The following email was sent to agency benefits coordinators (ABCs) today.

2018 Monthly ABC Conference Calls Start Next Week!

ABC monthly conference calls will be next Tuesday, January 9!

The attached agenda includes the webinar link.

Higher Ed – Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 8:30 a.m. Central time Local Ed – Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. Central time Central State – Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 12:30 p.m. Central time Local Government – Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. Central time

We have attached a letter about the wellness program that will be referenced during the call

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#### **Plan Premium Reminder**

We have received a few inquiries from members confused about their 2018 premiums. They are wondering if they were defaulted from the 2017 Partnership PPO to a different plan. As a reminder, the Partnership Promise no longer exists in 2018. Members who were enrolled in the Partnership PPO in 2017 and made no changes during annual enrollment were moved to the Premier PPO, and premiums are different.

#### \*If members have questions, you can share the information below\*

If you were enrolled in the Partnership PPO in 2017 and made no changes during annual enrollment, you were automatically moved to the Premier PPO for your 2018 coverage. The premiums are different for the Premier PPO. The same would apply if you were in the Wellness HealthSavings CDHP in 2017 and made no changes; you were automatically moved to the CDHP/HSA. As a reminder, the Partnership Promise no longer exists in 2018.

You can find the 2018 premium information at <u>www.partnersforhealthtn.gov</u> under the **Premiums** drop down, on the <u>Premium Levels page</u>.

#### **Pharmacy Benefit Information**

Over the holidays, your employees may have received a welcome kit and/or pharmacy ID card from CVS/Caremark, our pharmacy benefits manager. On the backside of the welcome kit, it named the plan your employee is enrolled in for 2018 (example: Premier PPO) and below that it lists the 30-day and 90-day copayments for generic drugs, preferred brand name drugs, and non-preferred brand name drugs. After the copayment, it says "after deductible."

Please note and share with your employees that no deductible applies to the prescription drug benefits for the Premier PPO or Standard PPO. The Limited PPO has a \$100 per person pharmacy deductible before the insurance plan begins paying benefits, and the CDHP/HSA and Local CDHP/HSAs have various deductibles that apply before pharmacy coinsurance starts; these deductibles vary depending on your level of coverage (e.g., employee only, employee plus spouse, etc.)

The benefits themselves are correctly set up and being administered, but we wanted to clarify this language a bit more in case your employees have questions.

Attachment: Healthways Notification Letter





#### 701 Cool Springs Blvd • Franklin, TN 37067

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January 3, 2018

Dear <<Full Name>>:

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Sincerely,

The ParTNers for Health Wellness Program

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#### **ABC Conference Call Notes**

The combined notes from the Jan. 9 ABC conference calls are attached.

**Local Gov:** We have attached the slides from the ABC conference call for your reference.

#### Free Flu and Pneumonia Vaccine Reminder

Area hospitals have reported an increase in emergency department visits due to flu, respiratory illness, and other conditions. As a result, they are urging people to consider other treatment options before choosing the emergency room. The attached infographic outlining strategies to deal with the flu was created by HealthCare 21 Business Coalition.

As a reminder, each year, health plan members can get **free flu and pneumonia vaccines (if eligible)** through certain pharmacies or at your doctor's office. Even though CDC recommends getting flu shots in October, it is not too late if members didn't get them in the fall of 2017. View the **2017-2018 flu and pneumococcal vaccine coverage** information sheet on how to access this free benefit.

#### **CDHP Enrollees and Long-term Care Federal Tax Deduction Limits**

\*\*Please share the information below with your members who have HSAs\*\*
Some employees can use HSA funds to pay for long-term care insurance premiums.
The age-based limits for which employees may pay a portion (or all, depending on age and premium amount) of their long-term care insurance (LTCi) premiums are shown below. These are the maximum amounts that a person in each age band may pay from their HSA toward their annual long-term care insurance premiums using their HSA funds.

#### 2018 Long Term Care Insurance Federal Tax Deductible Limits (Table 1)

Taxpayer's Age At End of Tax Year - Deductible Limit	
40 or less	\$ 420
More than 40 but not more than 50	\$ 780
More than 50 but not more than 60	\$1,560
More than 60 but not more than 70	\$4,160
More than 70	\$5,200

**Source:** IRS Revenue Procedure: 2017-58

#### **Edison Down for Upgrade**

Edison will be unavailable beginning Friday, Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. until Sunday, Jan. 14 at 6 a.m. Central time. This is in support of a technical upgrade (behind the scenes), so there will be no change to how the system functions. There is a News Alert on the Edison portal about this outage.

#### State Offices and BA Service Center Closed

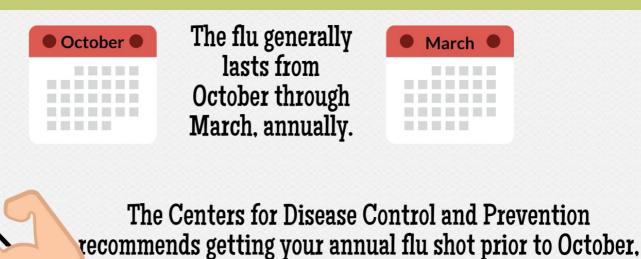
State offices and the Benefits Administration service center are closed on Monday, Jan. 15 for the Martin Luther King Day holiday. We hope you have a great weekend!

Attachments: Call Notes

Flu Strategies LG Presentation

Medicare Eligible Letter State





The flu generally lasts from October through March, annually.



The annual direct costs of flu in the US, such as hospital and doctor's office visits, and medications are an estimated





The flu causes US workers to lose up to

when available.

million workdays annually.

This amounts to an estimated

## \$7 billion

a year in sick days and lost productivity.







promote vaccination;



encourage sick workers to stay home:



promote hand hygiene and cough etiquette;



keep the workplace clean; and



address travel concerns.





### State of Tennessee Group Insurance Program

ABC Conference Calls Higher Ed, Local Ed and Local Gov Jan. 9, 2018

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### Communications

### **Vendor Calls to Members:**

- We received a Zendesk ticket that a member received a call from someone claiming to be a representative from BCBST. The person on the phone asked for the member's mailing information to mail them an ID card. We verified with BCBST and this was not a caller representing BCBST.
  - None of the state's vendors would ever be calling a member to ask for this type of information.
  - If members receive a call such as this, you can tell the members that they should ignore it.
  - Members can call the vendor's customer service department directly to verify the call. The vendor's customer service center number is found on the back of their ID card.

### **Benefits**

### **Know Your Health**

- Campaign's goal is to inform and educate members to help them become more knowledgeable healthcare consumers
- Focuses on these topics: Know Your Hospital, Know Your Options, Know Your Providers, and Know Your Condition
- Plan to launch in Jan. via an emailed newsletter to members who have email addresses in Edison. Goal is to email a newsletter each month
- Jan. newsletter will include hospital flier we have shared and a new video
- Know Your Health information will be posted on the homepage of the ParTNers for Health website



Update on the status of the Wellness Program



### **Benefits**



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Left: Sample letter sent to 2,254 lifestyle or disease management coaching participants



### Member inquiries:

- We are starting to see more member inquiries about how to find the Well Being Assessment, the physician screening form and other wellness resources.
- You may be receiving these inquiries as well so we wanted to provide you with some talking points as well as where to direct members for updates:



### Member inquiries:

- 1. This talking point has been approved by legal and is the only comment that should be made about the protest and on-going litigation. Should a member inquire about the wellness program, please use this message: Following the award of the wellness program contract back in July, one of the proposers filed a protest. The protest process is still on-going. What this means for members is that we will not have a wellness program in place until resolution of the litigation. For updates, go to partnersforhealthtn.gov and click on the wellness tab, and then the 2018 Wellness Program drop down.
- We will include this talking point in the notes. A similar talking point has been distributed to all of our other vendor partners as well as the BA Service Center.

### Member inquiries:

- 2. We have also created a Zendesk article. It can be found in the General Section, ParTNers for Health Wellness Program, then 2018 Wellness Program Update.
- **3. ParTNers Website** We are also referring members to the ParTNers website for status updates since the litigation is still on-going. Members can click on the quick links tab to be taken to the 2018 wellness program page. Or, they can click on the wellness tab, then the 2018 Wellness Program drop down. They also have the ability to send an email to the ParTNer's mailbox. This link is on the main page under Resources.

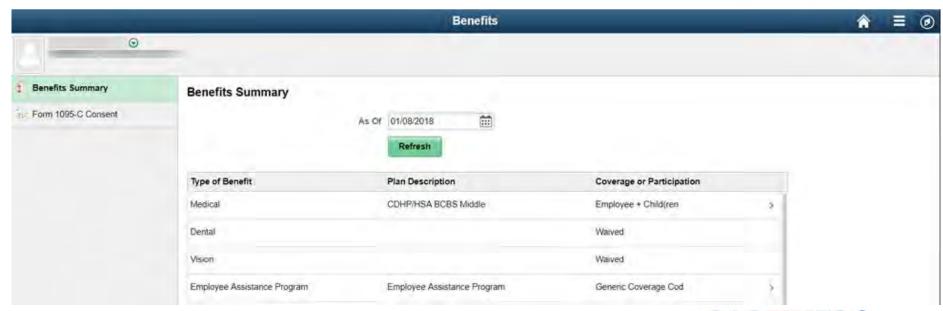
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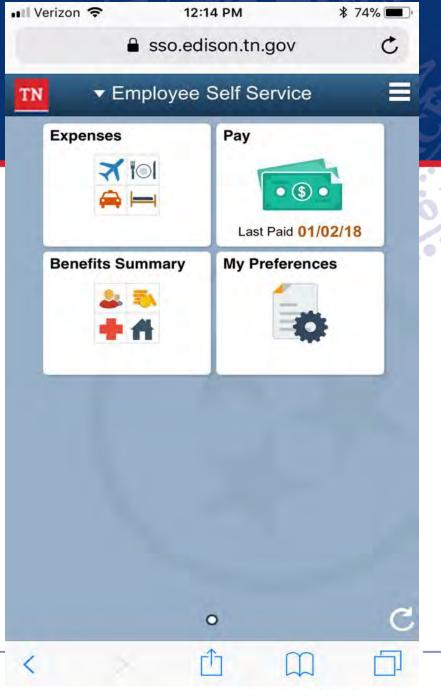


