

Qualifying Life Events

If you experience a change in certain family or employment circumstances that results in you or a covered dependent gaining or losing eligibility under a health plan, you can change your coverage to fit your new situation without waiting for the next annual open enrollment period.

As defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), status changes applicable to health care coverage include:

- your marriage;
- the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption of a child;
- your death or the death of your spouse or other eligible dependent;
- your divorce, annulment, or legal separation;
- a change in a dependent child's eligibility due to age or eligibility for other coverage;
- a change in employment status for you or your spouse that affects benefits (including termination or commencement of employment, strike or lockout, or commencement of or return from an unpaid leave of absence);
- employee's spouse's open enrollment period differs and employee needs to make changes to account for other coverage;
- a significant change in coverage or the cost of coverage;
- a reduction or loss of your or a dependent's coverage under this or another plan;
- a court order, such as a QMCSO or NMSN, that mandates coverage for an eligible dependent child;
- change in employment status to less than 30 hours of service per week on average even if reduction does not result in loss of Plan eligibility;
- eligibility for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a Qualified Health Plan through a Marketplace or seeking to enroll in a Qualified Health Plan through a Marketplace during the Marketplace's annual open enrollment period.

If you experience a change in certain family or employment circumstances, you can change your coverage. Changes must be consistent with status changes as described above. For example, if you get married, you may change your coverage level from you only to you and your spouse. If you move, and your current coverage is no longer available in the new area, you may change your coverage option.

You should report a status change as soon as possible, but no later than 31 days, after the event occurs.

Keep in mind that certain mid-year election change events do not apply to health Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs), such as cost or coverage changes. Contact the Plan Administrator if you have questions about when you can change your elections.

Special Enrollment Rights

If you decline enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because you have other health 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 31 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 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

You or an affected eligible dependent may also enroll in coverage if eligibility for coverage is lost under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or if you become eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP. You must enroll under this Plan within 60 days of the date you lose coverage or become eligible for premium assistance.

This "special enrollment right" exists even if you previously declined coverage under the Plan. You will need to provide documentation of the change. Contact the Plan Administrator to determine what information you will need to provide.

When Coverage Ends

Except as otherwise provided in the insurance certificate for an insured benefit program, and for self-insured benefit programs, your coverage under this Plan ends on your last day of employment (or the date you otherwise cease to be eligible for coverage under the Plan) unless benefits are extended as described below.

Coverage for your covered dependents ends when your coverage ends or, if earlier, on the last day of the month in which your dependent is no longer eligible for coverage under the Plan.

Coverage will also end for you and your covered dependents as of the date the Company terminates this Plan or, if earlier, the effective date you request termination of coverage for you and your covered dependents.

If your coverage under the Plan ends for reasons other than the Company's termination of all coverage under the Plan, you and/or your eligible dependents may be eligible to elect to continue coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) as described below.

Cancellation of Coverage

If you fail to pay any required premium for coverage under the Plan, coverage for you and your covered dependents will be canceled and no claims incurred after the effective date of cancellation will be paid.

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