



## 2025 Annual Enrollment Notices & Disclosures

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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 10 where Notice of Creditable Coverage and/or Notice of Non-Creditable Coverage begins for more details.

## **PATIENT PROTECTIONS DISCLOSURE**

The Saltchuk Resources Medical Plans generally allows 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 your Medical Insurance Plan Provider.

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

You do not need prior authorization from your medical insurance provider 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 your Medical Insurance Plan Provider.

## Women's Health & 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 the plan.

If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, please call your Plan Administrator at Saltchuk Resources Human Resources Department, 450 Alaskan Way S, Suite 708, Seattle, WA 98104 or 206-652-1105.

## 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 insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

# 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, 2024. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	ALASKA – Medicaid	
Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: http://myakhipp.com/ Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx	
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid	
Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Website: http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp Phone: 916-445-8322 Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov	
COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	FLORIDA – Medicaid	
Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/State Relay 711 CHP+: https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): https://www.mycohibi.com/ HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442	Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.co m/hipp/index.html Phone: 1-877-357-3268	

GEORGIA – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
GA HIPP Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-	Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp	All other Medicaid
Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1 GA CHIPRA Website:	Website: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/ http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/
https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-	Family and Social Services Administration
liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-	Phone: 1-800-403-0864
act-2009-chipra	Member Services Phone: 1-800-457-4584
Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 2	
IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)	KANSAS – Medicaid
Medicaid Website:	Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/
Iowa Medicaid   Health & Human Services	Phone: 1-800-792-4884
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366	HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660
Hawki Website:	
https://ajg0.sharepoint.com/sites/GBS-	
Legislative-Compliance/Shared	
Documents/Annual Enrollment	
Material/%0dHawki - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa	
Health & Human Services	
Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563 HIPP Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)	
Health & Human Services (iowa.gov)	
HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562	
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	LOUISIANA - Medicaid
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment	Website: www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp
Program (KI-HIPP) Website:	Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or
https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx	1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)
Phone: 1-855-459-6328	· · ·
Email: KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov	
KCHIP Website: https://kynect.ky.gov	
Phone: 1-877-524-4718	
Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms	
MAINE – Medicaid	MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
Enrollment Website:	Website: https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa
https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en	Phone: 1-800-862-4840
US Phares 4,800,440,6003	TTY: 711
Phone: 1-800-442-6003	Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com
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	
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	MISSOURI – Medicaid
Website:	Website:
https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/	http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm
Phone: 1-800-657-3672	Phone: 573-751-2005
MONTANA - Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid

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Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a>

http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084 Phone: 1-800-694-3084 Phone: 1-800-694-3084

Email: HHSHIPPProgram@mt.gov

Omaha: 402-595-1178

NEVADA - Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid		
Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext. 15218 Email: DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov		
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	NEW YORK – Medicaid		
Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/Phone: 1-800-356-1561 CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711)	Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831		
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid		
Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ Phone: 919-855-4100	Website: https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare Phone: 1-844-854-4825		
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP	OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP		
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-800-699-9075		
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP	RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP		
Website: https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html Phone: 1-800-692-7462 CHIP Website: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov) CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)	Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)		
SOUTH CAROLINA - Medicaid	SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid		
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059		
TEXAS – Medicaid	UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP		
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Texas Health and Human Services Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP) Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/ Email: upp@utah.gov Phone: 1-888-222-2542 Adult Expansion Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/expansion/ Utah Medicaid Buyout Program Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program/ CHIP Website: https://chip.utah.gov/		
VERMONT- Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP		
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Department of Vermont Health Access Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Website: https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924		
WASHINGTON - Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP		

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Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022	Website: https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/ http://mywvhipp.com/ Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700 CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
WISCONSIN - Medicaid and CHIP	WYOMING - Medicaid
Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002	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, 2024, 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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OMB Control Number 1210-0137 (expires 1/31/2026)

## **HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES REMINDER**

#### **Protecting Your Health Information Privacy Rights**

Saltchuk Resources is committed to the privacy of your health information. The administrators of the Saltchuk Resources Health and Benefits Plan (the "Plan") use strict privacy standards to protect your health information from unauthorized use or disclosure.

The Plan's policies protecting your privacy rights and your rights under the law are described in the Plan's Notice of Privacy Practices. You may receive a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by contacting your human resources department

## HIPAA SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS

#### Saltchuk Resources Health and Benefits Plan Notice of Your HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights

A federal law called HIPAA requires that we notify you about an important provision in the plan - your right to enroll in the plan under its "special enrollment provision" if you acquire a new dependent, or if you decline coverage under this plan for yourself or an eligible dependent while other coverage is in effect and later lose that other coverage for certain qualifying reasons.

Loss of Other Coverage (Excluding Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program). If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while other health insurance or group health plan coverage is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after your or your dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

Loss of Coverage for Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program. If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while Medicaid coverage or coverage under a state children's health insurance program is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after your or your dependents' coverage ends under Medicaid or a state children's health insurance program.