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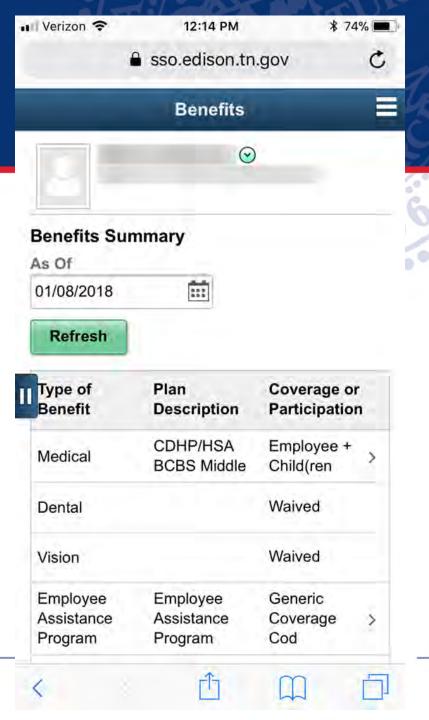
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Benefits Summary tile



### Service Center Metrics/Customer Service Rating

### December 2017

o Tickets via Email: 660

o Tickets via Self-Service: 2,623

o Tickets via Phone: 6,026

o Tickets via Chat: 56

o Total: 9,365

o Satisfaction Score: 90.5%

### December 2016

o Tickets via Email: 309

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### Higher Ed/Local Ed/Local Gov Employer Shared Responsibility Letter:

• The IRS has announced that it will start assessing penalties for the Employer Shared Responsibility Payments. They are assessing these penalties on anyone who received a premium tax credit on the Federal Marketplace Healthcare Exchange that should have been offered coverage through their employer. The letters will start going out soon for the 2015 tax year. We sent a sample of this letter to ABCs with the Friday Dec. 22 ABC email. Please note that once you receive it, you will only have 30 days to respond to the letter.

### **Zendesk Answer Bot Pilot Program**

Do any of these articles answer your question?



For general information about the Wellness Program including wellness and fitness discounts and Weight Watchers at Work, visit the Wellness Program page (http://partnersforhealthtn.gov/wellness.shtml).

Yes, close my request



If you are looking for information about the 2018 Voluntary Wellness Program, visit our ParTNers for Health website (http://www.partnersforhealthtn.gov/wellness.shtml

Yes, close my request



### **Upcoming ABC Training**

- ABC Workshop:
  - **Uploading Documents in Zendesk**
  - January 10: 9-10 a.m. & 1-2 p.m. Central time
  - January 11: 9-10 a.m. & 1-2 p.m. Central time
  - January 16: 9-10 a.m. & 1-2 p.m. Central time
  - January 18: 9-10 a.m. & 1-2 p.m. Central time



### **Upcoming ABC Training**

- New ABC Training
  - January 24: Local Education: 9-11 a.m. Central Time
  - January 24: State/Higher Education: 1-3 p.m. Central Time
  - January 25: Local Government: 9-11 a.m. Central Time
  - January 25: Session 2 All Entities 1-3 p.m. Central Time



### **Upcoming ABC Training**

### **How to Sign Up for Training:**

- 1. Login in To Edison.
- 2. Navigate to ELM Menu >ELM>Employee Self Service>Learning>Search Catalog>Enter ABC in the "Search the Catalog" field>Click the "Search Activities" button.
- 3. Locate the training you are interested in.
- 4. Locate the specific dates you would like to attend the webinar.
- 5. Click Enroll to the right of the training session you wish to participate in.
- 6. Click Submit Enrollment in the bottom lower left corner.
- 7. Once you have enrolled, you will see the following message under your name at the top of the page.
- You have successfully enrolled in ABC Training Webinar/Workshop. This change in status will be updated on the All Learning page. PARTNERS



# Questions?

Press \*6 to un-mute your line
Use the chat function at the bottom left of the screen

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### **State of Tennessee Group Insurance Program**

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**DATE** 

NAME ADDRESS CITY, ST ZIP

RE: Medicare Emplid: XXXXXXX

Dear NAME,

According to our records, you turn 65 in MONTH YEAR. This means you will soon be eligible for Medicare. Here is a general description of Medicare services:

- Part A (Hospital Insurance) covers hospital, skilled nursing facility, home health and hospice care
- Part B (Medical Insurance) covers doctors' services, preventive care, durable medical equipment, hospital outpatient services, lab tests, x-rays, mental health care, home health and ambulance services
- Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans) offered by private companies that contract with Medicare to provide all Part A and Part B benefits
- Part D (Prescription Drugs) provided through private companies that contract with the government

If you continue to work and are covered by one of the State health insurance plans or are covered by a creditable health plan through your spouse's employer, you may want to consider delaying enrollment in Medicare Part A, Part B and Part D.

Medicare considers the State's health insurance plans as 'creditable'. This means if you delay enrollment until you terminate employment, Medicare will not assess a penalty for late enrollment. When you do enroll in Medicare, you may be asked by Medicare to provide proof you were enrolled in a health insurance plan through your employer.

When you have creditable coverage, delaying the start of your Medicare benefits can save you money. You would not have to pay the additional monthly premium cost for Medicare Part B. You would also save the premium amount for any Part D plan you might select.

If you choose to enroll in Medicare while still covered under the State health insurance plan, your State plan is deemed 'primary'. This means that medical claims will be filed with the State plan first for payment to the provider. Medicare would then be the secondary payer.

Please be aware that if you are enrolled in the State's CDHP plan and you enroll in <u>ANY</u> part of Medicare (Part A, Part B or Part D), you may no longer be eligible to have contributions made to your health savings account (HSA). Go to IRS.gov to learn more.

If you plan to retire or end your employment this year, you will need to make enrollment decisions about Part A, Part B, Part D and a Medicare supplement plan. Benefits Administration and the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (TN SHIP) can help you with the decision-making process. TN SHIP offers free, non-biased Medicare options counseling that can help you understand the often-confusing Medicare insurance choices. Benefits Administration can help you with questions regarding your eligibility to enroll in The Tennessee Plan (our supplemental medical insurance for retirees with Medicare) and other questions you may have about retirement insurance.

To contact Benefits Administration, please call 1-800-253-9981 Monday-Friday, 8-4:30 Central Time. To contact TN SHIP, please call 1-877-801-0044 Monday-Friday, 8-5 Central Time.

We look forward to helping you.

The following email was sent to agency benefits coordinators (ABCs) today.

#### **Death Claim Process Documents**

Following ABC calls this month, we made minor updates to the **Death Claim Process** documents found on the **ABC webpage**. The funeral home Q&A document has been updated as well as the process documents by plan type. We will review this process during the February calls. We have also attached these documents for your reference.

#### **Updated Plan Documents**

The 2018 State/Higher Ed, Local Ed and Local Gov Plan Documents (PD) are now posted to the BA website at:

https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/publications/fa-benefits-publications.html.

- State and higher ed: New The state and higher education plan document is now a two-part, combined document for medical and flex benefits. Part I is specific to comprehensive medical and hospitalization coverage (medical benefits), and Part II is specific to the flexible benefits and parking/transportation expense plan. The two parts are separated in the table of contents.
- <u>Reminders</u> In addition to scrolling and word searching the plan documents, the
  Table of Contents (TOC) contains hyperlinks. If you hover over any topic in the TOC
  and click, you will be redirected to the section of the PD specific to that topic.
- Major benefit changes effective 1/1/18 were communicated in the Oct. 3, 2017, ABC call notes, including updates to therapy coverage and bariatric surgery. Here are the highlights:
  - Bariatric Surgery Criteria bariatric surgery coverage will continue, however, the plan-specific bariatric surgery criterion was eliminated. As is the case with all other surgical procedures, coverage is now subject to either the BCBST or Cigna criteria, depending on a member's chosen carrier.
  - Therapies (speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy) coverage for habilitative therapy was added; subject to medical necessity as determined by the claims administrators, members will have coverage for both habilitative and rehabilitative therapies without limit (the 90-day limit was removed); habilitation services help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living, for example, therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age; rehabilitation services help a person keep, get back or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt or disabled.
- Ongoing Appropriate updates based on mandated changes, insurance committee
  actions, and approved clarifications will be made to the 2018 PDs throughout the
  plan year as needed, and we will keep you updated as changes occur. Please let us
  know if you have any questions or concerns about the plan documents.

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#### **Edison Down for Upgrade**

Edison will be down for maintenance this Sunday, Jan. 21, from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. Central time.

Attachments: Death Claim Process Higher Education Agencies

Death Claim Process Higher Education Agencies

Death Claim Process Local Gov and Local Ed Agencies

Funeral Home Q & A

### Funeral Home Q & A

**Q**: I am calling from "Funeral Home" to verify if the deceased, John Doe, had life insurance?

**A**: Yes, John Doe had life insurance coverage. ("Yes" assumes he was an active working full-time employee at the time of death. If he was not, then please indicate there was no life insurance coverage i.e. retiree or terminate employee.)

**Please note**: If the employee dies within the first 30 days of the termination of employment OR within one year of leaving service sick and dies of this same illness (i.e. cancer) the claim should be handled as you would an active employee's death claim.

**Q**: How much insurance did John Doe have?

**A**: Due to privacy laws, we are unable to communicate the specifics of the policy; you may contact Minnesota Life at 866-881-0631 for more details.

**Q**: Do you accept funeral assignments?

**A:** Yes, our life insurance vendor does accept funeral assignments. Please contact Minnesota Life at 866-881-0631. They can assist you on where to send the completed, signed assignment.

**Please note**: Sometimes, the funeral home will ask if the amount of life insurance will be enough to cover the funeral assignment (cost of funeral.) Please do not advise the funeral home of this information. Instead, refer the caller to Minnesota Life as stated above.

### Death Claim Process Higher Education Agencies

#### If the decedent is an employee:

An Agency Benefits Coordinator (ABC) has two options in which they can notify Benefits Administration of an employee's death. The ABC may contact our service center by phone or by submitting a Zendesk ticket.

