



Required Notices

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

for all Benefit Eligible Employees

The following Notices are required by the laws surrounding health care plans. Please review these notices. If you have any questions, please contact Human Resources at 440/350-2563 x726.

Evergreen Election

For those employee benefit programs that allow for employee payroll deductions to be taken on a pre-tax basis, the district's Section 125 Plan allows for such pre-tax deductions. As allowable by law, employee's payroll deductions will be taken on a pre-tax basis unless the employee notifies the Plan Administrator Human Resources at 440/350-2563 x726 and completes an election form declining participation. Any change will be effective as of the first day of the new plan year. The salary adjustment amounts will be adjusted automatically to reflect any increase or decrease in the cost of the plans selected. This "evergreen" election applies to all plans as allowable by law to be taken on a pre-tax basis.

Your Rights After a Mastectomy

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998

Under Federal law, Group Health Plans and health insurance issuers providing benefits for mastectomy must also provide, in connection with the mastectomy for which the participant or beneficiary is receiving benefits, coverage for:

- reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed; and
- surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- prostheses and physical complications of mastectomy, including lymphedemas;

These services must be provided in a manner determined in consultation between the attending Physician and the patient. Call your plan administrator at 440/350-2563 x726 for more information.

Newborns and Mothers Health Protection Act (NMHPA)

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).

HIPAA Special Enrollment Notice

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

In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact Human Resources at 440/350-2563 x726.

The Affordable Care Act

The Affordable Care Act requires most people to have health care coverage that qualifies as "minimum essential coverage." This plan does provide minimum essential coverage.

The Affordable Care Act establishes a minimum value standard of benefits of a health plan. The minimum value standard is 60% (actuarial value). This health coverage does meet the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides.

Additional Required Notices Are Located at <http://www.esc-lc.org/Benefits1.aspx>:

- Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) – *PPACA Requirement*
 - Uniform Glossary
- HIPAA Privacy Notice

The intent of this document is to provide you with general information regarding the status of, and/or potential concerns related to, your current employee benefits environment. It should not be construed as, nor is it intended to provide, legal advice. Laws may be complex and subject to change. This information is based on current interpretation of the law and is not guaranteed. Questions regarding specific issues should be addressed by legal counsel who specializes in this practice area.