. HealthEquity gives you several options to use your money the way you choose.

**Automatic Health Plan Claim (AHPC)** – When you visit a healthcare provider such as a doctor or dentist, your insurance carrier later provides the amount of the transaction not covered by the health plan to HealthEquity. This amount represents the “out-of-pocket” cost for which your FSA can be used. HealthEquity uses this data to initiate payment directly to you from your Healthcare FSA.

To change the settings for your account reimbursement, check with your employer.

**Using your HealthEquity Healthcare Card** – Use your HealthEquity Healthcare Card (Card) instead of cash or credit at healthcare providers and pharmacies for eligible services, goods and prescriptions. You can also use the healthcare Card at general merchants and drug stores that have an industry standard (IIAS) checkout system that can automatically verify if the item is eligible for purchase with your account.

- Go to [www.sigis.com](http://www.sigis.com) to review a list of eligible merchants, like drug stores, supermarkets and warehouse stores, that accept the healthcare Card.
- When you swipe your healthcare Card at the checkout, choose “credit” (even though it isn’t a credit card).
- Pay for items or services on the day you receive them. If your health plan covers a portion of the cost, make sure you know what amount you need to pay before using the healthcare Card, by presenting your health plan member ID card first, so the merchant can identify your copay or coinsurance amount and ensure the service is claimed to your healthcare, dental, or vision insurance plan.
- Save your receipts or digital copies. You will need them for tax purposes. Plus, even when your healthcare Card is approved, a detailed receipt may still be requested.
- If you’ve lost or can’t produce a receipt for an expense, your options may range from submitting a substitute receipt to paying back the plan for the amount of the transaction.
- If you use your healthcare Card at an eye doctor’s or dentist’s office, we will most likely ask you to submit an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) or other documentation for verification. Failure to do may result in your healthcare Card being suspended.
- If you lose your healthcare Card, please call HealthEquity immediately and order a new one. You will be responsible for any charges until you report the lost healthcare Card.

## Using your Mobile Device

With the EZ Receipts mobile app, you can file and manage your reimbursement claims and healthcare Card usage paperwork on the spot, with a click of your mobile device camera, from anywhere.

To use EZ Receipts:

- Download at [www.healthequity.com/wageworks/employees/go-mobile](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks/employees/go-mobile).
- Log in to your account.
- Choose the type of receipt from the simple menu.
- Enter some basic information about the claim or healthcare Card transaction.
- Use your mobile device camera to capture the documentation.
- Submit the image and details to HealthEquity.

## Paying online

You can pay many of your eligible healthcare and dependent care expenses directly from your FSA with no need to fill out paper forms.\* It’s quick, easy, secure and available online at any time.

To pay a provider:

- Log in to your FSA at [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks).
- Select “Submit Receipt or Claim.”
- Request “Pay My Provider” from the menu and follow the instructions.
- Make sure to provide an invoice or appropriate documentation. When you’re done, HealthEquity will schedule the checks to be sent in accordance with the payment guidelines. If you pay for eligible, recurring expenses, follow the online instructions to set up automatic payments.

\* You must, however, provide documentation. For more information about the documentation requirements and payment guidelines, visit [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks).

## Filing a claim

You also can file a claim online to request reimbursement for your eligible healthcare and dependent care expenses.

- Go to [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks), log in to your account and select “Submit Receipt or Claim.”
- Select “Pay Me Back.”
- Fill in all the information requested on the form and submit.
- Scan or take a photo of your receipts, EOBs and other supporting documentation.
- Attach supporting documentation to your claim by using the upload utility.
- Make sure your documentation includes the five following pieces of information required by the IRS:
  - Date of service or purchase
  - Detailed description
  - Provider or merchant name
  - Patient name
  - Patient portion or amount owed

Most claims are processed within one to two business days after they are received, and payments are sent shortly thereafter.

If you prefer to submit a paper claim by fax or mail, download a Pay Me Back claim form at [www.healthequity.com/wageworks](http://www.healthequity.com/wageworks) and follow the instructions for submission.



# Dental

Healthy teeth and gums are important to your overall wellness. That’s why it’s important to have regular dental checkups and maintain good oral hygiene. Learn about the dental plans available to help you maintain your oral health.

|   | Blue Dental Premium   | Blue Dental Basic   |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Annual deductible (per person/per family)   | \$50 / \$150          | \$100/\$300         |
| Calendar-year maximum   | \$1,500               | \$1,000             |
| Diagnostics and Preventative - Cleaning (prophylaxis and periodontal maintenance), fluoride (under age 19), X-rays, topical sealant (under age 15) and space maintainers (under age 15) | No Deductible then 0% | Deductible then 0%  |
| Basic services – Cavity repair, general anesthesia/sedation, emergency pain/infection relief  | Deductible then 20%   | Deductible then 50% |
| Oral Surgery – Basic and complex extractions, complex surgical procedures   | Deductible then 50%   | Deductible then 50% |
| Endodontics – Root canals, retrograde fillings, apicoectomy/periradicular, direct pulp caps   | Deductible then 50%   | Deductible then 85% |
| Periodontics – Gum and bone disease, non-surgical and complex surgical procedures   | Deductible then 50%   | Deductible then 50% |
| Major Restorative – Crowns, posterior composites, onlays, inlays, posts and cores   | Deductible then 50%   | Deductible then 80% |
| Prosthodontics – Dentures, partials, bridges, implants, repairs and adjustments   | Deductible then 50%   | Deductible then 90% |

Benefits shown are for in-network providers and are based on negotiated fees. Out-of-network coverage is based on reasonable and customary (R&C) charges.

## Dental 2023 monthly premium deduction (before tax)

| Plan                | Single  | Family  |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Blue Dental Premium | \$40.16 | \$96.18 |
| Blue Dental Basic   | \$29.62 | \$69.32 |

### Money-saving tip

Remember, you can use your health spending and/or savings account for qualified out-of-pocket dental and vision expenses.



# VISION

Your health care benefits include more than just medical coverage. You can also choose from valuable vision benefits to protect yourself and your family.



Having vision coverage allows you to save money on eligible eye care expenses such as periodic eye exams, eyeglasses, contact lenses, and more for yourself and your covered dependents.

Even if you have perfect eyesight, you should have your vision checked on a regular basis. Eye doctors are often the first health care professionals to detect chronic systemic diseases, such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

| Delta Vision – Insight Network  | In-Network  | Out-of-Network   |
|---|---|--|
| Exam (once per calendar year)   | \$10 Copay  | Up to \$35   |
| Materials copay   | \$25 Copay  |  |
| Lenses (once per calendar year)<br>Single Vision<br>Bi-Focal<br>Tri-Focal<br>Standard Progressive Lens<br>Premium Progressive Lens<br>Tier 4 Premium Progressive Lens<br>Lenticular | \$25 Copay<br>\$25 Copay<br>\$25 Copay<br>\$90 Copay<br>Tiered \$110 - \$135<br>\$90 Copay, plus 80% of amount over \$120<br>\$25 Copay | Up to \$25<br>Up to \$40<br>Up to \$55<br>Up to \$40<br>Not Covered<br>Not Covered<br>Up to \$55 |
| <b>Lens Options:</b><br>Standard Polycarbonate<br>Standard Plastic Scratch Coating<br>Tint (Solid and Gradient<br>UV Treatment<br>Standard Anti-reflective Coating                  | \$40 Copay<br>\$15 Copay<br>\$15 Copay<br>\$15 Copay<br>\$45 Copay  | Not Covered  |
| Frames (once every two-calendar year)   | 80% of Balance Over \$150   | Up to \$75   |
| Contact lenses (instead of glasses)<br>Conventional Lens<br>Contact Lens – Disposable<br>Standard Fit and Follow up Exam  | 85% of Balance over \$150<br>Balance over \$150<br>\$40   | Up to \$120<br>Up to \$120<br>Not Covered  |
| Premiums  | <b>\$7.00 SINGLE ---- \$17.90 FAMILY</b>  |  |



## Focus on wellness

Jones County is committed to helping you feel your best and live well. We offer benefits and programs that support your total health and make it easier to pursue your wellness goals.

## Wellness program

Our wellness program is designed to help you maintain or move toward a healthy lifestyle through preventive care and other assistance when you need it. You also have access to tools and resources you can use to learn about your personal health risks and monitor your progress toward your health goals.

### Take advantage of preventive care benefits

Good preventive care can help you stay healthy and detect any “silent” problems early, when they’re most likely to be treatable. Most in-network preventive services are covered in full, so there’s no excuse to skip it.