Once our office has been notified of the employee's death, an analyst will advise the ABC that all of the following documentation must be submitted to being the death claim process:

- 1. Enrollment Change form Check death in the upper right corner of Part 1.
- 2. Notice of Death—ABC should only sign in the "completed by" section. Do not sign under the policy holder's representative/title section; Benefits Administration will complete this section of the form. This form is necessary so that Minnesota Life requires this form to provide proof of the employee's last day of work.
- 3. <u>Beneficiary Designee</u> This form is necessary to notify Minnesota Life who the beneficiary of the policy is.
- 4. <u>Beneficiary Statement</u> This form designates how the beneficiary wants to be paid, either by check or direct deposit.
- 5. <u>Death Certificate</u> This does not have to be an original; our office will accept a copy. If the cause of death was an accident, then an accident report should also be provided.

Once the ABC collects all of the above items, please upload all of these items together via Zendesk or fax the information to Benefits Administration. Upon receipt of all required items, our office will file an electronic e-claim to Minnesota Life for processing.

Minnesota Life will contact the beneficiary to outline the next steps in the process, provide contact information, and answer questions and provide resources that the beneficiary may need. Standard processing time for a death claim is 4 to 6 weeks once the claim has been filed.

The ABC should key the date of death in Job Data and use action "Termination" and reason "X-Benefits Employee Death." This action will terminate benefits in Edison.

\*If the beneficiary is a minor, guardianship paperwork for the minor beneficiary OR documentation of a bank account set up under the Tennessee Uniform Transfer to Minors Act must be sent to Benefits Administration with the other death claim paperwork.

\*\*Voluntary Accidental & Dismemberment coverage is a product of Minnesota Life. If the employee has this coverage, Benefits Administration will initiate the processing of this claim on behalf of the employee/beneficiary if the death is due to an accident.

\*\*\*Optional Term Life is also a product of Minnesota Life. If the employee has this benefit, Benefits Administration will notify Minnesota Life so that the claim for this policy will also be initiated.

#### If the decedent is a dependent:

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- 3. <u>Beneficiary Statement</u> This form designates how the beneficiary wants to be paid, either by check or direct deposit.
- 4. <u>Death Certificate</u> This does not have to be an original; our office will accept a copy. If the cause of death was an accident, then an accident report should also be provided.

Once the ABC collects all of the above items, please upload all of these items together via Zendesk or fax the information to Benefits Administration. Upon receipt of all required items, our office will file an electronic e-claim to Minnesota Life for processing.

Minnesota Life will contact the beneficiary to outline the next steps in the process, provide contact information, and answer questions and provide resources that the beneficiary may need. Standard processing time for a death claim is 4 to 6 weeks once the claim has been filed.

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### Death Claim Process Local Government and Local Education Agencies

#### If the decedent is an employee:

The Agency Benefits Coordinator (ABC) should key the date of death in Job Data and use action "Termination" and reason "X-Benefits Employee Death." This action will terminate benefits in Edison.

No form or death certificate is required to be submitted to Benefits Administration because our office does not file any type of life insurance claim.

#### If the decedent is a dependent:

The ABC should complete an Enrollment Change form and a copy of the death certificate to Benefits Administration for termination of coverage for the dependent. The employee does not have to sign this form but the ABC does. Both items should be submitted to our office together via Zendesk or by fax.

### Death Claim Process State Agencies

#### If the decedent is an employee:

An Agency Benefits Coordinator (ABC) has two options in which they can notify Benefits Administration of an employee's death. The ABC may contact our service center by phone or by submitting a Zendesk ticket.

Once our office has been notified of the employee's death, an analyst will advise the ABC that all of the following documentation must be submitted to being the death claim process:

- 1. Enrollment Change form Check death in the upper right corner of Part 1.
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### Plan Members with a 2017 HSA Distribution

On Saturday, January 20, PayFlex began mailing 1099-SA forms to plan members who had a distribution from their HSA in 2017. Members who did not use any of their HSA funds or took no withdrawals from their HSA will not receive one. Below is more information about the 1099-SA and attached is an insert that will be included with the 1099-SA that members will receive.

Members can also log in to your account online and see a PDF of the 1099-SA. Here are the instructions:

- 1. Log into <u>stateoftn.payflexdirect.com</u>
- 2. Look on left side of page under "My Dashboard" for "My Documents"
- 3. Click "My Documents"
- 4. Toward the top of the page in the green bar where it says "Filter Document Type" click the drop down box and choose "HSA Tax Statements"
- 5. Click on the blue hyperlink that says "2017 IRS 1099SA"

### Health Savings Account (HSA) 1099-SA Mailing Begins Saturday January 20, 2018

### What's Happening

- On Saturday January 20, 2018 PayFlex began mailing HSA Form 1099-SA to HSA account holders
  - This includes any HSA participant with 2017 distributions
- An HSA Form 1099-SA Insert will be included with each mailed form (Attached)
- Forms will be uploaded to the member portal by end of day on January 24, 2018
- PayFlex will file copies with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by January 31, 2018

### **Details**

- HSA Form 1099-SA:
  - Reports distributions taken from an HSA (withdrawals, debit card purchases, checks, bill payments and return of net income on excess contributions)
  - Is used when filing Federal Income Tax Returns
- Taxpayers have until Tuesday, April 17, 2018, to file their 2017 tax returns. The deadline is extended because April 15 is a Sunday and Emancipation Day, a holiday in Washington, D.C., will be observed on Monday, April 16, pushing the nation's filing deadline to April 17.
- Per IRS Regulations, PayFlex is required to:
  - By January 31, provide Form 1099-SA annually to HSA Account Holders that had distributions during the year
  - o By March 31, file copies with the IRS

### **ABC Document Upload Reminder**

As a reminder, the ABC Document Upload Page is scheduled to be taken down at the end of January. **Starting February 1, documents will be accepted through Zendesk, email or fax.** Zendesk is the preferred method. Employees will still be able to upload documents through Edison Employee Self-Service.

Please begin using Zendesk to upload documents as soon as possible if you are not already.

Attachments: HAS 1099-SA Insert\_2017 tax yr

This **Form 1099-SA** is for your PayFlex Health Savings Account (HSA). It shows your HSA **distributions in 2017**. This includes what you paid for with your PayFlex debit card, payments to health care providers, and amounts paid to you from your HSA. We sent a copy of this form to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Below are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about this form.

### What do I need to do with Form 1099-SA?

Save it. You'll **use it to complete IRS Form 8889**. As an HSA accountholder you must complete Form 8889 when you file your federal tax return. You can find more information on Form 8889 at **www.irs.gov**.

### Is this the only tax form I'll receive for my HSA?

In May, you'll receive Form 5498-SA. <u>You don't need to include that form when you file your taxes</u>. We'll send it to the IRS for you. Form 5498-SA includes pretax contributions from your paycheck, any contributions you made on your own (post-tax), and any employer contributions. You can make contributions for 2017 until the tax filing deadline (April 17, 2018).

### Can I find my HSA tax forms online?

Yes. Log in to the PayFlex member website. Click on **Documents & Forms** and select **My Documents.** From the drop down, select **HSA Tax Documents.** If you no longer want to get your tax forms by mail, follow these steps. Click on **Account Settings** and select **Account notifications.** Under Health Savings Account, select "Paperless" for your tax documents.

### Field descriptions for Form 1099-SA

**Box 1: Gross distribution** – Total amount withdrawn from your HSA during the year. This includes debit card payments, payments to health care providers, and amounts paid to you.

**Box 2: Earnings on excess cont.** – Includes earnings on any excess contributions you may have withdrawn from your HSA during 2017. It also includes interest or investment earnings that apply to the funds that you withdrew.

**Box 4: FMV on date of death** – This is reported only if the account holder has died. The fair market value (FMV) is the total value of the account on the date of death.

**Box 5: HSA/Archer HSA/MA MSA** – The type of account reported on this form. The appropriate box will be checked.

**Box 3: Distribution code** – Identifies the type of distributions from your HSA:

- 1 = Normal distribution
- 2 = Excess contributions
- 3 = Disability
- 4 = Death distribution other than code 6
- 5 = Prohibited transaction
- 6 = Death distribution after year of death to a non-spouse beneficiary

**Account number** – The unique number that PayFlex assigned to your HSA.

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We've included WebEx login instructions and FAQs below. We will send these instructions to you each Friday before our next conference call on February 13. We will also send a reminder to you on Monday, February 12.

We will have two test webinars on February 6 at 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Central time. You will use the same instructions provided below. We strongly encourage you to join us on one of these test webinars so you can check your computer and phone system to make sure it works with WebEx.

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### To join the test webinars and ABC Conference Call:

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## We encourage you to login and test the new webinar service. Plan to join us on the dates and times listed below:

Tuesday, Feb. 6: 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. CST Tuesday, Feb. 6: 2 p.m.to 2:30 p.m. CST

### **FAQS**

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### **Updated Vendor Contact List**

We have attached an updated 2018 vendor contact list. The information for our former long-term care vendor has been removed. You can find the list posted on the <a href="ABC">ABC</a> webpage under Conference Call Notes. These contacts can assist you with member materials and/or for vendor representatives to participate in your benefits fairs.

Attachment: 2018 Vendor Contact List



Health		
BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee		
Amy Jordan	(423) 535-5788	Amy_Jordan@bcbst.com
Cigna		
Deb Williams – East TN	(860) 902-2815	Deborah.Williams@Cigna.com
Cindy Sexton – Middle TN	(615) 595-3389	Cynthia.Sexton@Cigna.com
Bonnie Hampton – West TN	(901) 748-4114	Bonnie.Hampton@Cigna.com
Celeste Sims – packets/materials	(615) 595-3134	Celeste.sims@cigna.com
Health Savings Account (HSA) (and FSAs for State and Higher Education)		
PayFlex		
Samantha Alleva – benefits fairs	(860) 273-8864	AllevaS@aetna.com
Darlene Russo – ABC HSA (questions)		stateoftennessee@payflex.com
Dental		
Cigna		
Deb Williams – East TN	(860) 902-2815	Deborah.Williams@Cigna.com
Cindy Sexton – Middle TN	(615) 595-3389	Cynthia.Sexton@Cigna.com
Bonnie Hampton – West TN	(901) 748-4114	Bonnie.Hampton@Cigna.com
Celeste Sims – packets and materials	(615) 595-3134	Celeste.sims@cigna.com
MetLife		
Julie Salomone	(770) 407-2495 (fax number)	StateofTennessee@metlife.com
Wellness Program		
TBD		
TBD		
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)/Behavioral Health		
<b>Optum</b> Melissa Ward	(612) 632-5456	Melissa.ward@optum.com
	(012) 032-3430	Melissa.waru@optum.com
Group Term Life Insurance		
Securian (Minnesota Life) Michael Kretman	(651) 665-3935 (651) 665-4128	GroupMarketingRequest@securian.com
Vision		
Davis Vision		
Larry Sheehan (benefits fairs and materials)	(508) 813-4211	lsheehan@davisvision.com
Jay Storey (benefits fairs and materials)	(315) 884-0479	jstorey@davisvision.com
Disability (state and higher education)		
MetLife		
Julie Salomone	(770) 407-2495 (fax number)	StateofTennessee@metlife.com

### **ABC Conference Calls Next Week**

ABC monthly conference calls will be next Tuesday, February 13.

