

## 2023 ANNUAL LEGAL NOTICES

As required by law, Adventist Risk Management, the delegated plan administrator of the Healthcare Assistance Plan for Employees of Seventh-day Adventist Organizations of the North American Division Aka the Ascend to Wholeness Healthcare Plan (the “Plan”) is sending you the following notices regarding the Plan. The notices discuss a number of rights and responsibilities you have regarding your coverage under the Plan. Please read each notice carefully. If you have any questions regarding these notices, please contact Adventist Risk Management at (301) 453-6969.

**IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: If you gain a new dependent, you must enroll that dependent within 30 days (except as subject to a special temporary deadline extension due to the COVID-19 pandemic). This enrollment deadline includes newborn babies and applies even if you have family coverage. See page 6 for more details.**

**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 4 for more details.**

### NOTICE REGARDING WELLNESS PROGRAM

There are two options in the Ascend to Wholeness Plan: Accelerate and Access. The Accelerate option provides more generous benefits and reduced cost-sharing to enrollees.

The Ascend to Wholeness Plan’s wellness program is a voluntary wellness program available to employees based in the United States and who work for a Seventh-day Adventist Organization, inclusive of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and its subsidiaries and affiliates, that participate in the Ascend to Wholeness Plan. The program is administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others.

The wellness program is a completely voluntary program via which you are encouraged to earn points for purely participatory activities such as tracking healthy habits, reading daily cards, etc. You may also earn points for certain activities, such as walking, but this is not required in order to earn enough points for an incentive or to enroll in the Accelerate option of the Ascend to Wholeness Plan.

You may enroll in the Access option of the Ascend to Wholeness Plan without earning any points. If you (and your spouse dependent, if applicable) are enrolled in the Ascend to Wholeness Plan in 2023, then in order to enroll in the Accelerate option of the Ascend to Wholeness Plan for 2024, you and your spouse dependent (if applicable) must each earn 10,000 participation points in the wellness

program between August 1, 2022 and July 31, 2023 (prorated if you enroll in the Plan on or after April 1, 2023 and waived if you initially enroll in the Plan on July 1, 2023 or later). You may also be eligible for additional incentives such as a fitness tracker or raffle participation for small prizes. All of the points you and your spouse dependent (if applicable) need for any incentive offered under the program, including the opportunity to enroll in the Accelerate option of the Ascend to Wholeness Plan for 2024, may be earned in a purely participatory manner, such as tracking your sleep, attending webinars, etc.

As an additional Plan benefit, the Plan offers free voluntary biometric screenings and health risk assessments to all members. You and your spouse dependent may earn additional wellness program points for these, but you do not need to in order to meet the point requirement for any incentive or for participation in the Accelerate option of the Ascend to Wholeness Plan.

**You do not need to undergo a biometric screening or answer a health risk assessment in order to enroll in the Accelerate option for the next plan year.**

If you do choose to answer a health risk assessment, you will be offered a voluntary health risk assessment or "HRA" that asks a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors and whether you have or had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, or heart disease). If you do choose to undergo biometric screening, you will be offered a biometric screening, which may include a blood test for cholesterol, blood glucose, body mass index test, and your blood pressure. You are not required to complete the HRA or to participate in the blood test or other medical examinations in order to enroll in the Accelerate option of the Ascend to Wholeness Plan or to obtain any other incentive from the wellness program.

If you are unable to participate due to a disability, you may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. You may request a reasonable accommodation or alternative standard by contacting [the](#) Virgin Pulse (wellness platform) member services at (844) 923-2027 or directly on the platform via the chat feature.

The information from your HRA and the results from your biometric screening will be used to provide you with information to help you understand your current health and potential risks, and may also be used to offer you services through the wellness program, such as health coaching, care management, and applicable lifestyle programs. You also are encouraged to share your results or concerns with your own doctor. You will not be required to take any further action based on the results of your biometric screening or HRA.

### **Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information**

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. Although the wellness program and your Seventh-day Adventist employer may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, the Ascend to Wholeness Plan wellness program will never disclose any of your personal information either publicly or to your employer, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual(s) who will receive your personally identifiable health information is (are) health coaches, registered nurses, clinical pharmacist, registered dietitian, team members of the Plan's care management program, and ARM as delegated health plan administrator in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separately from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you immediately.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact the Ascend to Wholeness Plan's Privacy/Security Officer at the following address: Adventist Risk Management, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904, or by email, [privacyofficer@adventistrisk.org](mailto:privacyofficer@adventistrisk.org), or call (301) 453-6969.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM YOUR PLAN ABOUT YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE AND MEDICARE**

**You are responsible for providing a copy of this notice to your Medicare-eligible dependents.**

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with the Plan 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. The Plan has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the 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 elect Medicare Part D coverage and maintain your Plan coverage, your Plan coverage will coordinate with Part D coverage. In most instances, the Plan will pay prescription drug benefits as the primary payer and Medicare will pay secondary, and therefore the value of your Medicare Part D coverage will be greatly reduced.