- **Have a routine physical exam each year.**
- **Get regular dental cleanings.**
- **See your eye doctor at least once every year.**

### Go to MyWellmark.com

Once you receive your Wellmark ID Card, register on [www.MyWellmark.com](http://www.MyWellmark.com) and see the following benefits that are available to you:

- **Blue365.** Various discounts for fitness are available. Go to [www.Wellmark.com/Blue365](http://www.Wellmark.com/Blue365)
- **BeWell 24/7.** A Real person available to talk on health related concerns. Call 844-84-BEWELL (239355)
- **Identity Theft Protection through IDX.** You can register for this free benefit on [www.MyWellmark.com](http://www.MyWellmark.com) or call 866-486-4812

### Don’t have a personal doctor? You should. Here’s why.

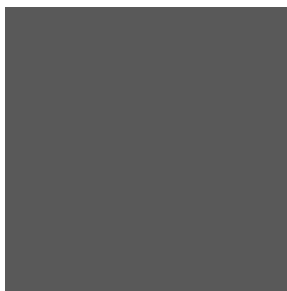
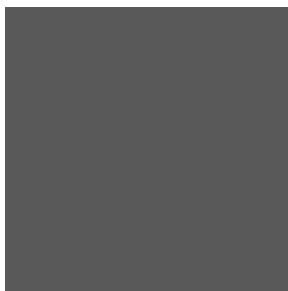
- **Better health.** Getting the right health screenings each year can reduce your risk for many serious conditions. And remember, preventive care doesn’t cost you anything.
- **A healthier wallet.** A PCP can help you avoid costly trips to the emergency room. Your doctor will also help coordinate specialist care, if needed.
- **Peace of mind.** Advice from someone you trust means a lot when you’re healthy, but it’s even more important when you’re sick.

### Get care from your couch

When you don’t feel well, or your child is sick, the last thing you want to do is leave the comfort of your home to sit in a crowded waiting room full of other sick people. A virtual consultation lets you talk with a doctor from the comfort of your home or office without an appointment. Virtual visits cost about the same as in-person office visits. Consider a virtual visit when your doctor isn’t available, you become ill while traveling, or you’re considering visiting a hospital emergency room for a non-emergency health condition. To learn more and register for care, go to [www.DoctoronDemand.com](http://www.DoctoronDemand.com) or download the **Doctor on Demand** app.

### Listen Up

Your ears can be telling you something – Delta Dental provides a hearing aid discount plan with AMPLIFON. For more information call 866-925-1698 or visit [www.DeltaDentalia.com/hearing](http://www.DeltaDentalia.com/hearing)





# FINANCIAL

Your benefits include programs to help ensure financial security for you and your family. Jones County fully pays the cost of Basic Life, AD&D, and Long-Term Disability

## Life and accident insurance

As a Jones County employee, you receive company-paid life and accident insurance.

### Employee Basic Life insurance

Jones County provides you with basic life insurance so that you can protect those you love from the unexpected. There is no cost to you for this coverage. Your benefit amount will be \$20,000.

### Employee AD&D insurance – with medical coverage enrollment

Jones County provides you with AD&D insurance so that you can protect those you love from the unexpected. There is no cost to you for this coverage. Your benefit amount will be \$35,000.

### Spouse/domestic partner AD&D insurance – with medical coverage enrollment

Jones County provides AD&D insurance for your spouse and dependents covered under your medical insurance.

- Spouse with no children: 50% of the Insured Person's Principal Sum
- Spouse with Children: 40% of the Insured Person's Principal Sum
- Children with spouse: 10% of the Insured Person's Principal Sum
- Children with no spouse: 15% of the Insured Person's Principal Sum

## Disability insurance

The loss of income due to illness or disability can cause serious financial hardship for your family. Our disability insurance programs work together to replace a portion of your income when you're unable to work. The disability benefits you receive allow you to continue paying your bills and meeting your financial obligations during this difficult time.

### Summary of disability benefits

| Basic Long-Term Disability |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Who pays                   | Employer                         |
| Benefit provided           | Up to 60% of base monthly salary |
| Maximum benefit payable    | \$3,000 per month                |
| Maximum benefit duration   | SSNRA                            |
| Waiting period             | 90 Days                          |

### What is AD&D insurance?

Should you lose your life, sight, hearing, speech or use of your limb(s) in an accident, AD&D provides additional benefits to help keep your family financially secure. AD&D benefits are paid as a percentage of your coverage amount — from 25% to 100% — depending on the type of loss.

### Have you named a beneficiary?

Be sure you've selected a beneficiary for all your life and accident insurance policies. The beneficiary will receive the benefit paid by a policy in the event of the policyholder's death. It's important to designate a beneficiary and keep that information up-to-date.

# ENROLL

After you've carefully considered your benefit options and anticipated needs, it's time to make your benefit selections. Follow the instructions to enroll yourself and any eligible dependents in health and insurance benefits for 2023.

## How to enroll

Please confirm, enroll in, or decline your benefits through 4MyBenefits, the Jones County online benefit portal. The online portal will allow you to have 24/7 access to your benefit enrollment information. Access your 4MyBenefits enrollment portal at the website:

<https://4mybenefits.employeenavigator.com>

Enter your personal username and password. You would have set these up when you initially enrolled in the fall of 2021. If you cannot find your personal login information, click on the "forgot username" or "forgot password" link:

If you need assistance navigating the portal, contact Kim or Whitney at 319-462-2282

## Changes during the year

After your enrollment opportunity ends, you won't be able to change your benefits coverage during the year unless you experience a qualifying life event, such as marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, or a change in your or your spouse/domestic partner's employment status that affects your benefits eligibility.

## Effective date of coverage

For existing employees enrolling during Open Enrollment, the effective date of most plans is January 1.



# IN CASE OF WORKPLACE INJURY

PASOS a seguir en caso de un accidente en el trabajo

**COMPANY NURSE™**  
Because Accidents Happen™

Powered by  
**Lintelio**

**Available**  
**24/7/365**



Phone (Teléfono)

**1-(888) 770-0928**

**Digital, powered by Lintelio**  
(Digital, implementado por Lintelio)



**Employer Name** (Nombre De la Compañía)

**Jones Co, IA - All  
Departments**

**Search Code** (Código De Búsqueda)

**IA670**

**1**

**Injured worker notifies supervisor.**

El empleado lesionado notifica a su supervisor.

**2**

**Supervisor/Injured worker:**

- **Calls above number OR**
- **Scans above code with their smartphone (they will see Lintelio), clicks "Let's Get Started," registers, and selects "Incident."**

Supervisor / Empleado lesionado:

- Llama al número en la parte superior O
- Escanea el código de arriba con su teléfono (ellos verán Lintelio), Da clic en "Let's Get Started/comencemos," se registra, y selecciona "Incident/incidente."

**3**

**Company Nurse gathers information and helps injured worker access appropriate care. Injured worker notifies Supervisor of the outcome of the call.**

Company Nurse obtiene información y ayuda al empleado lesionado a adquirir el tratamiento médico adecuado. El trabajador lesionado le notifica al supervisor la conclusión de la llamada.

**NOTICE TO EMPLOYER/SUPERVISOR:** Please post copies of this poster in multiple locations within your worksite. If the injury is non-life-threatening, please call Company Nurse prior to seeking treatment. Minor injuries should be reported prior to leaving the job site, when possible.