The attached agenda includes the webinar login instructions.

Higher Ed – Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 8:30 a.m. Central time Local Ed – Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. Central time Central State – Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 12:30 p.m. Central time Local Government – Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. Central time

As a reminder, we are moving to a WebEx platform for ABC conference calls. You can find login instructions and more information below and attached for your reference.

### PPACA Report – Transfers (Local Ed, Local Gov and Higher Ed)

If an employee transfers from one agency on the state plan to another, the coverage months on the PPACA report may display incorrectly because we have to use a prior month in job data to make benefits start and end correctly. If you have anyone that transferred from or to your agency in 2017, please review their information on the PPACA report closely to make sure all of the coverage you provided is accounted for. If the report is missing a row, please add it manually. We are unable to change the system so that it displays correctly on the report.

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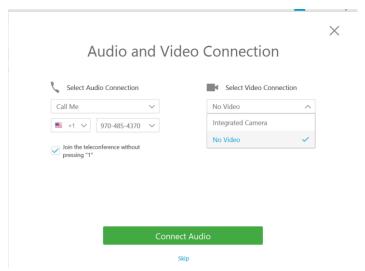
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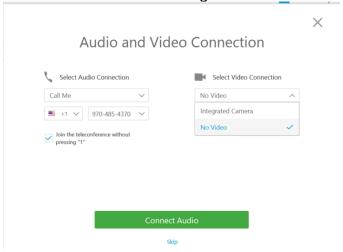
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### **ABC Conference Call Notes**

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### **State Offices and BA Service Center Closed**

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We hope you have a great weekend!

Attached: Higher Ed Disability Claims Process Overview

State Disability Claims Process Overview

Optum Presentation



# **State of Tennessee Disability Claims Process Overview**



If you need to file a Short-Term Disability (STD) claim, contact MetLife's State of Tennessee service line at 1-855-700-8001 (7am-10pm CT, Monday – Friday)

Please note that the State of TN does not offer Long Term Disability Insurance to Higher Education employees. Questions related to Long Term Disability Insurance should be directed to your Agency Benefits Coordinator.



### **Claim Intake and Data Gathering**

- ☐ Inform your HR coordinator/manager of your absence request.
- Notify MetLife to initiate your STD claim\* you will be given a claim number at the end of the call. You may also initiate your claim through the MyBenefits Website at <a href="https://metlife.com/MyBenefits">https://metlife.com/MyBenefits</a>. (Enter "State of Tennessee" as company name.)
- ☐ MetLife will contact you for additional details about you, your job, your condition and your treatment plan and provider.
- ☐ MetLife will then mail an Acknowledgement Package to you with important information that requires action.

\* To consider your claim, MetLife will review medical documentation obtained as part of the Disability claims process.



### Initial Review and Decision

- ☐ You will be notified of the initial decision via phone and letter to inform you of your claim decision.
- ☐ You can check the status of your claim by visiting <a href="https://metlife.com/MyBenefits">https://metlife.com/MyBenefits</a> or on the MetLife US app. Search "MetLife" on iTunes® App Store or Google Play to download the app.
- MetLife will keep you informed on the status of your claim and will be in touch with any additional information that is needed.
- ☐ MetLife will discuss your Return to Work options and help determine an expected return to work date.



### **Ongoing Evaluation**

- MetLife will periodically contact you and your health care provider(s) to evaluate your status, treatment plan and functional abilities
- ☐ MetLife will contact you by phone and send a letter to inform you of changes in claim status, such as an extension or closure.
- ☐ If you are receiving STD benefits and continue to remain disabled after the STD maximum duration, please contact your local Agency Benefits Coordinator.
- ☐ You can track status of your claim online or on the MetLife US App. Search "MetLife" on iTunes® App Store or Google Play to download the app.



### **Return to Work**

- You may be required to participate in a rehabilitation/ Return to Work Program. You may be contacted by your claims specialist, a nurse clinician and/or a vocational rehab consultant to discuss your return to work options, where appropriate.
- ☐ Before you return to work, please contact your HR coordinator/manager to review the Return to Work procedures and ensure you comply with the requirements.
- ☐ Contact MetLife to advise of your Return to Work date.
  - If there are no restrictions on your return to work, contact your HR coordinator/manager and confirm the date you will return.
  - If there are restrictions on your return to work form, MetLife will confirm whether the State of TN can accommodate those restrictions. Your HR coordinator/manager will contact you regarding return to work status.



### If Your Claim is Denied

- MetLife will contact you by phone and send a letter to explain why your claim was denied and provide information about how you may file an appeal.
- ☐ Your appeal must be received by MetLife within 180 days from the date of your decision letter and sent to:

MetLife Disability P.O. Box 14592

Lexington, KY 40511-4592

Fax: 1-844-380-0569 or Email: DisabilityAppeals@metlife.com

☐ MetLife will send you a letter to let you know when your appeal has been received and when to expect an appeal decision.

For more information on this process, contact MetLife's State of Tennessee service line at 1-855-700-8001.



### **DISABILITY BENEFITS - Frequently Asked Questions**

### 1. When do Short Term Disability benefits begin and how long do they continue?

Benefits begin after the end of the elimination period and once all accrued paid leave is exhausted. The Elimination Period means "the period of your disability during which MetLife does not pay benefits." It's your waiting period. The Elimination Period starts on the day you become disabled and runs concurrently with any pay received for Accrued Leave, Sick Leave and Compensatory Leave or pay withdrawn from the Sick Leave Bank.

For Short Term Disability, there are two elimination period options available to employees:

- o Option A has an Elimination Period of 14 days for both accident and sickness.
- o Option B has an Elimination Period of 30 days for both accident and sickness.

The length of the Elimination Period affects the premium rate. A shorter Elimination Period means your monthly premium will be higher. A longer Elimination Period means you pay a lower monthly premium because you wait longer to receive a benefit.

### 2. What is my Pre-Disability Salary, and when is it determined?

- ☐ Your gross base annual salary is defined as your Pre-Disability Salary. The gross base annual salary you make on September 1 of each calendar year determines the benefit you are eligible for beginning October 1 of each calendar year.
  - o For new hires, Pre-Disability Salary will be based on your date-of-hire salary, and coverage will be effective after you complete one full calendar month of employment.
  - o Annually, there will be a benefit and premium level adjustment. If your salary has changed from the prior year, your benefit and premium will change accordingly using the gross base annual salary you make on September 1. This adjustment will become effective on October 1.

### 3. I have "Leave" time accrued. Does this affect my Short Term Disability benefit?

☐ Yes. You ARE required to use all of your accrued leave before your disability payments begin. This includes Sick Leave, Accrued Leave, and Compensatory Leave. Any accrued leave that extends beyond the STD benefit start date will be on offset to the STD benefit. You will not be paid from two different sources for your disability. Your disability benefit payment from MetLife will begin after your pay from any accrued leave ends.

Every Employee's situation is different. Consider how much accrued sick and annual leave you have when deciding whether to purchase Short Term and/or Long Term Disability Insurance.

### 4. Will using days from the "Sick Leave Bank" impact my STD benefit payments?

☐ You are NOT required to use days from the Sick Leave Bank. However, if you withdraw days from your Sick Leave Bank, any Sick Leave Bank days that extend beyond the STD benefit start date will be an offset to the STD benefit. You will not be paid from two different sources for your disability. Your disability benefit payment from MetLife will begin after your pay from the Sick Leave Bank ends.

### 5. Can I receive benefits if I return to work part-time?

☐ Yes. MetLife will work with you to determine if you qualify to receive any benefits and what those benefits are.

### 6. How does Short Term Disability work with FMLA?

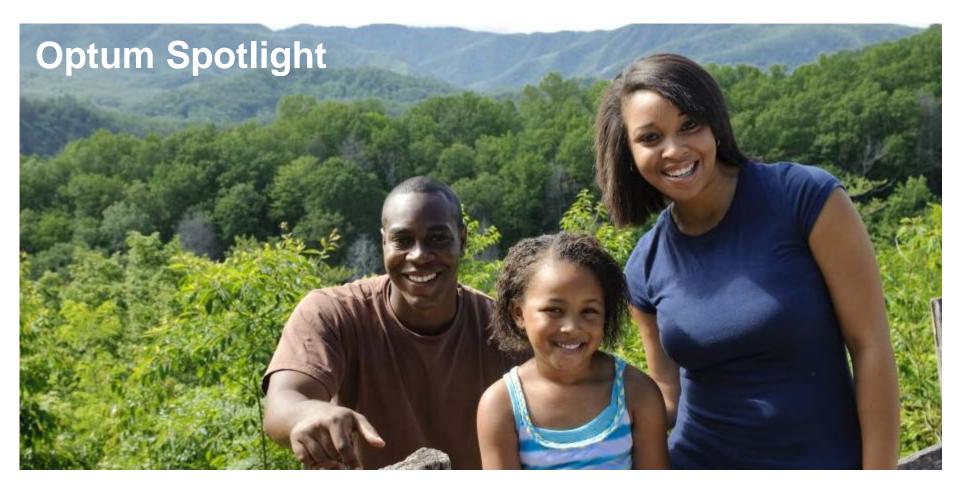
If you are on FMLA due to your own disability you may be eligible to receive disability benefits if you meet the definition of disability per the plan. If you are on FMLA for any other reason, such as care of a family member for example, you are not eligible to receive disability benefits. While on FMLA leave, you will be billed for Disability coverage just as you are for other benefits, such as Medical and Dental.