**New Dependent by Marriage, Birth, Adoption, or Placement for Adoption.** 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 new dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Eligibility for Premium Assistance Under Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program – If you or your dependents (including your spouse) become eligible for a state premium assistance subsidy from Medicaid or through a state children's health insurance program with respect to coverage under this plan, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after your or your dependents' determination of eligibility for such assistance.

To request special enrollment or to obtain more information about the plan's special enrollment provisions, contact your Human Resources Department.

## **NOTICE OF CREDITABLE COVERAGE**

#### **Important Notice from Saltchuk Resources**

#### **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 Saltchuk Resources 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. Saltchuk Resources has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the medical 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 current Saltchuk Resources coverage may be affected. Your current coverage pays for other health expenses in addition to prescription drugs. If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you and your eligible dependents may still be eligible to receive all of your current health and prescription drug benefits.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Saltchuk Resources coverage, be aware that you and your dependents may not be able to get this coverage back.

#### When Will You Pay a Higher Premium (Penalty) to Join a Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with Saltchuk Resources 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.

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#### 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 Saltchuk Resources changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

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

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

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit www.medicare.gov
- 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 <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov">www.socialsecurity.gov</a>, 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: January 1, 2025

Name of Entity/Sender: Saltchuk Resources

Contact—Position/Office: Human Resources Department

Office Address: 450 Alaskan Way S, Suite 708, Seattle, WA 98104

Phone Number: 206.652.1105

## **MARKETPLACE NOTICE**

#### Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

#### **PART A: General Information**

Even if you are offered health coverage through your employment, you may have other coverage options through the Health Insurance Marketplace ("Marketplace"). To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the Health Insurance Marketplace and health coverage offered through your employment.

#### 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 in your geographic area.

#### Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium and other out-of-pocket costs, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that is not considered affordable for you and doesn't meet certain minimum value standards (discussed below). The savings that you're eligible for depends on your household income. You may also be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your costs.

#### Does Employment-Based Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that is considered affordable for you and meets certain minimum value standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit, or advance payment of the tax credit, for your Marketplace coverage and may wish to enroll in your employment-based health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit, and advance payments of the 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 is considered affordable for you or meet minimum value standards. If your share of the premium cost of all plans offered to you through your employment is more than 9.12%1 of your annual household income, or if the coverage through your employment does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit, and advance payment of the credit, if you do not enroll in the employment-based health coverage. For family members of the employee, coverage is considered affordable if the employee's cost of premiums for the lowest-cost plan that would cover all family members does not exceed 9.12% of the employee's household income.

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered through your employment, then you may lose access to whatever the employer contributes to the employment-based coverage. Also, this employer contribution -as well as your employee contribution to employment-based coverage- is generally excluded from income for federal and state income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis. In addition, note that if the health coverage offered through your employment does not meet the affordability or minimum value standards, but you accept that coverage anyway, you will not be eligible for a tax credit. You should consider all of these factors in determining whether to purchase a health plan through the Marketplace.

#### When Can I Enroll in Health Insurance Coverage through the Marketplace?

You can enroll in a Marketplace health insurance plan during the annual Marketplace Open Enrollment Period. Open Enrollment varies by state but generally starts November 1 and continues through at least December 15.

Outside the annual Open Enrollment Period, you can sign up for health insurance if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. In general, you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if you've had certain qualifying life events, such as getting married, having a baby, adopting a child, or losing eligibility for other health coverage. Depending on your Special Enrollment Period type, you may have 60 days before or 60 days following the qualifying life event to enroll in a Marketplace plan.

There is also a Marketplace Special Enrollment Period for individuals and their families who lose eligibility for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage on or after March 31, 2023, through July 31, 2024. Since the onset of the nationwide COVID-19 public health emergency, state Medicaid and CHIP agencies generally have not

terminated the enrollment of any Medicaid or CHIP beneficiary who was enrolled on or after March 18, 2020, through March 31, 2023. As state Medicaid and CHIP agencies resume regular eligibility and enrollment practices, many individuals may no longer be eligible for Medicaid or CHIP coverage starting as early as March 31, 2023. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is offering a temporary Marketplace Special Enrollment period to allow these individuals to enroll in Marketplace coverage.

Marketplace-eligible individuals who live in states served by HealthCare.gov and either- submit a new application or update an existing application on HealthCare.gov between March 31, 2023 and July 31, 2024, and attest to a termination date of Medicaid or CHIP coverage within the same time period, are eligible for a 60-day Special Enrollment Period. That means that if you lose Medicaid or CHIP coverage between March 31, 2023, and July 31, 2024, you may be able to enroll in Marketplace coverage within 60 days of when you lost Medicaid or CHIP coverage. In addition, if you or your family members are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage, it is important to make sure that your contact information is up to date to make sure you get any information about changes to your eligibility. To learn more, visit HealthCare.gov or call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users can call 1-855-889-4325.