# Jones County

## Work-Related Injury Process

1. *If injury is critical, seek medical treatment immediately.*) Injured worker notifies supervisor.
2. Supervisor/injured worker immediately calls **Company Nurse** injury hotline: **1-888-770-0928 (Code: IA670)**
3. **Company Nurse** gathers information over the phone & helps injured worker access appropriate medical treatment. Report all injuries through **Company Nurse** even if you don't think that medical services will be necessary.
4. Seek Medical attention as directed. **Company Nurse** will call the provider to notify them the employee is on the way.
  - a. Go to UnityPoint Jones Regional Medical Center
    - i. **Urgent Care 1<sup>st</sup> choice for minor injuries**
    - ii. **Emergency Department 2<sup>nd</sup> choice if Urgent Care unavailable or if injury is severe** (e.g. loss of consciousness at any time, obvious broken bone, breathing difficulty)
  - b. Upon arrival at UnityPoint Jones Regional Medical Center
    - i. Tell Registration the injury occurred at work
    - ii. Tell Registration you work for Jones County, 319-462-2282
    - iii. Tell Registration the work comp insurance carrier is IMWCA
    - iv. **Provide registration with current picture ID**
5. Discharge Instructions
  - a. **Work restrictions apply for 24 hours a day until recheck, for work and non-work activities.**
  - b. Call Employer with an update on your status and call JRMHC for follow up appointment.
  - c. **All follow up care will take place at Jones Regional Work Well Clinic** regardless of which department was initially visited, unless directed otherwise by **Company Nurse/IMWCA**. Call Jones Regional Work Well Clinic at (319) 481-6124 to schedule a follow up appointment.
  - d. Fill prescriptions and take as prescribed, if ordered. Notify pharmacy to bill Jones County if possible, otherwise bring receipt to Auditor's Office.
  - e. Follow up with specialist, if ordered.
  - f. Complete and submit all work comp forms to the Auditor's Office.
6. Follow Up Care
  - a. **If a worker fails to keep an appointment, the worker will be assumed to be fully recovered, at full duty and at Maximum Medical Improvement with no impairment.**
  - b. If Jones County has no work available within the restrictions ordered, then it is up to Jones County to remove the injured worker from work.



### UnityPoint Clinic

#### Jones Regional Medical Center • Anamosa Urgent Care

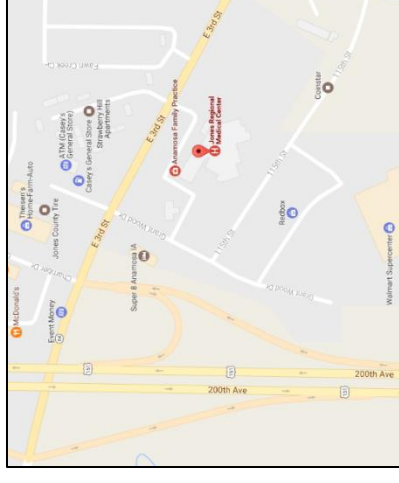
319-481-6291

Monday - Friday • 8:00 am–8:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday • 8:00 am– 3:00 pm

Holidays • 8am – 12 noon

1795 Highway 64 East, Anamosa, IA  
52205



### UnityPoint Health

#### Jones Regional Medical Center • Emergency Department

319-481-6349 (Direct) or 319-462-6131 (Front Desk)

24 hours a day • 7 days a week

1795 Highway 64 East, Anamosa, IA 52205

#### ***Follow-up care:***

#### Jones Regional Medical Center • Work Well Clinic

319-481-6147

Center for Specialty Medicine (building left of the main entrance)

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday mornings • 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

1795 Highway 64 East, Anamosa, IA 52205

#### ***Additional approved treatment facilities:***

#### Mercy Medical Center • Emergency Department

319-398-6041

24 hours a day • 7 days a week

701 10<sup>th</sup> St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

#### St. Luke's Hospital • Emergency Department

319-369-7105

24 hours a day • 7 days a week

1026 A Ave NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

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# Contacts

Please contact the appropriate provider listed below to learn more about a specific benefit plan.

| Benefit Plan                      | Provider             | Phone Number        | Website  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Medical                           | Wellmark             | 866-486-4812        | <a href="http://www.myWellmark.com">www.myWellmark.com</a>         |
| Prescription                      | Wellmark             | 800-237-2767        | <a href="http://www.Wellmark.com">www.Wellmark.com</a>             |
| Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) | Health Equity        | 877-924-3967        | <a href="http://www.HealthEquity.com">www.HealthEquity.com</a>     |
| Dental                            | Wellmark Blue Dental | 877-333-0164        | <a href="http://www.Wellmark.com">www.Wellmark.com</a>             |
| Vision                            | DeltaVision          | 877-488-5130        | <a href="http://www.DeltaDentalia.com">www.DeltaDentalia.com</a>   |
| Wellness program                  | Wellmark             | 866-486-4812        | <a href="http://www.myWellmark.com">www.myWellmark.com</a>         |
| Telemedicine services             | Doctor on Demand     | 800-997-6196        | <a href="http://www.DoctoronDemand.com">www.DoctoronDemand.com</a> |
| Basic Life, AD&D, & LTD           | Reliance Standard    | See Human Resources |  |
| Other                             |                      |                     |  |
| Other                             |                      |                     |  |



# SUMMARY OF BENEFITS AND COVERAGE

## (SBC)





## Jones County PPO


Coverage Period: 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023

Coverage for: Single &amp; Family | Plan Type: PPO



The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health plan. The SBC shows you how you and the plan would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this plan (called the premium) will be provided separately. This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, visit [www.wellmark.com](http://www.wellmark.com) or call 1-800-524-9242. For general definitions of common terms, such as allowed amount, balance billing, coinsurance, copayment, deductible, provider, or other underlined terms see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at [www.healthcare.gov/sbc-glossary](http://www.healthcare.gov/sbc-glossary) or call 1-800-524-9242 to request a copy.

| Important Questions   | Answers  | Why this Matters:  |
|---|--|--|
| What is the overall deductible?                             | \$750 person/\$1,500 family per calendar year.   | Generally, you must pay all the costs from providers up to the deductible amount before this plan begins to pay. If you have other family members on the plan, each family member must meet their own individual deductible until the total amount of deductible expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family deductible.  |
| Are there services covered before you meet your deductible? | Yes. Well-child care, in-network preventive care, in-network office services, in-network independent labs, in-network urgent care and in-network prosthetic limbs are covered before you meet your deductible. | This plan covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the deductible amount. But a copayment or coinsurance may apply. For example, this plan covers certain preventive services without cost sharing and before you meet your deductible. See a list of covered preventive services at <a href="http://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/">www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/</a> .                            |
| Are there other deductibles for specific services?          | Yes. \$50 person/\$100 family per calendar year for drug card, which does not apply to Tier 1 Rx. There are no other specific deductibles.   | You must pay all of the costs for these services up to the specific deductible amount before this plan begins to pay for these services.   |
| What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan?              | Health: \$1,500 person/\$3,000 family per calendar year. Drug Card: \$1,000 person/\$2,000 family per calendar year. The In-Network health and drug card out-of-pocket maximum amounts accumulate separately.  | The out-of-pocket limit is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this plan, they have to meet their own out-of-pocket limits until the overall family out-of-pocket limit has been met.   |
| What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?            | Premiums, balance-billed charges, and health care this plan doesn't cover.   | Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit.   |
| Will you pay less if you use a network provider?            | Yes. See <a href="http://www.wellmark.com">www.wellmark.com</a> or call 1-800-524-9242 for a list of network providers.  | This plan uses a provider network. You will pay less if you use a provider in the plan's network. You will pay the most if you use an out-of-network provider, and you might receive a bill from a provider for the difference between the provider's charge and what your plan pays (balance billing). Be aware, your network provider might use an out-of-network provider for some services (such as lab work). Check with your provider before you get services. |

| Important Questions  |     | Answers | Why this Matters:  |
|--|-----|---------|--|
| Do you need a <u>referral</u> to see a <u>specialist</u> ?   | No. |         | You can see the <u>specialist</u> you choose without a <u>referral</u> . |
|  All <u>copayment</u> and <u>coinsurance</u> costs shown in this chart are after your <u>deductible</u> has been met, if a <u>deductible</u> applies. |     |         |  |

| Common Medical Event                                   | Services You May Need                            | What You Will Pay In-Network (IN) Provider (You will pay the least) | What You Will Pay Out-of-Network (OON) Provider (You will pay the most) | Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information   |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic | Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>  | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | -----None-----   |
|  | <u>Specialist</u> visit                          | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>  | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | Hearing exams are covered according to ACA guidelines.   |
|  | <u>Preventive care/screening/immunization</u>    | No charge   | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | One preventive exam and one gynecological exam per calendar year. One mammogram per calendar year. Well-child care is covered to age 7. Preventive medical examinations performed for administrative purposes are covered in addition to a preventive exam. You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services needed are preventive. Then check what your <u>plan</u> will pay for. |
| If you have a test                                     | <u>Diagnostic test</u> (x-ray, blood work)       | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>  | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | In-network independent labs for mental health/substance abuse services are not subject to <u>coinsurance</u> .   |
|  | Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)                     | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>  | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | -----None-----   |

For more information about limitations and exceptions, see your plan document or call Wellmark at 1-800-524-9242. You can find your Coverage Manual at [sbccmfinder.wellmark.com](https://sbccmfinder.wellmark.com).