You can take FMLA leave when your child is born, and therefore, you can use disability benefits due to the birth of a child. If you use FMLA for any reason other than a disability related to you, let's say you need to care for a family member, then you may continue your STD coverage while you are on leave. You will be billed for Disability premiums just as you are with other benefits offered such as Dental or Life.

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### Reminder of Optum Services



1-855-Here4TN

www.Here4TN.com

- Five Visit EAP, per problem, per year
  - All State and Higher Ed Employees and Benefit Eligible Dependents
  - All Local Ed and Local Gov Medical Plan Enrollees and Benefit Eligible Dependents
- Legal, Mediation, and Financial Services
- Work/Life Services
- Telemental Health Services
- Take Charge at Work
- Behavioral Health Services for Those Enrolled in State Medical



### **Telemental Health Services**



- Telemental Health is a covered treatment option that leverages HIPAA-compliant technology to deliver EAP, evaluation, therapy, medication management, information and education at a distance in real time.
- Telemental Health is subject to the same co-pay or co-insurance rates (after deductible) that are applied for in-person visits.
- Telemental Health adheres to the same standards of care as in-person office visits.
- Prescriptions may be written by Telemental Health providers, however the provider must have prescribing licensure to write prescriptions in the state where the member wishes to receive services.
- Members will need to call the provider prior to set up their first Telemental Health session. A listing of Telemental Health providers can be found on Here4TN.com, or members can contact 888-here4tn for assistance in locating a provider.



### TAKE CHARGE AT WORK

Take Charge at Work is a telephonic coaching program designed, by Optum, to help people with depression improve performance at work.

- 12 Question assessment to determine signs of depression and impacts on work performance
- Qualified participants work with an Optum coach for up to eight sessions
- Coaches are Master's level mental health professionals or PhDs
- Completely confidential; Employers will not be informed of participation
- No cost; Part of the EAP benefit





# Available Optum Materials

### Take Charge at Work Flyer (Electronic Only)



## Feeling down? Hard to stay focused at work? Take Charge at Work may help.

#### Feeling blue or unfocused lately?

It's normal to feel down once in a white. But if you've lost interest in things that usually bring you joy, have trouble concentrating or feel sluggish, it may be signaling something more.

Take Charge at Work is a confidential program designed to help working adults recognize and manage symptoms of stress and depression at work. Take a simple assessment to find out if you qualify today.



#### Take the assessment www.takechargeatwork.com/here4tn

Answer 12 simple questions to assess your risk for depression. The information you share is completely confidential.



#### Start the program

If you qualify, you'll enroll and connect with a Take Charge at Work coach. Together, you'll walk through a program workbook to develop a long-term plan at a pace that works for you.



#### Feel better

Together, you and your coach will create your personal plan — so you can get your work-life balance back and start enjoying your life again.

If you have questions about the Take Charge at Work program, call 855-Here4TN (855-437-3486).

If you have thoughts of hurting yourself or others, call your health care professional, 911 or a suicide hotline such as 1-800-SUICIDE (1-800-784-2433). Or have someone drive you to your nested emergency department. If you feel that you are in immediate danger of hurting yourself or others, call 911 or your local emergency services immediately.



#### FAQs.

What is the Take Charge at Work program? Take Charge at Work is a telephonic coaching program designed, by Optum, to help people with depression improve performance at work. Interested includeals take an online assessment consisting of 12 questions to determine if they show signs of depression and if their work life is negatively impacted. The assessment calculates a score and the individual receives a message with suggested next sizes.

Qualified and enrolled participants will work with an Optum coach for up to wight telephonic coaching sessions. Optum utilizes the Creating a Balance workbook to facilitate the coaching sessions. The workbook is broken into eight chapters and is available printed or electronically in a pdf.

Who is eligible for the program? All State and Higher discassion benefit eligible employees, all Local Education and Local Government and Retries State health insurance plain members, and dependents eligible for EAP, who are working either full/part time. Participants must be ever the age of 18.

How does the assessment work? Our assessment is an industry standard survey designed to measure the symptoms of depression and whether a person's depression is affecting their performance in the work place. The Take Charge at Work program initially uses the assessment to determine if an individual would benefit from the program. Then throughout our coaching program, the assessment is again used to measure an individual's program.

Are my results confidential? Yes. The results of all assessments and program participation are confidential and are not shared with your employer if you decide to participate in Tale Change at Work, you may choose to have Optum notify any treating physicians you are currently seeing, in compliance with relevant privacy laws.

What if I don't qualify for the program? If your assessment scores indicate that Take Charge at Work is not appropriate for you, there are still other services available through Optum. These will be presented on the results screen.

Will my regular doctor know that I am participating in the program! If you decide to participate in Take Charge at Work, you may choose to have Optum notify any treating physicians, you are currently seeing. You are also selfcome to discuss your participation in the program with any of your current treating physicians directly. What are the qualifications of Optium's coaches? Our coaches are licensed masters level mental health professionals or licensed PhDs. They have direct clinical mental health experience in Employee Assistance Programs, health care companies, and public as well as private clinics. Our coaches are experienced with chemical dependency and work place issues and potsess knowedge of behavioral risk tactors and performance issue resolution.

How can this program help me? Take Charge at Work has been developed to help people experiencing work place issues as a result of depression. The program can help you improve your attention span, increase memory, guide you esparding work place conflict and help you develop skills to make your work day more pleasurable. Through our Creating a Balance workbook, you will work on ideas and exercises to help you overcome your challenges.

What should I expect? You will first complete the online assessment and receive a score. This will take a couple of minutes to complete. Depending on your assessment score, you may be eligible to pericipate in a screening call. This call can take up to twenty minutes.

Once you have been screened, you are eligible to enroil in the Take Charge at Work program. Participants will meet telephonically with a coach bi-weekly for eligit sessions. These sessions are expected to be 30-45 minutes. It's up to you to pace the program to meet your own personal schedule. Your coach will help you determine the best pace for you.

Will my employer know that I'm participating? The privacy of participation in the Take Charge at Work program is protected by reasonable safequants (administrative, physical and technical) and in compliance with relevant privacy laws?

Your employer will not be informed that you took our assessment or are participating in the program.

I'm almady in counselling, Should I do this too? Yes. The Take Charge at Work program is designed to help you deal with work place issues associated with depression. If you are almady participating in other counseling, you might benefit by participating in Take Charge at Work as might benefit by

How much does Take Charge at work cost? The Take Charge at Work program is available to you through your employer benefits. There is no additional cost to you to take the assessment or participate in the program.

The company does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or dealthlity in health programs and activities.

We provide free services to help you communicate with us. Such as, letters in other languages or large print, Os, you can ask for an interpreter. To ask for help, please call the tall free phone number lated on your Expert.

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<sup>\*</sup>The service is confidential in accordance with the law.

Non-Discrimination Notice

### **Program Overview Flyer (Electronic or Hard Copy)**

### Answers to questions big and small.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a personal assistant to help you with your busy life? Good news! You have one with Here4TN.

Here4TN, powered by Optum, is a friendly and confidential service that provides a wide range of resources for any life

Need a rental car? Meals delivered to your home? A petfriendly hotel? We can help.

### Save precious time let us do the research for you.

Our program specialists will search and verify services for you. We will get you pricing, professional credentials and contact information. Here are just a few of the ways Here4TN can help you and your family:

- ▶ WorkLife services referrals
- Financial and legal help.
- Child, family and parenting support
   Work-life balance

### Get support when times are tough.

Our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can help you with family concerns, financial issues, separation and divorce, substance abuse, stress and anxiety, and more. Call to speak confidentially with a specialist to get referrals or prior approval for services. You may also visit Here4TN.com to search for a provider.



Talk with a specialist who cares, 24/7

### 855-Here4TN 855-437-3486

Unlimited telephonic consultations and referrals. Receive five no cost EAP visits if you need to see a provider.

#### Visit Here4TN.com

- Provider search
- Claims and coverage
- Well-being tools, articles and videos





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### Get support. Save time. Enjoy life.

Get referrals to Worklife Services with one quick call to 855-Here4TN (855-437-3486). We have 100+ ways to help you manage your life, including:



### PERSONAL SERVICES

- Dining
- Entertainment
- Household services - Pet services
- Recreation
- Relocation
- · Repair: auto, home
- Shopping
- Travel
- Yard and lawn care



### CHILD, FAMILY AND PARENTING SUPPORT SERVICES

- Adoption
- · Before- and afterschool programs
- Childcare options
- Help with parenting questions
- Infertility resources
- New parent support
- groups
- Prenatal services
- Special needs care
- Summer camps and activities



### **EDUCATIONAL** RESOURCES

(from kindergarten through adult)

- Adult education. classes
- At-risk youth programs
- College solutions
- Career consulting
- Home schooling.
- Nursery schools Private school
- resources
- Sports and recreation programs



### ADULT AND **ELDERCARE** SUPPORT SERVICES

- Adult day care. programs
- Alzheimer's and related disorders
- Community programs
- Elder abuse
- Financial issues
- Grief/loss
- In-home/nursing care options
- Retirement planning.
- Skilled nursing
- facility information



### CHRONIC ILLNESSES AND CONDITIONS SUPPORT SERVICES

- Advocacy Affordable housing
- Caregiving resources
- Condition-specific support
- Food service and nutrition help lines
- Living with a disability
- Remodeling for accessibility
- Transportation
- Work issues

### We're here to help.

Call anytime.

855-Here4TN (855-437-3486)





### Work/Life Services Flyer (Electronic or Hard Copy)



### Call for more than 100 ways to help you manage your life!

Work, children, friends, family — it all adds up to lack of time, and sometimes overwhelming stress.

#### Let us do your legwork.

We can provide the information and refer als for many of your personal needs, test call 855-Here 4TN (855-407-3486). We'll do the research and provide you with a list of options in your area, or wherever you need them.