#### What about Alternatives to Marketplace Health Insurance Coverage?

If you or your family are eligible for coverage in an employment-based health plan (such as an employer-sponsored health plan), you or your family may also be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in that health plan in certain circumstances, including if you or your dependents were enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage and lost that coverage. Generally, you have 60 days after the loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage to enroll in an employment-based health plan, but if you and your family lost eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP coverage between March 31, 2023 and July 10, 2023, you can request this special enrollment in the employment-based health plan through September 8, 2023. Confirm the deadline with your employer or your employment-based health plan.

Alternatively, you can enroll in Medicaid or CHIP coverage at any time by filling out an application through the Marketplace or applying directly through your state Medicaid agency. Visit <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/medicaid-chip/getting-medicaid-chip/formore details">https://www.healthcare.gov/medicaid-chip/getting-medicaid-chip/formore details</a>.

#### **How Can I Get More Information?**

For more information about your coverage offered through your employment, please check your health plan's summary plan description or contact your Human Resources Department.

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

#### 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.

Employer name     Saltchuk Resources		4. Employer Identification Number (EIN) 91-1186367			
5. Employer address 450 Alaskan Way S, Suite 708		6. Employer phone number 206.652.1105			
7. City Seattle  8. W		. State VA	9. ZIP code 98104		
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? Saltchuk Resources Human Resources Department					
11. Phone number (if different from above)	12. Email address				

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

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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 will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit HealthCare.gov to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

#### HAWAII PREPAID HEALTHCARE LAW

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The information herein is intended to provide employers and employees with general understanding of the Prepaid Health Care Act. For comprehensive details, please refer to the law (Chapter 393, HRS)

#### **Prepaid Health Care Act**

Originally enacted in 1974, the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act was the first in the nation to set minimum standards of health care coverage for workers. Preempted in October of 1981 by the Federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), the Prepaid Health Care Act was reinstated effective March 1, 1983

The Prepaid Health Care Act requires Hawaii employers to provide health care coverage for eligible employees to insure protection against the high cost of medical and hospital care for nonwork-related illness or injury.

#### **Excluded Employment**

Services excluded from health care coverage include, but are not limited to: 1) individuals who work less than twenty hours per week; 2) Federal, State, and County workers; 3) agricultural seasonal workers; 4) insurance or real estate salespersons paid solely by commission; 5) individuals working for son, daughter, or spouse; and 6) children under age 21 working for father or mother. (For a complete listing, refer to Section 393-5 of the law.)

#### **Securing Coverage**

Employers may obtain health coverage by: 1) purchasing an approved health care plan from a health care contractor or a Hawaii licensed insurance carrier; 2) adopting an approved self-insured health care plan; or 3) negotiating a collective bargaining agreement.

Employees may form associations for the purpose of providing health care coverage as long as such health care protection is obtained from an authorized health care contractor.

#### **Eligibility for Enrollment**

Employees who work twenty hours or more per week and earn a monthly wage of at least 86.67 times the Hawaii minimum hourly wage are deemed eligible after four consecutive weeks of employment. Health care coverage must then be provided to such eligible employees at the earliest enrollment date of the employer's health care contractor.

#### **Exemptions From Coverage Exempt Employees**

The following categories of employees can claim an exemption from coverage: 1) those covered by a Federally established health insurance or prepaid health care plan, such as Medicare, Medicaid or medical care benefits provided for military dependents and military retirees and their dependents; 2) those covered as dependents under a qualified health care plan; 3) those who are recipients of public assistance or covered by a State-legislated health care plan governing medical assistance; and 4) those who are followers of religious groups who depend upon prayer or other spiritual means for healing.

#### "Employee Notification of Employer" (Form HC-5)

To claim an exemption or individual waiver, an employee must complete and submit Form HC-5 to the employer. The employer is prohibited from coercing or attempting to coerce the employee to waive coverage. The employer retains the original Form HC-5 and gives a copy to the employee. The employer sends a copy to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations only when the employee selects waiver #4 or upon request by the Director. The exemption/waiver notification is binding for one year and must be renewed every December 31.

#### **Concurrent Employment**

An employee who works concurrently for two or more employers is required to designate the principal and secondary employer and file notification (Form HC-5) with the employers for subsequent filing with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. The principal employer shall be the employer who pays the employee the most wages; only in cases

where the employer who does not pay the most wages employs the employee for at least 35 hours per week does the employee determine which of the employers shall be the principal employer. The designated principal employer is required to provide coverage pursuant to the law.