| Common Medical Event   | Services You May Need                          | What You Will Pay In-Network (IN) Provider (You will pay the least)  | What You Will Pay Out-of-Network (OON) Provider (You will pay the most) | Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information  |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| <b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b><br><br>More information about <u>prescription drug coverage</u> is available at <a href="http://www.wellmark.com/prescriptions">www.wellmark.com/prescriptions</a> . | Tier 1   | \$10 <u>copay</u> per prescription   | Not covered   | Drugs listed on Wellmark's Blue Rx Complete Drug List are covered. Drugs not on this Drug List are not covered. 1 <u>copay</u> or <u>coinsurance</u> for 30-day supply. 3 <u>copays</u> for 90-day supply (Retail and Mail order maintenance). Specialty drugs are covered only when obtained through the CVS Specialty Pharmacy Program. See <a href="http://wellmark.com/prescriptions">wellmark.com/prescriptions</a> for information about drugs and drug quantities that require prior authorization by Wellmark to be covered by your plan. |
|  | Tier 2   | \$20 <u>copay</u> per prescription   | Not covered   |   |
|  | Tier 3   | \$45 <u>copay</u> per prescription   | Not covered   |   |
|  | Tier 4   | \$45 <u>copay</u> per prescription   | Not covered   |   |
|  | Specialty drugs                                | Generic: \$50 <u>copay</u> per prescription<br>Preferred: \$100 <u>copay</u> per prescription<br>Non-preferred: 50% <u>coinsurance</u> | Not covered   |   |
| <b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>  | Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center) | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>   | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | -----None-----  |
|  | Physician/surgeon fees                         | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>   | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | -----None-----  |
|  | Emergency room care                            | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>   | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>  | For emergency medical conditions treated out-of-network, it is likely you may not be balance billed pursuant to the federal rules developed for implementation of the No Surprises Act.   |
| <b>If you need immediate medical attention</b>   | Emergency medical transportation               | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>   | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>  | For covered non-emergent situations, out-of-network ambulance services are NOT reimbursed at the in-network level. The member may be balance billed for any out-of-network service as established under the rules developed for implementation of the No Surprises Act.   |
|  | Urgent care                                    | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>   | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | -----None-----  |
| <b>If you have a hospital stay</b>   | Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)             | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>   | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | -----None-----  |
|  | Physician/surgeon fees                         | 20% <u>coinsurance</u>   | 40% <u>coinsurance</u>  | -----None-----  |

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|---|---|---|---|--|
| If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services | Outpatient services                       | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | -----None-----   |
|   | Inpatient services                        | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | -----None-----   |
| If you are pregnant   | Office visits                             | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | Maternity care may include tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e. ultrasound). Cost sharing does not apply for preventive services.         |
|   | Childbirth/delivery professional services | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | Benefits shown reflect OB/GYN practitioner services which are typically globally billed at time of delivery for pre-natal, post-natal and delivery services. |
|   | Childbirth/delivery facility services     | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | -----None-----   |
|   | Home health care                          | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | -----None-----   |
| If you need help recovering or have other special health needs            | Rehabilitation services                   | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | -----None-----   |
|   | Habilitation services                     | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | -----None-----   |
|   | Skilled nursing care                      | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | -----None-----   |
|   | Durable medical equipment                 | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | -----None-----   |
|   | Hospice services                          | 20% coinsurance   | 40% coinsurance   | Hospice respite care is limited to 15 inpatient and 15 outpatient days per lifetime.   |
| If your child needs dental or eye care                                    | Children's eye exam                       | Not covered   | Not covered   | -----None-----   |
|   | Children's glasses                        | Not covered   | Not covered   | -----None-----   |
|   | Children's dental check-up                | Not covered   | Not covered   | -----None-----   |

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**Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:**

| Services Your Plan Generally Does NOT Cover (Check your policy or plan document for more information and a list of any other excluded services.)  |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acupuncture</li><li>• Bariatric surgery</li><li>• Cosmetic surgery</li><li>• Custodial care - in home or facility</li><li>• Dental care - Adult</li><li>• Dental check-up</li><li>• Extended home skilled nursing</li></ul>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eye exam</li><li>• Glasses</li><li>• Hearing aids</li><li>• Long-term care</li><li>• Routine eye care - Adult</li><li>• Routine foot care</li><li>• Weight loss programs</li></ul> |
| Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your plan document.)  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applied Behavior Analysis therapy-covered through age 18 subject to annual limits</li><li>• Chiropractic care</li><li>• Infertility treatment (\$15,000 LTM)</li><li>• Most coverage provided outside the U.S.</li><li>• Private-duty nursing -</li></ul> | short term intermittent home skilled nursing   |

**Your Rights to Continue Coverage:** There are agencies that can help if you want to continue your coverage after it ends. The contact information for those agencies is: the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [www.cciio.cms.gov](http://www.cciio.cms.gov). Other coverage options may be available to you too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596.

**Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:** There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your plan for a denial of a claim. This complaint is called a grievance or appeal. For more information about your rights, look at the explanation of benefits you will receive for that medical claim. Your plan documents also provide complete information to submit a claim, appeal, or a grievance for any reason to your plan. For more information about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact: Wellmark at 1-800-524-9242 or the Iowa Insurance Division at 515-654-6600.

**Does this plan provide Minimum Essential Coverage? Yes**

Minimum Essential Coverage generally includes plans, health insurance available through the Marketplace or other individual market policies, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE and certain other coverage. If you are eligible for certain types of Minimum Essential Coverage, you may not be eligible for the premium tax credit.

**Does this plan meet the Minimum Value Standards? Yes**

If your plan doesn't meet the Minimum Value Standards, you may be eligible for a premium tax credit to help you pay for a plan through the Marketplace.

\_\_\_\_\_ To see examples of how this plan might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next page.

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About These Coverage Examples:



**This is not a cost estimator.** Treatments shown are just examples of how this plan might cover medical care. Your actual costs will be different depending on the actual care you receive, the prices your providers charge, and many other factors. Focus on the cost sharing amounts (deductibles, copayments and coinsurance) and excluded services under the plan. Use this information to compare the portion of costs you might pay under different health plans. Please note these coverage examples are based on self-only coverage.

**Peg is Having a Baby**

(9 months of in-network pre-natal care and a hospital delivery)

- The plan's overall deductible \$750
- PCP coinsurance 20%
- Hospital(facility) coinsurance 20%
- Other coinsurance 20%

**This EXAMPLE event includes services like:**

Specialist office visits (*prenatal care*)  
Childbirth/Delivery Professional Services  
Childbirth/Delivery Facility Services  
Diagnostic tests (*ultrasounds and blood work*)  
Specialist visit (*anesthesia*)

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total Example Cost</b> | <b>\$12,700</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|

**In this example, Peg would pay:**

| Cost Sharing               |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Deductibles                | \$750   |
| Copayments                 | \$10    |
| Coinsurance                | \$800   |
| What isn't covered         |         |
| Limits or exclusions       | \$60    |
| The total Peg would pay is | \$1,620 |

**Managing Joe's type 2 Diabetes**

(a years of routine in-network care of a well-controlled condition)

- The plan's overall deductible \$750
- Specialist coinsurance 20%
- Hospital(facility) coinsurance 20%
- Other coinsurance 20%

**This EXAMPLE event includes services like:**

Primary care physician office visits (*including disease education*)  
Diagnostic tests (*blood work*)  
Prescription drugs  
Durable medical equipment (*glucose meter*)

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Example Cost</b> | <b>\$5,600</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------|

**In this example, Joe would pay:**

| Cost Sharing               |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Deductibles                | \$100   |
| Copayments                 | \$700   |
| Coinsurance                | \$200   |
| What isn't covered         |         |
| Limits or exclusions       | \$20    |
| The total Joe would pay is | \$1,020 |

**Mia's Simple Fracture**

(in-network emergency room visit and follow up care)

- The plan's overall deductible \$750
- Specialist coinsurance 20%
- Hospital(facility) coinsurance 20%
- Other coinsurance 20%

**This EXAMPLE event includes services like:**

Emergency room care (*including medical supplies*)  
Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)  
Durable medical equipment (*crutches*)  
Rehabilitation services (*physical therapy*)

|                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Total Example Cost</b> | <b>\$2,600</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------|

**In this example, Mia would pay:**

| Cost Sharing               |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Deductibles                | \$750   |
| Copayments                 | \$10    |
| Coinsurance                | \$400   |
| What isn't covered         |         |
| Limits or exclusions       | \$0     |
| The total Mia would pay is | \$1,160 |

The amounts shown in the maternity claim example above are based on amounts using a single per person deductible. Some plans may actually apply a two-person or family deductible to maternity services for the mother and newborn baby.