#### Look to us for information on a variety of services, including:

- Household services. Plumbers who work evenings, housekeepers, carpenters, dry cleaners, auto repair shops, electricians, landscapers
- Shopping. Clothing, antiques, sporting goods, specialty stores, shopping services for the elderly or disabled
- Entertainment. Theater tickets, golf, travel arrangements, kid friendly restaurants, nightriuhs, horsehack riding, concerts, dance lessons
- Health and wellness. Fitness centers, urgant care clinics, all-night pharmacies.
- Personal services. Apartment brokers, caterors, tailors, translators, dog walkers.
- Education, College selection, financial aid, adult learning, arts and crafts.

#### WorkLife Services

### When times are tough, WorkLife Services can help, with referrals including:

- AdultyElder Support Service. For people who are aging or caring for adult and elder dependents, including caregiving, housing, transportation, meal services, senior activity groups.
- Child/Parenting Support Services. Answers to parenting questions, resources for daycare, summer camps, adoption, suck child care.
- Chronic Condition Support. Non-medical support and resources for employees and dependents who have a condition like diabetes, artifities or asthma.

#### Our referrals are reliable.

Our resource specialists will search using our extensive database, then, we'll make phone calleto find options that meet your needs You'll get up-to-date details, including what services are offered, how much they cost, professional credentials and contact information. What might have taken you hours, now takes just one call?

Save time. Enjoy life. One quick call. Hundreds of real-world solutions.

Simply call:

855-Here4TN (855-437-3486)

All calls and use of services are confidential in accordance with applicable law. Contact us today.

Please note: While WorkLife Services and all reterrals are included as part of your benefits, you will have to pay for any WorkLife Services you decide to use. Our specialistic cannot book or purchase services on your behalf. This is an educational oriental-based service analy. Certain service many to be available to sure book in Johann. Our all your benefit dute to know what a waitable.



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### **Provider Search Flyer (Electronic Only)**



### **Provider & Facility Search Tool**

Learn how to search for a provider on Here4TN.

Go to www.Here4TN.com and click Members, then Provider Search.



The search screen provides options to search for a provider or facility by location or name.

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#### Result Details

Initial search results can be refined several ways. At the top of the search results page you can:

- Expand or contract the geographic region.
- · Narrow the areas of clinical expertise.
- Change the ZIP code.





#### Refine Results

Provider search results can be refined by changing criteria categories:

- Provider Type
- Treatment Options
- Availability
- Coverage
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Languages Accessibility
- Transportation
- Accessibility
- can be refined by: Specialties

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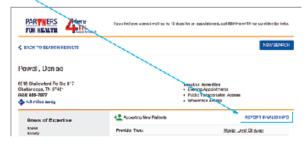
#### Result Details

Search results provide contact information and a map for individuals, provider groups and facilities.

"View Details" provides additional information about providers and facilities, such as areas of expertise, specialties and programs.

If you find inaccurate provider data in the results, a short form is available to help us correct the information.





















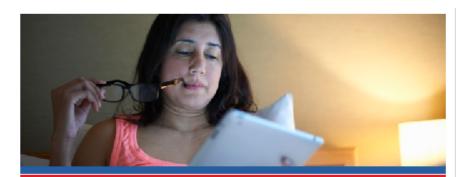




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### **Telemental Health Flyer (Hard or Electronic Copy)**



### Telemental Health: Convenient online access to providers

You can meet with a psychiatrist or therapist online through private and secure video-conferencing.

Schedule a virtual visit with a psychiatrist or therapist using Telemental Health (TMH). TMH uses secure video-conferencing technology to connect you with behavioral health providers in real-time through the internet.

Using TMH, clinicians can evaluate and treat general mental health conditions, such as depression and anxiety. They can also provide therapy, and when appropriate prescribe medications.\* Treatment is provided by psychiatrists and therapists who are part of the Here4TN behavioral health network.

Telemental health visits are subject to the same copays, coinsurance and deductibles as in-person visits.

#### Telemental Health offers you:

- Convenient appointments that work with your lifestyle
- A robust network of psychiatrists and therapists
- The care you need sooner, in the privacy of your own home\*
- ✓ Secure, HIPAA-compliant technology

#### Take the first step.



Go to Here4TN.com.



Scroll down and select "Provider Search."



Click
"Telemental Health"
to find a provider licensed
in your state.



#### Telemental Health FAQs

- 1. What is Telemental Health? Telemental Health is a covered treatment option that uses HIPAN-compliant technology to deliver mental health services at a distance in real time. Scheduled online appointments with a mental health provider take place via a secured internet-based connection. Telemental Health clinicians evaluate and treat general mental health conditions, such as depression and anxiety. Services include evaluation, therapy and medication management.
- Who is eligible for Telemental Health services? Members who have behavioral health coverage through Opturn have access to our Jelemental Health Services.
- 3. How are Telemental Health appointments different from in-person visits? Clinically speaking, Telemental Health appointments are no different from in-person visits. The same standards of care are followed in Telemental Health visits as they are for in person visits.
- 4. Do Telemental Health Services have a higher co-pay or co-insurance rate? Felemental health visits are subject to the same copys, coinsurance and dedoctribles as imperson visits. Telemental Health Services is not an add-on benefit but rather an optional way to receive treatment.
- 5. Can I use Telemental Health services for an emergency situation? Telemental Health is not intended for use in emergency situation. Telemental Health visits require advance scheduling notification. In an emergency situation, 911 should be called immediately.
- 6. Can the Telemental Health provider write a prescription during an online visit? Yes, however when it comes to writing and filling prescriptions for members, the same laws apply as if the scheduled appointment were in person. The provider must have prescribing licensure in the state where the member wishes to receive services, and must abide by that states requisitory requirements.
- 7. What equipment or technology must I have for Telemental Health Services? Members will need a high-speed internet connection, such as a cable or DSI connection. Depending on the technical requirements of the particular provider you choose, you may also need a desktop or laptop computer with an updated browser and video capability. Some Telemental Health providers also support the use of smort phones or tablets for Telemental Health appointments. Once you've chosen a provider or provider group for your Telemental Health Services, you may need to set up an account with that provider or group prior to hegioning your online sessions.
- 8. How safe is my information during an online visit? Network providers delivering Telemental Health Services are required to follow best practices consistent with the American Psychological Association (APA), American Telemedicine Association (ATA) and other best practice guidelines. Therefore industry—standard encryption schemes are applied to all data streams that pass between provider and member in order to ensure unauthorized third parties cannot record, listen in on or take part during the online visit, and that all member intormation remains contidential.
- 9. How do members schedule a Telemental Health Services appointment? To find a provider offering Telemental Health services in your state, go to www.Here41N.com, scroll down and select "Provider Search," then choose the "TELEMENTAL HEALTH" Lib., You may need to set up an account with a new provider or provider group prior to your first appointment. You can also call Here41 N.com to receive assistance in finding an appointment.



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### **Behavioral Health Services Flyer (Electronic Only)**



### Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services include treatment or care received on an inpatient or outpatient basis, either in a hospital, an alternate facility or in a provider's office. All services must be clinically necessary, provided by or under the direction of a qualified behavioral health provider, and meet the definition of a covered health service as defined by the State of Tennessee Medical plan documents.

### Benefits include the following levels of care:

- Inpatient treatment
- Residential treatment
- Partial hospitalization/day treatment
- Intensive outpatient treatment
- Outpatient treatment

#### Services include the following:

- Diagnostic evaluations, assessment and treatment planning
- Treatment and/or procedures
- Medication management and other associated treatments
- Individual, family and group therapy
- Provider-based case management services
- Crisisintervention

#### Prior authorization is required for the following services:

- Inpatient treatment
- Residential treatment
- Partial hospitalization/day treatment
- Intensive outpatient treatment
- Non routine outpatient services, including:
  - Outpatient electroconvulsive therapy
  - Psychological testing
  - Methadone maintenance



### **Here4TN Resources for Managers**

We help administrators, managers and supervisors improve organizational performance and culture by:

- Anticipating and responding to change
- Providing expert coaching and consultation
- Building employee resiliency
- Improving leadership skills

### How we do it:

- Management consultations
- Training services
- Critical Incident Response Services (CIRS)





### **Monthly Newsletters**

- Employee and Supervisor Newsletters sent monthly.
- •New topic focus each month.
- Sent via email and available at Here4TN.com







# State of Tennessee Disability Claims Process Overview



If you need to file a Short-Term Disability (STD) or Long-Term Disability (LTD) claim, contact MetLife's State of Tennessee service line at 1-855-700-8001 (7am-10pm CT, Monday – Friday)



### **Claim Intake and Data Gathering**

- ☐ Inform your HR coordinator/manager of your absence request.
- Notify MetLife to initiate your STD or LTD claim\* you will be given a claim number at the end of the call. You may also initiate your claim through the MyBenefits Website at <a href="https://metlife.com/MyBenefits">https://metlife.com/MyBenefits</a>. (Enter "State of Tennessee" as company name.)
- MetLife will contact you for additional details about you, your job, your condition and your treatment plan and provider.
- MetLife will then mail an Acknowledgement Package to you with important information that requires action.

\* To consider your claim, MetLife will review medical documentation obtained as part of the Disability claims process.



### **Initial Review and Decision**

- You will be notified of the initial decision via phone and letter to inform you of your claim decision.
- ☐ You can check the status of your claim by visiting <a href="https://metlife.com/MyBenefits">https://metlife.com/MyBenefits</a> or on the MetLife US app. Search "MetLife" on iTunes® App Store or Google Play to download the app.
- MetLife will keep you informed on the status of your claim and will be in touch with any additional information that is needed.
- ☐ MetLife will discuss your Return to Work options and help determine an expected return to work date.



### **Ongoing Evaluation**

- MetLife will periodically contact you and your health care provider(s) to evaluate your status, treatment plan and functional
- ☐ MetLife will contact you by phone and send a letter to inform you of changes in claim status, such as an extension or closure.
- If you are receiving STD benefits and continue to remain disabled after 182 days, you may be eligible for Long-Term Disability (LTD) benefits if enrolled in the state plan. Should this occur, MetLife will automatically refer your STD claim for an LTD internal claim review.
- You will be contacted to discuss your claim and if you are expected to remain disabled, the appropriate information and forms will be mailed to you to initiate your LTD claim\*\*; if applicable, LTD forms will be mailed after approximately 13 weeks of STD.
- You can track status of your claim online or on the MetLife US App. Search "MetLife" on iTunes® App Store or Google Play to download the app.