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Plan coverage, be aware that if you are no longer an active employee with a participating employer, you and your dependents may not be able to get this coverage back. If you are an active employee with a participating employer, you can get this coverage back, but not until the next open enrollment period (unless you have qualifying change in status and your requested change is on account of and corresponds with the event you experience).

## **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 the Plan 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 Express Scripts at 1-800-841-5396. 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 the Plan 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:

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**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:	December 1, 2022
Name of Entity/Sender:	Healthcare Assistance Plan for Employees of the Seventh-day Adventist Organizations of the North American Division (USA) of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist ("Plan"), by its Plan Administrator, Adventist Risk Management, Inc.
Contact--Position/Office:	Plan Administrator
Address:	12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904
Phone Number:	(301) 453-6969

## SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS

**\*Note that the deadlines described in this section are temporarily extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For details, see your Plan's summary plan description or contact Adventist Risk Management at (301) 453-6969.**

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 stopped contributing towards 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 enroll or elect additional coverage because of a special enrollment event, you must submit your changes within 30 days of the date you lost other coverage or you gained a new dependent to your employer's human resources department. Even if you are enrolled in family coverage, you must contact your employer's human resources department to make the election changes for any new dependent within 30 days of gaining any new dependent.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact Adventist Risk Management at (301) 453-6969.

## **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).

## **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 your Plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, contact Adventist Risk Management at (301) 453-6969.

**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 are 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 are not 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, you can 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 (except as extended by the special temporary deadline extension due to the COVID-19 pandemic described in your summary plan description)**. 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>
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program <a href="https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/hipp">https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</a> Phone: 916-445-8322 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 Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a> Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx">https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Health First Colorado Website: <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a> Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711



	<p>CHP+:  <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus</a>          CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/          State Relay 711          Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI):  <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program</a>          HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442</p>
<b>ARKANSAS – Medicaid</b>	<b>FLORIDA – Medicaid</b>
<p>Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a>          Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html">https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html</a>          Phone: 1-877-357-3268</p>
<b>GEORGIA – Medicaid</b>	<b>MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
<p>GA HIPP Website:  <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/healthinsurance-premium-payment-program-hipp">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/healthinsurance-premium-payment-program-hipp</a>          Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1          GA CHIPRA Website:  <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-partyliability/childrens-health-insurance-programreauthorization-act-2009-chipra">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-partyliability/childrens-health-insurance-programreauthorization-act-2009-chipra</a>          Phone: (678) 564-1162, Press 2</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa">https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa</a>          Phone: 1-800-862-4840          TTY: (617) 886-8102</p>
<b>INDIANA – Medicaid</b>	<b>MINNESOTA – Medicaid</b>
<p>Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64          Website: <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/</a>          Phone: 1-877-438-4479          All other Medicaid          Website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a>          Phone 1-800-457-4584</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp">https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp</a>          Phone: 1-800-657-3739</p>
<b>IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)</b>	<b>MISSOURI – Medicaid</b>
<p>Medicaid Website:  <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members</a>          Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366          Hawki Website:  <a href="http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki">http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki</a>          Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563          HIPP Website:  <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp</a>          HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a>          Phone: 573-751-2005</p>

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Employee Benefits Security Administration  
[www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa)  
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)  
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

## **YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT OF 1994**

### A. 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.

### B. 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.

### C. 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.

### D. 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., preexisting condition exclusions) except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

E. 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 Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/vets>. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at <http://webapps.dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm>
- 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 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/vets/programs/userra/USERRA\\_Federal.pdf](https://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/USERRA_Federal.pdf)

## **ASCEND TO WHOLENESS HEALTHCARE PLAN** **NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

This notice applies to the Healthcare Assistance Plan for Employees of Seventh-day Adventist Organizations of the North American Division Aka the Ascend to Wholeness Healthcare Plan (the “Plan”). For further information regarding this notice, contact the Plan’s Privacy/Security Officer at the following address: Adventist Risk Management, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904 or email, [privacyofficer@adventistrisk.org](mailto:privacyofficer@adventistrisk.org). The Privacy Notice is also available at [www.AscendtoWholeness.org](http://www.AscendtoWholeness.org).

### **Your Information. Your Rights. Our Responsibilities.**

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

#### **Your Rights**

You have the right to:

- Get a copy of your health and claims records
- Correct your health and claims records
- Request confidential communication
- Ask us to limit the information we share
- Get a list of those with whom we’ve shared your information
- Get a copy of this privacy notice
- Choose someone to act for you
- File a complaint if you believe your privacy rights have been violated

*See the following pages of this notice for more information on these rights and how to exercise them.*

#### **Your Choices**

You have some choices in the way that we use and share information as we:

- Answer coverage questions from your family and friends
- Provide disaster relief
- Market our services and sell your information

*See the following pages of this notice for more information on these choices and how to exercise them.*

#### **Our Uses and Disclosures**

We may use and share your information as we:

- Help manage the health care treatment you receive
- Run our organization
- Pay for your health services
- Administer your health plan
- Help with public health and safety issues
- Do research
- Comply with the law
- Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director
- Address workers’ compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests
- Respond to lawsuits and legal actions

*See the following pages of this notice for more information on these uses and disclosures.*

## **Your Rights**

**When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights.** This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

### **Get a copy of health and claims records**

- You can ask to see or get a copy of your health and claims records and other health information we have about you. Ask us how to do this.
- We will provide a copy or a summary of your health and claims records, usually within 30 days of your request. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee.