The plan would be responsible for the other costs of these EXAMPLE covered services.

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# EMPLOYER NOTICES



## **Important Notice to Employees from Jones County About Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare**

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that the prescription drug coverage listed below under the Jones County medical plan are expected to pay out, on average, at least as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay in 2023. 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 2023 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 the notice below carefully. It has information about prescription drug coverage with Jones County 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 Jones County prescription drug plan: Alliance Select 750

You’ll be interested to know that the prescription drug coverage under the plans is, on average, at least as good as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage for 2023. This is called creditable coverage. Coverage under this these 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.

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 Jones County 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 Jones County 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 Jones County plan, assuming you remain eligible.

You should know that if you waive or leave coverage with Jones County 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 October 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 Jones County 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](http://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](http://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:

Whitney Hein  
Jones County Auditor  
Jones County  
500 West Main St,  
Anamosa, IA 52206  
319-462-2282

November 1, 2022

## Notice of Special Enrollment Rights for Medical Plan Coverage

As you know, if you have declined enrollment in Jones County's medical plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in some coverages under this plan without waiting for the next open enrollment period, provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after your other coverage ends. 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 eligible dependents, provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption.

Jones County will also allow a special enrollment opportunity if you or your eligible dependents either:

- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible, or
- Become eligible for a state's premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP.

For these enrollment opportunities, you will have *60 days* – instead of 30– from the date of the Medicaid/CHIP eligibility change to request enrollment in the Jones County group health plan. Note that this new 60-day extension doesn't apply to enrollment opportunities other than due to the Medicaid/CHIP eligibility change.

Note: If your dependent becomes eligible for a special enrollment right, you may add the dependent to your current coverage or change to another medical plan.

## **Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act Notice**

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your plan administrator at 319-462-2282.

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## **Newborns’ and Mothers’ Health Protection Act Notice**

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). If you would like more information on maternity benefits, call your plan administrator at 319-462-2282.

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## **Michelle’s Law Notice – Extended dependent medical coverage during student medical leaves**

The Wellmark plan may extend medical coverage for dependent children if they lose eligibility for coverage because of a medically necessary leave of absence from a post-secondary educational institution (including a college or university). Coverage may continue for up to a year, unless the child’s eligibility would end earlier for another reason.

Extended coverage is available if a child’s leave of absence from school – or change in school enrollment status (for example, switching from full-time to part-time status) – starts while the child has a serious illness or injury, is medically necessary and otherwise causes eligibility for student coverage under the plan to end. Written certification from the child’s physician stating that the child suffers from a serious illness or injury and the leave of absence is medically necessary may be required.

If the coverage provided by the plan is changed during this one-year period, the plan will provide the changed coverage for the remainder of the leave of absence.

If your child will lose eligibility for coverage because of a medically necessary leave of absence from school and you want his or her coverage to be extended, contact the Jones County Auditor at 319-462-2282 as soon as the need for the leave is recognized to Jones County. In addition, contact Jones County to see if any state laws requiring extended coverage may apply to his or her benefits.



## 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)**.

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**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.**

| <b>ALABAMA – Medicaid</b>   | <b>CALIFORNIA – Medicaid</b>   |
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| Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a><br>Phone: 1-855-692-5447   | Website:<br>Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program<br><a href="http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp">http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</a><br>Phone: 916-445-8322<br>Fax: 916-440-5676<br>Email: <a href="mailto:hipp@dhcs.ca.gov">hipp@dhcs.ca.gov</a>  |
| <b>ALASKA – Medicaid</b>  | <b>COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) &amp; Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)</b>  |
| The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program<br>Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a><br>Phone: 1-866-251-4861<br>Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a><br>Medicaid Eligibility:<br><a href="https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx">https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx</a> | Health First Colorado Website:<br><a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a><br>Health First Colorado Member Contact Center:<br>1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711<br>CHP+: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus</a><br>CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711<br>Health Insurance Buy-In Program<br>(HIBI): <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program</a><br>HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442 |

| <b>ARKANSAS – Medicaid</b>   | <b>FLORIDA – Medicaid</b>  |
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| Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a><br>Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)   | Website:<br><a href="https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/index.html">https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/index.html</a><br>Phone: 1-877-357-3268   |
| <b>GEORGIA – Medicaid</b>  | <b>MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP</b>   |
| GA HIPP Website:<br><a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp</a><br>Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1<br>GA CHIPRA Website:<br><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><br>Phone: (678) 564-1162, Press 2 | Website: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa">https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa</a><br>Phone: 1-800-862-4840<br>TTY: (617) 886-8102   |
| <b>INDIANA – Medicaid</b>  | <b>MINNESOTA – Medicaid</b>  |
| Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64<br>Website: <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/</a><br>Phone: 1-877-438-4479<br>All other Medicaid<br>Website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a><br>Phone 1-800-457-4584  | Website:<br><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><br>Phone: 1-800-657-3739 |
| <b>IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)</b>  | <b>MISSOURI – Medicaid</b>   |

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| Medicaid Website:<br><a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members</a><br>Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366<br>Hawki Website:<br><a href="http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki">http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki</a><br>Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563<br>HIPP Website:<br><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><br>HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562   | Website:<br><a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a><br>Phone: 573-751-2005   |
| <b>KANSAS – Medicaid</b>   | <b>MONTANA – Medicaid</b>  |
| Website: <a href="https://www.kancare.ks.gov/">https://www.kancare.ks.gov/</a><br>Phone: 1-800-792-4884  | Website:<br><a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a><br>Phone: 1-800-694-3084<br>Email: <a href="mailto:HSHIPPProgram@mt.gov">HSHIPPProgram@mt.gov</a>  |
| <b>KENTUCKY – Medicaid</b>   | <b>NEBRASKA – Medicaid</b>   |
| Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website:<br><a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx</a><br>Phone: 1-855-459-6328<br>Email: <a href="mailto:KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov">KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov</a><br><br>KCHIP Website:<br><a href="https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx">https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a><br>Phone: 1-877-524-4718<br><br>Kentucky Medicaid Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov">https://chfs.ky.gov</a> | Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a><br>Phone: 1-855-632-7633<br>Lincoln: 402-473-7000<br>Omaha: 402-595-1178  |
| <b>LOUISIANA – Medicaid</b>  | <b>NEVADA – Medicaid</b>   |
| Website: <a href="http://www.medicaid.la.gov">www.medicaid.la.gov</a> or<br><a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp">www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp</a><br>Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)  | Medicaid Website: <a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a><br>Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900  |
| <b>MAINE – Medicaid</b>  | <b>NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</b>  |
| Enrollment Website:<br><a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a><br>Phone: 1-800-442-6003<br>TTY: Maine relay 711<br><br>Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage:<br><a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a><br>Phone: 1-800-977-6740.<br>TTY: Maine relay 711  | 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><br>Phone: 603-271-5218<br>Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218 |
| <b>NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</b>  | <b>SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid</b>   |
| Medicaid Website:<br><a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a><br>Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392<br>CHIP Website:<br><a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a><br>CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710   | Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a><br>Phone: 1-888-828-0059  |
| <b>NEW YORK – Medicaid</b>   | <b>TEXAS – Medicaid</b>  |

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| Website: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a><br>Phone: 1-800-541-2831  | Website: <a href="http://gethipptexas.com/">http://gethipptexas.com/</a><br>Phone: 1-800-440-0493   |
| <b>NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>   | <b>UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP</b>   |
| Website: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/</a><br>Phone: 919-855-4100  | Medicaid Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a><br>CHIP Website: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/chip">http://health.utah.gov/chip</a><br>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><br>Phone: 1-844-854-4825  | Website: <a href="http://www.greenmountaincare.org/">http://www.greenmountaincare.org/</a><br>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><br>Phone: 1-888-365-3742  | Website: <a href="https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select">https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select</a><br><a href="https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp">https://www.coverva.org/en/hipp</a><br>Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924<br>CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924<br>Email: HIPPCustomerservice@dmas.virginia.gov |
| <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><br><a href="http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html">http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html</a><br>Phone: 1-800-699-9075 | Website: <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/">https://www.hca.wa.gov/</a><br>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/HIPP-Program.aspx">https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx</a><br>Phone: 1-800-692-7462  | Website: <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/</a><br><a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a><br>Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700<br>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><br>Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIt e Share Line)   | Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm</a><br>Phone: 1-800-362-3002   |

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| <b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>  | <b>WYOMING – Medicaid</b>   |
| Website: <a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a><br>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><br>Phone: 855-294-2127 or (307) 777-7531 |

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



## Jones County HIPAA Privacy Notice

**Please carefully review this notice. It describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information.**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) imposes numerous requirements on the use and disclosure of individual health information by Jones County health plans. This information, known as protected health information, includes almost all individually identifiable health information held by a plan — whether received in writing, in an electronic medium, or as an oral communication. This notice describes the privacy practices of these plans: *Alliance Select 750*. The plans covered by this notice may share health information with each other to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. These plans are collectively referred to as the Plan in this notice, unless specified otherwise.