\*\*If you have an existing LTD claim, you will be asked to provide Annual Proof of Disability (POD). Ongoing claim management may be completed more frequently should claim circumstances change. This means that MetLife will periodically request that you provide updated medical information from your health care provider(s) and other information for ongoing medical management and vocational assessment.



### Return to Work

- ☐ You may be required to participate in a rehabilitation/ Return to Work Program. You may be contacted by your claims specialist, a nurse clinician and/or a vocational rehab consultant to discuss your return to work options, where appropriate.
- Before you return to work, please contact your HR coordinator/manager to review the Return to Work procedures and ensure you comply with the requirements.
- ☐ Contact MetLife to advise of your Return to Work date.
  - If there are no restrictions on your return to work, contact your HR coordinator/manager and confirm the date you will return.
  - If there are restrictions on your return to work form, MetLife will confirm whether the State of TN can accommodate those restrictions. Your HR coordinator/manager will contact you regarding return to work status.



### If Your Claim is Denied

- MetLife will contact you by phone and send a letter to explain why your claim was denied and provide information about how you may file an appeal.
- ☐ Your appeal must be received by MetLife within 180 days from the date of your decision letter and sent to:

MetLife Disability P.O. Box 14592

Lexington, KY 40511-4592

Fax: 1-844-380-0569 or Email: DisabilityAppeals@metlife.com

☐ MetLife will send you a letter to let you know when your appeal has been received and when to expect an appeal decision.

For more information on this process, contact MetLife's State of Tennessee service line at 1-855-700-8001.



### **DISABILITY BENEFITS - Frequently Asked Questions**

### 1. When do Short Term Disability benefits begin and how long do they continue?

- Benefits begin after the end of the elimination period and once all accrued paid leave is exhausted. The Elimination Period means "the period of your disability during which MetLife does not pay benefits." It's your waiting period. The Elimination Period starts on the day you become disabled and runs concurrently with any pay received for Accrued Leave, Sick Leave and Compensatory Leave or pay withdrawn from the Sick Leave Bank. For Short Term Disability, there are two Elimination Period options available to employees:
  - o Option A has an Elimination Period of 14 days for both accident and sickness.
  - o Option B has an Elimination Period of 30 days for both accident and sickness.

The length of the Elimination Period affects the premium rate. A shorter Elimination Period means your monthly premium will be higher. A longer Elimination Period means you pay a lower monthly premium because you wait longer to receive a benefit.

The maximum benefit period is 26 weeks and beings on the benefit start date, which is the day after you satisfy the Elimination Period. Please note – because every disability is different, not every disability may last for the maximum period.

### 2. When do Long Term Disability benefits begin and how long do they continue?

- Benefits begin after the end of the elimination period and once all accrued paid leave is exhausted. The Elimination Period means "the period of your disability during which MetLife does not pay benefits." It's your waiting period. The Elimination Period starts on the day you become disabled and runs concurrently with any pay received for Accrued Leave, Sick Leave and Compensatory Leave or pay withdrawn from the Sick Leave Bank. For Long Term Disability, there are two Elimination Period options available to employees:
  - o Option 1 and 3 have an Elimination Period of 90 calendar days.
  - o Option 2 and 4 have an Elimination Period of 180 calendar days.

The length of the Elimination Period affects the premium rate. A shorter Elimination Period means your monthly premium will be higher. A longer Elimination Period means you pay a lower monthly premium because you wait longer to receive a benefit.

Your plan's maximum benefit period is dependent on your age on your date of disability. Disabled prior to age 65, then to Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA); Age 65, 24 months; Age 66, 21 months; Age 67, 18 months, Age 68, 15 months; age 69+, 12 months. Please note – because every disability is different, not every disability may last for the maximum period.

### 3. What is my Pre-Disability Salary, and when is it determined?

- Your gross base annual salary is defined as your Pre-Disability Salary. The gross base annual salary you make on September 1 of each calendar year determines the benefit you are eligible for beginning October 1 of each calendar year.
  - o For new hires, Pre-Disability Salary will be based on your date-of-hire salary, and coverage will be effective after you complete one full calendar month of employment.
  - o Annually, there will be a benefit and premium level adjustment. If your salary has changed from the prior year, your benefit and premium will change accordingly using the gross base annual salary you make on September 1. This adjustment will become effective on October 1.

### 4. I have "Leave" time accrued. Does this affect my Short Term and Long Term Disability benefit?

☐ Yes. You ARE required to use all of your accrued leave before your disability payments begin. This includes Sick Leave, Accrued Leave, and Compensatory Leave. Any accrued leave that extends beyond the STD or LTD benefit start date will be on offset to the STD or LTD benefit. You will not be paid from two different sources for your disability. Your disability benefit payment from MetLife will begin after your pay from any accrued leave ends.

Every Employee's situation is different. Consider how much accrued sick and annual leave you have when deciding whether to purchase Short Term and/or Long Term Disability Insurance.

### 5. Will using days from the "Sick Leave Bank" impact my STD and LTD benefit payments?

□ You are NOT required to use days from the Sick Leave Bank. However, if you withdraw days from your Sick Leave Bank, any Sick Leave Bank days that extend beyond the STD or LTD benefit start date will be an offset to the STD or LTD benefit. You will not be paid from two different sources for your disability. Your disability benefit payment from MetLife will begin after your pay from the Sick Leave Bank ends.

### 6. Can I receive benefits if I return to work part-time?

Yes. MetLife will work with you to determine if you qualify to receive any benefits and what those benefits are.

### 7. How does Short Term and Long Term Disability work with FMLA?

If you are on FMLA due to your own disability you may be eligible to receive disability benefits if you meet the definition of disability per the plan. If you are on FMLA for any other reason, such as care of a family member for example, you are not eligible to receive disability benefits. While on FMLA leave, you will be billed for Disability coverage just as you are for other benefits, such as Medical and Dental.

You can take FMLA leave when your child is born, and therefore, you can use disability benefits due to the birth of a child. If you use FMLA for any reason other than a disability related to you, let's say you need to care for a family member, then you may continue your STD coverage while you are on leave. You will be billed for Disability premiums just as you are with other benefits offered such as Dental or Life.

### 1095-Cs for State Employees (State only)

The 1095-C's for state employees have generated. The employees who elected to receive their statement electronically can now view them in Edison here: HCM > Self Service > Benefits > View Form 1095-C. An email was sent to them last night to let them know. The statements for those who didn't elect to receive it electronically will start mailing early next week.

### No Updates This Week (Local Ed, Local Gov and Higher Ed)

We don't have any updates to share with you this week. We hope you have a great weekend!

### No Well-Being Assessment (WBA) March Deadline in 2018

Some Premier PPO plan members are asking about the Partnership Promise deadlines. As a reminder, the Partnership PPO went away in 2017 and was replaced with the Premier PPO. There is no Partnership Promise in 2018. So there is no March 15 deadline for the WBA and no July 15 deadline for the biometric screening. Members who were enrolled in the Partnership PPO in 2017 and made no changes during annual enrollment were moved to the Premier PPO.

# <u>Cigna DHMO Prepaid Dental Plan Announces New Cookeville Area Provider</u> Effective March 1, 2018, there is a new Cigna DHMO dental prepaid plan provider in Cookeville, TN. The provider information is below. As this is an underserved area for prepaid dental plan providers, we wanted to let you know so you can inform your Cookeville area dental plan members.

Hintz Oakley Family Dentistry 120 W Jackson Street Cookeville, TN 38501 Phone: 931-526-5460 Jason Hintz, DDS and Troy Ben Oakley, DDS

### 1095-Cs for State Employees (State only)

The 1095-Cs for state employees who didn't elect to receive it electronically started mailing yesterday, March 1. Employees should start to receive them on Saturday, March 3. As a reminder, employees who elected to receive their statement electronically can now view them in Edison here: HCM > Self Service > Benefits > View Form 1095-C. An email was sent to these employees letting them know it was available.

### **ABC Conference Calls Next Week**

ABC monthly conference calls will be next Tuesday, March 13. The attached agenda includes the webinar login instructions.

Higher Ed – Tuesday, March 13 at 8:30 a.m. Central time Local Ed – Tuesday, March 13 at 10 a.m. Central time Central State – Tuesday, March 13 at 12:30 p.m. Central time Local Government – Tuesday, March 13 at 2 p.m. Central time

We have attached a Cigna flier and Sharon Tansil with Cigna will talk about it during the call. As a reminder, we have moved to a WebEx platform for ABC conference calls. Login instructions are attached.

Attachments: Cigna Vet Support Line

WebEx Login Instructions

### CIGNA INTRODUCES NATIONAL SUPPORT LINE AND MINDFULNESS SESSIONS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES/CAREGIVERS

As a leader in the U.S. health care system, and a proud employer of veterans, Cigna is committed to helping veterans. To show our appreciation for veterans' sacrifices, Cigna established the Veteran Support Line and Mindfulness Program.



# **About Cigna's Veteran Support Line**

The Veteran Support Line provides a wide range of assistance for veterans, as well as their caregivers and families, whether they are Cigna customers or not. The Support Line is free and available 24/7/365 at 855.244.6211.

- It is completely anonymous. Cigna does not ask for verification of military status or relationship to a veteran and does not ask for any personal identification.
- It's staffed by licensed Cigna behavioral health specialists, some of whom are veterans themselves and understand the unique and often difficult experiences both veterans and their caregivers often face.
- There is a dedicated triage team that will help veterans find the right resources and services including pain management, substance use counseling and treatment, financial issues, food, clothing, housing, safety, transportation, parenting and child care, aging services, health insurance, legal assistance and more.
- If someone who is in a crisis calls, they will be immediately routed to a member of our crisis team trained to handle these specific situations.

# About Cigna's Mindfulness Programs

Cigna launched its Mindfulness for Vets program, specifically designed for all veterans, whether they are customers or not, to provide training in mindful stress management, acceptance and compassion.

The telephonic program will be available every Tuesday at 5 PM ET at 888.244.6260 (passcode 536435).