### **Ask us to correct health and claims records**

- You can ask us to correct your health and claims records if you think they are incorrect or incomplete. Ask us how to do this.
- We may say “no” to your request, but we’ll tell you why in writing within 60 days.

### **Request confidential communications**

- You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address.
- We will consider all reasonable requests, and must say “yes” if you tell us you would be in danger if we do not.

### **Ask us to limit what we use or share**

- You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment, or our operations.
- We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say “no” if it would affect your care.

### **Get a list of those with whom we’ve shared information**

- You can ask for a list (accounting) of the times we’ve shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared it with, and why.
- We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment, and health care operations, and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We’ll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.

### **Get a copy of this privacy notice**

You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.

### **Choose someone to act for you**

- If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information.
- We will make sure the person has this authority and can act for you before we take any action.



## **File a complaint if you feel your rights are violated**

- You can complain if you feel we have violated your rights by contacting us using the information at the beginning of this notice.
- You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201, calling 1-877-696-6775, or visiting [www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/).
- We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

## **Your Choices**

**For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share.** If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, talk to us. Tell us what you want us to do, and we will follow your instructions.

### **In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:**

- Share information with your family, close friends, or others involved in payment for your care
- Share information in a disaster relief situation

*If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.*

### **In these cases we *never* share your information unless you give us written permission:**

- Marketing purposes
- Sale of your information

## **Our Uses and Disclosures**

### **How do we typically use or share your health information?**

We typically use or share your health information in the following ways:

### **Help manage the health care treatment you receive**

We can use your health information and share it with professionals who are treating you.

*Example: A doctor sends us information about your diagnosis and treatment plan so we can arrange additional services.*

### **Run our organization**

- We can use and disclose your information to run our organization and contact you when necessary.
- **We are not allowed to use genetic information to decide whether we will give you coverage and the price of that coverage.** This does not apply to long term care plans.

*Example: We use health information about you to develop better services for you.*

## **Pay for your health services**

We can use and disclose your health information as we pay for your health services.

*Example: We share information about you with another health plan to coordinate payment for your health services.*

## **Administer your plan**

We may disclose your health information to your health plan sponsor for plan administration. We may disclose your health information to the medical plan administration staff that are listed in the privacy policy.

*Example: We may provide information to your employer to explain the employee-share contributions.*

## **How else can we use or share your health information?**

We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways – usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes. For more information see:

[www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/index.html).

## **Help with public health and safety issues**

We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:

- Preventing disease
- Helping with product recalls
- Reporting adverse reactions to medications
- Reporting suspected abuse, neglect, or domestic violence
- Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety

## **Do research**

We can use or share your information for health research.

## **Comply with the law**

We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we're complying with federal privacy law. State and federal law may impose more restrictive requirements on certain uses and disclosures of protected health information than those listed in this notice. The Plan will comply with all such applicable requirements. For example, there are special laws regarding information about HIV/AIDS status, STD status, mental health, developmental disabilities, reportable conditions, genetic information, and drug and alcohol abuse. The Plan follows these laws.

## **Respond to organ and tissue donation requests and work with a medical examiner or funeral director**

- We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.

- We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner, or funeral director when an individual dies.

### **Address workers' compensation, law enforcement, and other government requests**

We can use or share health information about you:

- For workers' compensation claims
- For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official
- With health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law
- For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services

### **Respond to lawsuits and legal actions**

We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

### **Our Responsibilities**

- We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information.
- We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.
- We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it.
- We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time. Let us know in writing if you change your mind.

For more information see: [www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/consumers/noticepp.html).

### **Changes to the Terms of this Notice**

We can change the terms of this notice, and the changes will apply to all information we have about you. The new notice will be available upon request, on our web site, and we will mail a copy to you.

### **Effective Date**

This notice is effective October 1, 2022.

## **NOTICE OF HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE COVERAGE OPTIONS**

### **General Information**

There is now another way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. 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. Open enrollment for 2023 health insurance coverage through the federal Marketplace begins on November 1, 2022 and ends on December 15, 2022. (Dates may be extended nationwide by federal rule and/or in some state exchanges.)

### **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% 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. (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. *The Ascend to Wholeness Healthcare Plan meets the minimum value standard.*)

**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-share 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 Plan document (SPD) available at [www.AscendtoWholeness.org](http://www.AscendtoWholeness.org) or contact your employer or Adventist Risk Management at [Benefits@adventistrisk.org](mailto:Benefits@adventistrisk.org).

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

**TRANSLATION SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE**

Spanish (Español): Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al 888-276-4732.

Tagalog (Tagalog): Kung kailangan ninyo ang tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa 888-276-4732.

Chinese (中文): 如果需要中文的帮助, 请拨打这个号码: 888-276-4732.

Navajo (Dine): Dinek'ehgo shika at'ohwol ninisingo, kwijjigo holne' 888-276-4732.