### The Plan's duties with respect to health information about you

The Plan is required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide you with this notice of the Plan's legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information. If you participate in an insured plan option, you will receive a notice directly from the Insurer. It's important to note that these rules apply to the Plan, not Jones County as an employer — that's the way the HIPAA rules work. Different policies may apply to other Jones County programs or to data unrelated to the Plan.

### How the Plan may use or disclose your health information

The privacy rules generally allow the use and disclosure of your health information without your permission (known as an authorization) for purposes of health care treatment, payment activities, and health care operations. Here are some examples of what that might entail:

- **Treatment** includes providing, coordinating, or managing health care by one or more health care providers or doctors. Treatment can also include coordination or management of care between a provider and a third party, and consultation and referrals between providers. For example, the Plan may share your health information with physicians who are treating you.
- **Payment** includes activities by this Plan, other plans, or providers to obtain premiums, make coverage determinations, and provide reimbursement for health care. This can include determining eligibility, reviewing services for medical necessity or appropriateness, engaging in utilization management activities, claims management, and billing; as well as performing "behind the scenes" plan functions, such as risk adjustment, collection, or reinsurance. For example, the Plan may share information about your coverage or the expenses you have incurred with another health plan to coordinate payment of benefits.
- **Health care operations** include activities by this Plan (and, in limited circumstances, by other plans or providers), such as wellness and risk assessment programs, quality assessment and improvement activities, customer service, and internal grievance resolution. Health care operations also include evaluating vendors; engaging in credentialing, training, and accreditation activities; performing underwriting or premium rating; arranging for medical review and audit activities; and conducting business planning and development. For example, the Plan may use information about your claims to audit the third parties that approve payment for Plan benefits.

The amount of health information used, disclosed or requested will be limited and, when needed, restricted to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purposes, as defined under the HIPAA rules. If the Plan

uses or discloses PHI for underwriting purposes, the Plan will not use or disclose PHI that is your genetic information for such purposes.

**How the Plan may share your health information with Jones County**

The Plan, or its health insurer or HMO, may disclose your health information without your written authorization to Jones County for plan administration purposes. Jones County may need your health information to administer benefits under the Plan. Jones County agrees not to use or disclose your health information other than as permitted or required by the Plan documents and by law. *[Identify classes of employees, such as benefits, payroll, and/or finance staff]* are the only Jones County employees who will have access to your health information for plan administration functions.

Here’s how additional information may be shared between the Plan and Jones County, as allowed under the HIPAA rules:

- The Plan, or its insurer or HMO, may disclose “summary health information” to Jones County, if requested, for purposes of obtaining premium bids to provide coverage under the Plan or for modifying, amending, or terminating the Plan. Summary health information is information that summarizes participants’ claims information, from which names and other identifying information have been removed.
- The Plan, or its insurer or HMO, may disclose to Jones County information on whether an individual is participating in the Plan or has enrolled or disenrolled in an insurance option or HMO offered by the Plan.

In addition, you should know that Jones County cannot and will not use health information obtained from the Plan for any employment-related actions. However, health information collected by Jones County from other sources — for example, under the Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, or workers’ compensation programs — is *not* protected under HIPAA (although this type of information may be protected under other federal or state laws).

**Other allowable uses or disclosures of your health information**

In certain cases, your health information can be disclosed without authorization to a family member, close friend, or other person you identify who is involved in your care or payment for your care. Information about your location, general condition, or death may be provided to a similar person (or to a public or private entity authorized to assist in disaster relief efforts). You’ll generally be given the chance to agree or object to these disclosures (although exceptions may be made — for example, if you’re not present or if you’re incapacitated). In addition, your health information may be disclosed without authorization to your legal representative.

The Plan also is allowed to use or disclose your health information without your written authorization for the following activities:

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| <b>Workers’ compensation</b> | Disclosures to workers’ compensation or similar legal programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness without regard to fault, as authorized by and necessary to comply with the laws |
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| <b>Necessary to prevent serious threat to health or safety</b> | Disclosures made in the good-faith belief that releasing your health information is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to public or personal health or safety, if made to someone reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat (or to the target of the threat); includes disclosures to help law enforcement officials identify or apprehend an individual who has admitted participation in a violent crime that the Plan reasonably believes may have caused serious physical harm to a victim, or where it appears the individual has escaped from prison or from lawful custody |
| <b>Public health activities</b>                                | Disclosures authorized by law to persons who may be at risk of contracting or spreading a disease or condition; disclosures to public health authorities to prevent or control disease or report child abuse or neglect; and disclosures to the Food and Drug Administration to collect or report adverse events or product defects   |
| <b>Victims of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence</b>         | Disclosures to government authorities, including social services or protective services agencies authorized by law to receive reports of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, as required by law or if you agree or the Plan believes that disclosure is necessary to prevent serious harm to you or potential victims (you'll be notified of the Plan's disclosure if informing you won't put you at further risk)  |
| <b>Judicial and administrative proceedings</b>                 | Disclosures in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process (the Plan may be required to notify you of the request or receive satisfactory assurance from the party seeking your health information that efforts were made to notify you or to obtain a qualified protective order concerning the information)   |
| <b>Law enforcement purposes</b>                                | Disclosures to law enforcement officials required by law or legal process, or to identify a suspect, fugitive, witness, or missing person; disclosures about a crime victim if you agree or if disclosure is necessary for immediate law enforcement activity; disclosures about a death that may have resulted from criminal conduct; and disclosures to provide evidence of criminal conduct on the Plan's premises   |
| <b>Decedents</b>   | Disclosures to a coroner or medical examiner to identify the deceased or determine cause of death; and to funeral directors to carry out their duties   |
| <b>Organ, eye, or tissue donation</b>                          | Disclosures to organ procurement organizations or other entities to facilitate organ, eye, or tissue donation and transplantation after death   |
| <b>Research purposes</b>                                       | Disclosures subject to approval by institutional or private privacy review boards, subject to certain assurances and representations by researchers about the necessity of using your health information and the treatment of the information during a research project   |

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| <b>Health oversight activities</b>      | Disclosures to health agencies for activities authorized by law (audits, inspections, investigations, or licensing actions) for oversight of the health care system, government benefits programs for which health information is relevant to beneficiary eligibility, and compliance with regulatory programs or civil rights laws |
| <b>Specialized government functions</b> | Disclosures about individuals who are Armed Forces personnel or foreign military personnel under appropriate military command; disclosures to authorized federal officials for national security or intelligence activities; and disclosures to correctional facilities or custodial law enforcement officials about inmates        |
| <b>HHS investigations</b>               | Disclosures of your health information to the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine the Plan's compliance with the HIPAA privacy rule   |

Except as described in this notice, other uses and disclosures will be made only with your written authorization. For example, in most cases, the Plan will obtain your authorization before it communicates with you about products or programs if the Plan is being paid to make those communications. If we keep psychotherapy notes in our records, we will obtain your authorization in some cases before we release those records. The Plan will never sell your health information unless you have authorized us to do so. You may revoke your authorization as allowed under the HIPAA rules. However, you can't revoke your authorization with respect to disclosures the Plan has already made. You will be notified of any unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of your unsecured health information as required by law.

The Plan will notify you if it becomes aware that there has been a loss of your health information in a manner that could compromise the privacy of your health information.

## **Your individual rights**

You have the following rights with respect to your health information the Plan maintains. These rights are subject to certain limitations, as discussed below. This section of the notice describes how you may exercise each individual right. See the table at the end of this notice for information on how to submit requests.

