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Medicare Part D Notice

Important Notice from Oak Lawn Community High School District #229 About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Oak Lawn Community High School District #229 and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. Oak Lawn Community High School District #229 has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois Group Health Plan is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

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

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

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

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your Oak Lawn Community High School District #229 coverage will not be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan.

Since the existing prescription drug coverage under the Group Health Plan is creditable (e.g., as good as Medicare coverage), you can retain your existing prescription drug coverage and choose not to enroll in a Part D plan; or you can enroll in a Part D plan as a supplement to, or in lieu of, your existing prescription drug coverage.

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If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your Oak Lawn Community High School District #229 prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents can only get this coverage back at open enrollment or if you experience an event that gives rise to a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right.

When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with Oak Lawn Community High School District #229 and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...

Contact the person listed below for further information. NOTE: You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through Oak Lawn Community High School District #229 changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

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

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date: November 1, 2020
Name of Entity/Sender: Oak Lawn Community High School District #229
Contact-Position/Office: Kathie Simpson, Business Office
Address: 9400 Southwest Highway, Oak lawn, IL 60453-2396
Phone Number: 708-741-504

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Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

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 the Business Office.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

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

HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

If you decline enrollment in Oak Lawn Community High School District #229's health plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in Oak Lawn Community High School District #229's health plan without waiting for the next open enrollment period if you:

- Lose other health insurance or group health plan coverage. You must request enrollment within 31 days after the loss of other coverage.
- Gain a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. You must request health plan enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible. You must request medical plan enrollment within 60 days after the loss of such coverage.

If you request a change due to a special enrollment event within the 31 day timeframe, coverage will be effective the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. For all other events, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. In addition, you may enroll in Oak Lawn Community High School District #229's health plan if you become eligible for a state premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP. You must request enrollment within 60 days after you gain eligibility for medical plan coverage. If you request this change, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. Specific restrictions may apply, depending on federal and state law.

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

Availability of Privacy Practices Notice

We maintain the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices for Oak Lawn Community High School District #229 describing how health information about you may be used and disclosed. You may obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by contacting the Business Office.

Notice of Choice of Providers

The BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois BlueAdvantage HMO 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 BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois BlueAdvantage HMO plan.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois BlueAdvantage HMO 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 BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois BlueAdvantage HMO plan.

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.

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

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

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

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2020. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	Website: http://myalhipp.com/	Phone: 1-855-692-5447
ALASKA – Medicaid	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program	
	Website: http://myakhipp.com/	
	Phone: 1-866-251-4861	
	Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com	
	Medicaid Eligibility: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx	
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	Website: http://myarhipp.com/	Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)
CALIFORNIA – Medicaid	Website: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx Phone: 1-800-541-5555	
COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/	
	Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711	
	CHP+: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus	
	CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711	
FLORIDA – Medicaid	Website: http://flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/	Phone: 1-877-357-3268
GEORGIA – Medicaid	Website: Medicaid https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp	
	Phone: 678-564-1162 ext. 2131	

INDIANA – Medicaid	
Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/	Phone: 1-877-438-4479
All other Medicaid Website: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/	Phone 1-800-457-4584
IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)	
Medicaid Website: https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366
Hawki Website: http://dhs.iowa.gov/hawki	Phone: 1-800-257-8563
KANSAS – Medicaid	
Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/default.htm	Phone: 1-800-792-4884
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx	Phone: 1-855-459-6328
Email: KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov	
KCHIP Website: https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx	Phone: 1-877-524-4718
Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/	
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	
Website: www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp	
Phone: 1-888-342-6027 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)	
MAINE – Medicaid	
Enrollment Website: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms	
Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711	
Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms	
Phone: 1-800-977-6740 TTY: Maine relay 711	
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/	
Phone: 1-800-862-4840	
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	
Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp	
Phone: 1-800-657-3739	
MISSOURI – Medicaid	
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm	
Phone: 573-751-2005	
MONTANA – Medicaid	
Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP	
Phone: 1-800-694-3084	
NEBRASKA – Medicaid	
Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov	Phone: 1-855-632-7633
Lincoln: 402-473-7000	Omaha: 402-595-1178
NEVADA – Medicaid	
Medicaid Website: http://dhcftp.nv.gov	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid	
Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oi/hipp.htm	Phone: 603-271-5218
Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218	
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	
Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/	
Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392	
CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html	
CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710	
NEW YORK – Medicaid	
Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/	
Phone: 1-800-541-2831	
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	
Website: https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/	Phone: 919-855-4100
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	

Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/	
Phone: 1-844-854-4825	
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org	Phone: 1-888-365-3742
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html	
Phone: 1-800-699-9075	
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	
Website: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Medical/HIPP-Program.aspx	
Phone: 1-800-692-7462	
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/	
Phone: 1-855-697-4347 or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)	
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov	Phone: 1-888-549-0820
SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	
Website: http://dss.sd.gov	Phone: 1-888-828-0059
TEXAS – Medicaid	
Website: http://gethipptexas.com/	Phone: 1-800-440-0493
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	
Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/	
CHIP Website: http://health.utah.gov/chip	
Phone: 1-877-543-7669	
VERMONT– Medicaid	
Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/	Phone: 1-800-250-8427
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP	
Medicaid Website: https://www.coverva.org/hipp/	Phone: 1-800-432-5924
CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282	
WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid	
Website: http://mywvhipp.com/	Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
WASHINGTON – Medicaid	
Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/	
Phone: 1-800-562-3022	
WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm	
Phone: 1-800-362-3002	
WYOMING – Medicaid	
Website: https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility	
Phone: 1-800-251-1269	

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2020, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

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

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

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ACA Disclaimer

This offer of coverage may disqualify you from receiving government subsidies for an Exchange plan even if you choose not to enroll. To be subsidy eligible you would have to establish that this offer is unaffordable for you, meaning that the required contribution for employee only coverage under our base plan exceeds 9.78% of your modified adjusted household income.



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