An employee's determination of principal employer is binding for one year or until change of employment occurs. Whenever an employee elects to make a change with respect to the status of each, notification (Form HC-5) must be filed. (For complete details, refer to Section 393-6 of the law.)

The employer is prohibited from coercing, interfering, or influencing an employee in making a determination of principal employer.

#### **Premium Payments**

The employer may elect to pay the entire premium amount or share the cost with the employee. The employer must pay at least one-half the premium cost; however, the employee's contribution cannot exceed 1.5% of the employee's monthly wages. In the event the employee's allowable share constitutes less than one-half of the premium, the employer is liable for the entire remaining portion. The employer is permitted to withhold the employee's contribution from the employee's wages.

An employee cannot agree to pay a greater share from wages, except for the purpose of paying for the added cost of providing prepaid health care benefits for the employee's dependents under the same plan.

#### **Continuation of Coverage Provision**

In the event an employee is disabled and unable to work, the employer is obligated to enable the employee to continue health care coverage by continuing the employer's share of the premium costs for three months following the month during which the employee became disabled, or for the period for which the employer has undertaken payment of employee's regular wages, whichever is longer. The employee must maintain the employee's portion of the premium payments.

#### **Health Care Contractor**

#### **Type**

A prepaid health care contractor may fall in one of three groups: 1) any medical group or organization which provides health care benefits under a prepaid health care plan; 2) any nonprofit organization which defrays or reimburses in whole or in part the expenses of health care under a prepaid health care plan; or 3) any insurer who defrays or reimburses in whole or in part the expenses of health care under a prepaid health care plan.

#### Selection

The employer selects the health care contractor and the plan type.

#### **Health Care Plans**

#### <u>Type</u>

There are two types of health care plans: 1) a plan by which a prepaid health care contractor would furnish health care, and 2) a plan by which the health care contractor would defray or reimburse, in whole or in part, the expenses of health care.

#### **Benefits**

To meet standards as prescribed by law, prepaid health care plans must include at least the following benefits: 1) hospital (including inpatient care for at least 120 days of confinement in each calendar year), 2) surgical, 3) medical, 4) diagnostic, and 5) maternity. (For further details, refer to Section 393-7 of the law.)

#### Plan Approval

All health care plans must be approved as meeting prescribed minimum standards by the State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Such determination is made by the director under the advisement of a seven-member prepaid health care advisory council consisting of representatives from the medical and public health professions, from consumer interest, and from people experienced in prepaid health care protection.

#### **Penalties**

An employer who fails to comply with the coverage provisions of the law shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$25, or \$1 for each employee for every day during which such failure continues, whichever sum is greater. If such default extends for 30 days, the employer's business may be closed for as long as the default continues.

An employer, employee, or health care contractor, who willfully fails to comply with any other provision or any rule or regulation, may be fined not more than \$200 for each violation.

Furthermore, any person who, after twenty-one days written notice and the opportunity to be heard by the director, is found to have violated any provision of Chapter 393 or rule adopted thereunder for which no penalty is otherwise provided, shall be fined not more than \$250 for each offense.

#### **Appeal**

When health care benefits are denied a worker, the employer or the prepaid health care contractor must promptly mail a notice of denial to the worker who then has twenty days in which to request a review by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. If the parties are not satisfied by the department's findings, the case will be referred to the Prepaid Health Care Appeals Referee. The decision of the referee shall be final and binding, unless the aggrieved party appeals the decision.

#### **Special Fund**

The Prepaid Health Care Premium Supplementation Fund is established by general fund appropriation and used to defray the cost of providing health care benefits for employers with less than eight workers entitled to and covered under the Prepaid Health Care Act. To qualify for premium supplementation, the employer must meet the criteria outlined in Section 393-45 of the law.

The Fund may also reimburse health care expenses to workers of bankrupt employers and non-complaint employers. Benefits paid from the Fund shall be recovered from those defaulting employers.

#### **Administering Agency**

The Disability Compensation Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations administers the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Law. For further information, please contact the offices listed on the back of this brochure.

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The amount the plan pays for covered services provided by non-network providers is based on a maximum allowable amount for the specific service rendered. Although your plan stipulates an out-of-pocket maximum for out-of-network services, please note the maximum allowed amount for an eligible procedure may not be equal to the amount charged by your out-of-network provider. Your out-of-network provider may bill you for the difference between the amount charged and the maximum allowed amount. This is called balance billing and the amount billed to you can be substantial. The out-of-pocket maximum outlined in your policy will not include amounts in excess of the allowable charge and other non-covered expenses as defined by your plan. The maximum reimbursable amount for non-network providers can be based on a number of schedules such as a percentage of reasonable and customary or a percentage of Medicare. The plan document or carrier's master policy is the controlling document, and this Benefit Highlight does not include all of the terms, coverage, exclusions, limitations, and conditions of the actual plan language. Contact your claims payer or insurer for more information.

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