### **Right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information and the Plan's right to refuse**

You have the right to ask the Plan to restrict the use and disclosure of your health information for treatment, payment, or health care operations, except for uses or disclosures required by law. You have the right to ask the Plan to restrict the use and disclosure of your health information to family members, close friends, or other persons you identify as being involved in your care or payment for your care. You also have the right to ask the Plan to restrict use and disclosure of health information to notify those persons of your location, general condition, or death — or to coordinate those efforts with entities assisting in disaster relief efforts. If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing.

The Plan is not required to agree to a requested restriction. If the Plan does agree, a restriction may later be terminated by your written request, by agreement between you and the Plan (including an oral agreement), or unilaterally by the Plan for health information created or received after you're notified that the Plan has

removed the restrictions. The Plan may also disclose health information about you if you need emergency treatment, even if the Plan has agreed to a restriction.

An entity covered by these HIPAA rules (such as your health care provider) or its business associate must comply with your request that health information regarding a specific health care item or service not be disclosed to the Plan for purposes of payment or health care operations if you have paid out of pocket and in full for the item or service.

### **Right to receive confidential communications of your health information**

If you think that disclosure of your health information by the usual means could endanger you in some way, the Plan will accommodate reasonable requests to receive communications of health information from the Plan by alternative means or at alternative locations.

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing and you must include a statement that disclosure of all or part of the information could endanger you.

### **Right to inspect and copy your health information**

With certain exceptions, you have the right to inspect or obtain a copy of your health information in a “designated record set.” This may include medical and billing records maintained for a health care provider; enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by a plan; or a group of records the Plan uses to make decisions about individuals. However, you do not have a right to inspect or obtain copies of psychotherapy notes or information compiled for civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings. The Plan may deny your right to access, although in certain circumstances, you may request a review of the denial.

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing. Within 30 days of receipt of your request (60 days if the health information is not accessible on site), the Plan will provide you with one of these responses:

- The access or copies you requested
- A written denial that explains why your request was denied and any rights you may have to have the denial reviewed or file a complaint
- A written statement that the time period for reviewing your request will be extended for no more than 30 more days, along with the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan expects to address your request

You may also request your health information be sent to another entity or person, so long as that request is clear, conspicuous and specific. The Plan may provide you with a summary or explanation of the information instead of access to or copies of your health information, if you agree in advance and pay any applicable fees. The Plan also may charge reasonable fees for copies or postage. If the Plan doesn’t maintain the health information but knows where it is maintained, you will be informed where to direct your request.

If the Plan keeps your records in an electronic format, you may request an electronic copy of your health information in a form and format readily producible by the Plan. You may also request that such electronic health information be sent to another entity or person, so long as that request is clear, conspicuous, and specific. Any charge that is assessed to you for these copies must be reasonable and based on the Plan’s cost.



## **Right to amend your health information that is inaccurate or incomplete**

With certain exceptions, you have a right to request that the Plan amend your health information in a designated record set. The Plan may deny your request for a number of reasons. For example, your request may be denied if the health information is accurate and complete, was not created by the Plan (unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available), is not part of the designated record set, or is not available for inspection (e.g., psychotherapy notes or information compiled for civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings).

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing, and you must include a statement to support the requested amendment. Within 60 days of receipt of your request, the Plan will take one of these actions:

- Make the amendment as requested
- Provide a written denial that explains why your request was denied and any rights you may have to disagree or file a complaint
- Provide a written statement that the time period for reviewing your request will be extended for no more than 30 more days, along with the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan expects to address your request

## **Right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health information**

You have the right to a list of certain disclosures of your health information the Plan has made. This is often referred to as an “accounting of disclosures.” You generally may receive this accounting if the disclosure is required by law, in connection with public health activities, or in similar situations listed in the table earlier in this notice, unless otherwise indicated below.

You may receive information on disclosures of your health information for up to six years before the date of your request. You do not have a right to receive an accounting of any disclosures made in any of these circumstances:

- For treatment, payment, or health care operations
- To you about your own health information
- Incidental to other permitted or required disclosures
- Where authorization was provided
- To family members or friends involved in your care (where disclosure is permitted without authorization)
- For national security or intelligence purposes or to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials in certain circumstances
- As part of a “limited data set” (health information that excludes certain identifying information)

In addition, your right to an accounting of disclosures to a health oversight agency or law enforcement official may be suspended at the request of the agency or official.

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing. Within 60 days of the request, the Plan will provide you with the list of disclosures or a written statement that the time period for providing this list will be extended for no more than 30 more days, along with the reasons for the delay and the date by which

the Plan expects to address your request. You may make one request in any 12-month period at no cost to you, but the Plan may charge a fee for subsequent requests. You'll be notified of the fee in advance and have the opportunity to change or revoke your request.

### **Right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from the Plan upon request**

You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this privacy notice upon request. Even individuals who agreed to receive this notice electronically may request a paper copy at any time.

### **Changes to the information in this notice**

The Plan must abide by the terms of the privacy notice currently in effect. This notice takes effect on July 1, 2021. However, the Plan reserves the right to change the terms of its privacy policies, as described in this notice, at any time and to make new provisions effective for all health information that the Plan maintains. This includes health information that was previously created or received, not just health information created or received after the policy is changed. If changes are made to the Plan's privacy policies described in this notice, you will be provided with a revised privacy notice *e-mailed*.

### **Complaints**

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated or your Plan has not followed its legal obligations under HIPAA, you may complain to the Plan and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. You won't be retaliated against for filing a complaint. To file a complaint, contact Whitney Hein at 319-462-2282

### **Contact**

For more information on the Plan's privacy policies or your rights under HIPAA, contact Whitney Hein at 319-462-2282.

## Provider-Choice Rights Notice

1. The Wellmark plan generally requires the designation of a primary care provider. 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, contact the Wellmark's website at [www.wellmark.com](http://www.wellmark.com) or customer service - phone number is on the back of your Wellmark ID card. Wellmark's website at [www.wellmark.com](http://www.wellmark.com) or customer service - phone number is on the back of your Wellmark ID card.
2. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.
3. You do not need prior authorization from Wellmark 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, contact the Wellmark's website at [www.wellmark.com](http://www.wellmark.com) or customer service - phone number is on the back of your Wellmark ID card.

# New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

## PART A: General Information

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.

### 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 9.12% (For 2023) 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.<sup>1</sup>

**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 Whitney Hein at 319-462-2282.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

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<sup>1</sup> An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs.

## PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

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| 3. Employer Name:<br>Jones County  | 4. Employer Identification Number (EIN):<br>42-6004230 |                       |
| 5. Employer address:<br>500 West Main St   | 6. Employer phone number:<br>319-462-2282              |                       |
| 7. City<br>Anamosa   | 8. State:<br>IA  | 9. Zip code:<br>52205 |
| 10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job?<br>Whitney Hein |  |                       |
| 11. Phone number (if different from above)   | 12. Email address:<br>Whitney.hein@jonescountyiowa.gov |                       |

Here is some basic information about health coverage offered by this employer:

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to:

☐ All employees. Eligible employees are:

☒ Some employees. Eligible employees are: An Eligible employee is those employees who meet the definition of an eligible employee in their carriers Coverage Manual

- With respect to dependents:

☒ We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are: An Eligible dependent is those dependents who meet the definition of an eligible dependent in the carriers Coverage Manual

☐ We do not offer coverage.

☒ If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.

**\*\* Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.**

If you decide to shop for coverage in the Marketplace, [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.



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

13. Is the employee currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will the employee be eligible in the next 3 months?

☐ **Yes** (Continue)

If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probationary period, when is the employee eligible for coverage? (mm/dd/yyyy) (Continue)

☐ **No** (STOP and return this form to employee)

14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard\*?

☐ Yes (Go to question 15) ☐ No (STOP and return form to employee)

15. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard\* offered **only to the employee** (don't include family plans): If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/ she received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and didn't receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.

a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$\_\_\_\_\_

b. How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly  
☐ Yearly

If the plan year will end soon and you know that the health plans offered will change, go to question 16. If you don't know, STOP and return form to employee.

16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year?

☐ Employer won't offer health coverage

☐ Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.<sup>2</sup> (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)

a. How much will the employee have to pay in premiums for that plan? \$\_\_\_\_\_

b. How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly  
☐ Yearly

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\*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 (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

# Model COBRA Continuation Coverage General Notice

## 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 (the Plan). This notice has important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. **This notice explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to get it.** When you become eligible for COBRA, you may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage.

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

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

#### **What is COBRA continuation coverage?**

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

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

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

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

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;

- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

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

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

### **When is COBRA continuation coverage available?**

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

- The end of employment or reduction of hours of employment;
- Death of the employee;

**For all other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs. You must provide this notice to: Whitney Hein.**

### **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, you must contact and provide WHITNEY HEIN,

the necessary documentation that would substantiate the qualifying event that would allow the additional time on COBRA.

### ***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](http://www.healthcare.gov).

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

In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the Medicare initial enrollment period, you have an 8-month special enrollment period<sup>3</sup> to sign up for Medicare Part A or B, beginning on the earlier of

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

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

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

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

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/how-do-i-get-parts-a-b/part-a-part-b-sign-up-periods>.

## **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](http://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](http://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**

**Whitney Hein**  
**Jones County Auditor**  
**JONES COUNTY**  
**500 West Main St,**  
**Anamosa, IA 52205**  
**319-462-2282**

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## **Information about your dependent care benefits**

Working families have some options to help with the cost of their dependent care expenses. Below is a brief overview of the DCAP benefits and the dependent care tax credit. As each individual's situation is different, you may wish to consult with your tax advisor to determine whether the DCAP or the tax credit is a better option.

### **Dependent care tax credit**

The dependent care credit offsets the costs associated with dependent daycare care expenses. For the 2021 tax year, the dependent care tax credit will be significantly expanded.

Specifically, the credit is fully refundable and the maximum credit percentage increases to 50% (from 35%). The credit percentage gradually phases down to 20% for individuals with adjusted gross income (AGI) between \$125,000 (currently \$15,000) and \$183,000, and completely phases out for individuals with AGI in excess of \$438,000. The amount of dependent care expenses eligible for the credit increase to \$8,000 (from \$3,000) for one qualifying individual and \$16,000 (from \$6,000) for two or more qualifying individuals (such that the maximum credits are worth \$4,000 and \$8,000 based on the 50% maximum credit percentage).

If your family qualifies, the amount of the tax credit you receive directly reduces your taxes, dollar for dollar. For example, a \$1,000 tax credit decreases your tax bill by \$1,000.

### **Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP)**

Under a DCAP (sometimes referred to as a Dependent Care FSA), you set aside funds from your paycheck on a "pre-tax" basis in your own account. This means the funds you elect are taken out of your paycheck before taxes are taken. More details on the DCAP are in the SPD for Wellmark.

At the end of the tax year, you will receive a Form W-2 that will reflect a reduction in your taxable income equal to the DCAP and any other pre-tax deductions.

### **You need to choose one or the other**

You cannot claim a tax credit for the same expenses on your income tax return for which you are reimbursed under the DCAP. Work with your tax advisor to determine which is the better option for your particular situation.

## **TIMING EXTENSIONS EXPIRING FOR HIPAA SPECIAL ENROLLMENT EVENTS, COBRA COVERAGE AND ERISA CLAIM AND APPEALS**

The U.S. Department of Labor and IRS announced temporary extensions of certain plan deadlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under these extensions, plan participants and dependents were given extra time to make HIPAA Special Enrollment election changes, file ERISA claims and appeals, receive notifications about COBRA elections, and make COBRA premium payments.

This temporary extension became effective on March 1, 2020 and created individual extension deadlines.

### **What this means for you and your family**

During the period that began March 1, 2020 to present, individual timing extensions can only be extended for a maximum of 12 months. If the original deadline would have been on or after March 1, 2020, your new deadline will now be one-year from your original deadline. For example, if you would have been required to notify the plan of a HIPAA Special Enrollment event (i.e., the birth of a child) by July 1, 2020, your deadline to request an election change under the HIPAA rules will now be June 30, 2021.

Your deadline could end sooner than one year once the National Emergency declaration ends. At the time of this notice, the National Emergency declaration remains ongoing. However, the extensions described here will only last for the *shorter* of the following two periods: one year from your original deadline, or the period between your deadline (if after 3/1/20) and 60 days following the end of the National Emergency declaration.

If you delayed any of the following due to your timing extension, **you should act quickly or you may lose your ability to exercise your rights under the plan for:**

- Requesting enrollment under the plan due to a HIPAA Special Enrollment event;
- Filing an ERISA claim or appeal; or
- Enrolling in or making premium payment(s) for your COBRA continuation coverage

If you did not experience a HIPAA Special Enrollment or COBRA qualifying event, or did not have the need to file an ERISA claim or appeal, you do not need to take any action.

### **Questions?**

For more information, contact **Whitney Hein at 319-462-2282.**

## No Surprises Act notice

### Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills

When you get emergency care or get treated by an out-of-network provider at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, you are protected from surprise billing or balance billing.

#### What is “balance billing” (sometimes called “surprise billing”)?

When you see a doctor or other health care provider, you may owe certain out-of-pocket costs, such as a copayment, coinsurance, and/or a deductible. You may have other costs or have to pay the entire bill if you see a provider or visit a health care facility that isn’t in your health plan’s network.

“Out-of-network” describes providers and facilities that haven’t signed a contract with your health plan. Out-of-network providers may be permitted to bill you for the difference between what your plan agreed to pay and the full amount charged for a service. This is called **“balance billing.”** This amount is likely more than in-network costs for the same service and might not count toward your annual out-of-pocket limit.

“Surprise billing” is an unexpected balance bill. This can happen when you can’t control who is involved in your care—like when you have an emergency or when you schedule a visit at an in-network facility but are unexpectedly treated by an out-of-network provider.

#### You are protected from balance billing for:

##### Emergency services

If you have an emergency medical condition and get emergency services from an out-of-network provider or facility, the most the provider or facility may bill you is your plan’s in-network cost-sharing amount (such as copayments and coinsurance). You can’t be balance billed for these emergency services. This includes services you may get after you’re in stable condition, unless you give written consent and give up your protections not to be balance billed for these post-stabilization services.

##### Certain services at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center

When you get services from an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, certain providers there may be out-of-network. In these cases, the most those providers may bill you is your plan’s in-network cost-sharing amount. This applies to emergency medicine, anesthesia, pathology, radiology, laboratory, neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These providers **can’t** balance bill you and may **not** ask you to give up your protections not to be balance billed.

If you get other services at these in-network facilities, out-of-network providers **can’t** balance bill you, unless you give written consent and give up your protections.

**You’re never required to give up your protections from balance billing. You also aren’t required to get care out-of-network. You can choose a provider or facility in your plan’s network.**

#### When balance billing isn’t allowed, you also have the following protections:

- You are only responsible for paying your share of the cost (like the copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles that you would pay if the provider or facility was in-network). Your health plan will pay out-of-network providers and facilities directly.
- Your health plan generally must:
  - Cover emergency services without requiring you to get approval for services in advance (prior authorization).
  - Cover emergency services by out-of-network providers.
  - Base what you owe the provider or facility (cost-sharing) on what it would pay an in-network provider or facility and show that amount in your explanation of benefits.
  - Count any amount you pay for emergency services or out-of-network services toward your deductible and out-of-pocket limit.

**If you believe you've been wrongly billed**, you may contact U.S. Department of Health and Human Services beginning January 1, 2022 at 1-800-985-3059. Visit [No Surprises Act | CMS](#) for more information about your rights under federal law.

Visit [www.legis.iowa.gov](http://www.legis.iowa.gov) for more information about your rights under Iowa state law.



# YOUR RIGHTS UNDER USERRA

## THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT

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

### REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

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

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

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

### RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM DISCRIMINATION AND RETALIATION

If you:

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

then an employer may not deny you:

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

because of this status.

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

### HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION

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

### ENFORCEMENT

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

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



**U.S. Department of Labor**  
1-866-487-2365



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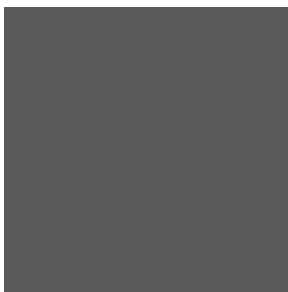
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This guide is intended to describe the eligibility requirements, enrollment procedures, plan highlights, and coverage effective dates for the benefits offered by Jones County. It is not a legal plan document and does not imply a guarantee of employment or a continuation of benefits. While the guide is a tool to answer many of your benefit questions, full details of the plans are contained in the Summary Plan Descriptions (SPDs), which govern the plans' operation. The noted plan changes in this guide may serve as a Summary of Material Modifications (SMM) to the SPD. Whenever an interpretation of a plan benefit is necessary, the actual plan documents will prevail.

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