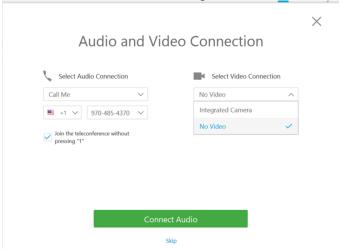
- Many veterans suffer from chronic pain due to injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, opioid dependency and other causes of stress at a higher rate than the general population. Mindfulness is an evidence-based therapy proven to have a positive impact on depression, stress, anxiety, performance, sleep, addiction and post-traumatic stress disorder.<sup>1</sup>
- The program is facilitated by a Cigna specialist and typically lasts for 45-60 minutes with time at the end for veteran participants to ask questions and share experiences.
- All veterans, their caregivers and families, whether they are customers or not, are invited to participate in Cigna's other Mindfulness sessions currently open to all Cigna customers. These take place every Monday and Thursday at 6 PM ET and every Wednesday at 8:30 PM ET at 888.244.6260 (passcode 388032).



## **WebEx Login Instructions**

## To join the ABC Conference Call:

- Click on the following link: <u>https://tngov.webex.com/meet/HPease</u>
- If you don't have WebEx installed on your computer, you can run a temporary application. The system will prompt you to run the temporary application.
- You will see Heather Pease's Personal Room
- You will be asked to enter your name and email. Then click join meeting
- You will see two options. "Select Audio Connection" on the left and "Select Video Connection" on the right



For "Video Connection": Please click on the drop down box and click on "no video." See example in screen shot above.

For "Audio Connection", you will have a few choices:

- Call me (recommended)
- I will call in
- Call using computer

## If you are only calling in to listen and <u>not</u> using a computer, please use the following phone number and access code:

+1-415-655-0003 US TOLL Access code: 647 036 393

### Tips:

- If you choose "call me" you can put <u>any</u> number into the box and click the green box that says connect audio. The system will call you.
- If you choose "I will call in" the phone number you need to dial will "pop up" on the screen and you will need to use the access code given to you in the pop up box. This phone number and access code is also listed above.
- We do not recommend using the "call using computer" option <u>unless</u> you are using a headset connected to your computer.

- If you call in using the 415-655-0003 telephone number, you will not need an attendee id number. You can just push the pound key.
- If you do not click on "no video" you can turn off your video once you are logged in. Look for your name in the participant list on the right side of the screen, the video symbol is blue when active. You have to click that symbol to turn video on and off. This symbol is next to the mute/unmute microphone symbol.
- Unfortunately the "call me" option is not available for numbers with extensions. If you are calling from an extension, you have to "Call In" or "Call Using Computer."

#### Instructions for the chat function:

Once you have entered the webinar room, at the top right of the screen you will see a **chat** button. Push that button. Anytime you want to ask a question or make a comment, you will enter your chat message in the box at the bottom right of the screen. Before you hit send, please note that you have the options on who sees your chat. For example, you could send your chat to "everyone" or you could send a chat to just the host. We will continue to read questions out loud, so we recommend that you send your chat to everyone.

#### **FAQS**

## Do I have to be sitting at my computer to participate, or can I just call in?

No, you do not have to be sitting at your computer. You can call in using the following information:

+1-415-655-0003 US TOLL Access code: 647 036 393

## Will the login information always be the same for each call/webinar?

Yes, unless otherwise noted prior to the meeting.

## Are there reasons why the state would not pay any applicable long-distance charges?

The state will not pay any applicable long-distance charges if you call into the meeting using your phone. There is no charge for connecting with your computer, and the state will pay charges if you have the meeting call you.

## March 16, 2018

The following email was sent to agency benefits coordinators (ABCs) today.

## **ABC Conference Call Notes**

The combined notes from the March 13 ABC conference calls are attached.

## BlueCross BlueShield - Fitness Your Way Discounted Gym Promotion

Members who have BlueCross BlueShield as their carrier and choose to sign up for Fitness Your Way in the month of March will have the \$29 enrollment fee waived **if they use the promotional code Fit4Spring**. You can share the attached flier with your members so they have all of the details.

If members have signed up to receive them, they may also receive an email reminder from Blue 365. Additional information from BCBS is below.

Our March promotion encourages eligible members to join our discount fitness program, Fitness Your Way by Tivity Health. If members sign up in March, we'll waive their \$29 enrollment fee.

## About Fitness Your Way

- Fitness Your Way is our member-pay fitness discount program that connects members with more than 10,000 fitness locations across the country.
- There's no long-term contract just an initial three-month commitment.
- We'll waive the enrollment fee at checkout for the month of March when members sign up. They pay only \$29 per month (plus tax) thereafter.
- Members can find participating fitness locations online when they sign up for Fitness Your Way through our Blue365 discount program.
- Signing up also gives members access to discounts on wellness services like acupuncture, chiropractic visits and more.

Attachments: Fitness Your Way Flier









# MAKING BETTER FITNESS EASIER – AND MORE AFFORDABLE

During March, we'll waive your enrollment fee when you sign up for Fitness Your Way, our flexible fitness program. Signing up not only lets you save on gym memberships, it also gives you access to discounts on wellness services like acupuncture, chiropractic visits and more.

## Designed with You in Mind

Staying fit doesn't have to hurt your budget, thanks to Fitness Your Way.

- No long-term contracts Just a three-month commitment.
- Low monthly payments Only \$29 per month.\*
- A nationwide network Unlimited access to more than 10,000 fitness locations across the nation.\*\*
- No waiting You can start working out the day you join.
- No enrollment fee If you enroll before March 31, 2018, we'll waive your \$29 enrollment fee at checkout.
- Eligibility You must be 18 years or older to participate.

## Join Fitness Your Way™ Today

Take the first step.

- Visit bcbst.com/member and register or log in to BlueAccess<sup>SM</sup>.
- Click My Health & Wellness.
- Select Member Discounts & Fitness
  Your Way to visit our Blue365® member
  discounts page.
- Click Fitness Your Way.
- Select View Details then Redeem Now.
- From there you can find fitness locations, enroll and create a Fitness Your Way account.
- You can also enroll over the phone by calling 1-888-242-2060, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., ET.
- Use the promotional code Fit4Spring to waive the enrollment fee at checkout.
   Be sure to have your BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Member ID card handy.

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You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, 1–800–368–1019, 800–537–7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

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ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-800-565-9140 (TTY: 1-800-848-0298).

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ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-800-565-9140 (TTY: 1-800-848-0298).

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## **PayFlex HSA Webinar Series**

PayFlex is hosting a two-part webinar series on ways to help increase health savings account (HSA) adoption and education based on recent studies and consumer research. All ABCs are welcome to register for the series. Information and registration links are below.

## PART 1: Looking for ways to increase HSA adoption?

During this webinar, PayFlex will share more around the HSA story and their value proposition. They'll also provide data and analytics that support ways to help increase adoption in the HSA.

Thursday, April 19 at 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET Click here to register

## PART 2: Help increase HSA employee education and engagement

During this webinar, PayFlex will provide results from recent consumer research focused on how employees feel/think about the HSA and how it's packaged during annual enrollment. They'll also make you aware of the available PayFlex educational tools/resources to use during enrollment.

Wednesday, May 23 at 12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET Click here to register

## State Offices and BA Service Center Closed Friday, March 30

State offices and the Benefits Administration service center will be closed Friday, March 30.

<u>State Offices and BA Service Center Closed Friday, March 30</u> State offices and the Benefits Administration service center will be closed Friday, March 30. However, our medical insurance carriers, BlueCross BlueShield and Cigna, will be open this Friday.

We hope you have a great weekend!

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## ParTNers for Health Wellness Program (State/Higher Ed)

If you get a question about the wellness program and/or incentives, please provide the answer below. You can find this information on the ParTNers for Health website <a href="here">here</a>.

Following the award of the wellness program contract back in July, one of the proposers filed a protest, which was ruled on but the ruling was appealed. The court process is still on-going. We are waiting on the final outcome to determine next steps. What this means for members is that we will not have a wellness program in place (and cash incentives for state plan members) until resolution of the litigation. Please check back here for updates related to the protest process. As soon as the protest is resolved, we will communicate the anticipated start date of the voluntary wellness program.

## HIPAA Training (Local Ed only)

Benefits Administration sent an email to local education ABCs on April 2 about HIPAA training. The information sent is in the attached memo.

The 2018 HIPAA annual training is now open in Edison. ABCs and ABC back-up staff are required to complete this training each year as a part of your LEA's business agreement with the State (MOU). You have until April 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the class.

Please review the attached memo for additional information and instructions on how to complete the HIPAA training requirement.

## Benefits Administration (BA) Webpage URL Redirects

Back in December, we informed you that the state moved to a new website content management system (CMS). Specific webpage URLs within the BA website changed.

If you have bookmarked or use **the following pages** in any member materials, be sure you are using the corresponding URL. Soon, the old webpage URLs will not redirect. If you use the old URL, you will get an error 404 message.

BA Insurance and Benefits home page: https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits.html

**Publications:** <a href="https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/publications/fa-benefits-">https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/publications/fa-benefits-</a>

publications.html

Forms: <a href="https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/publications/fa-benefits-forms.html">https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/publications/fa-benefits-forms.html</a>
Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC): <a href="https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/">https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/</a>

benefits/sbc.html

ABC webpage: <a href="https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/abc.html">https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/abc.html</a>

## **April Preferred Drug List (PDL)**

Attached is the April 2018 State of Tennessee Preferred Drug List (PDL). Also shown below are the additions and the drugs being removed from the PDL.

In the past four months, there were 547 members who filled a drug being removed from the PDL. Of these, 506 were for Tamiflu. CVS/caremark mailed a letter to these members letting them know about this change.

For drugs being removed or deleted from the list, plan members will need to be in compliance by April 1, 2018, or they face higher copayments or coinsurance from drugs moving to a non-preferred status.

Drugs being added to the PDL April 1, 2018, are as follows:

Drug name	Indication	Options/Comments
Atrovent HFA	COPD	To provide an additional option for the treatment of COPD
Estring	Vulvar and vaginal atrophy	To provide an additional option for treatment of vulvar atrophy
Fiasp	Diabetes	To provide an additional insulin option
Fiasp FlexTouch	Diabetes	To provide an additional insulin option
OmniPod Insulin Infusion Pump	Diabetes	To provide an additional continuous insulin therapy option
Tolak	Actinic keratosis lesions	To provide an additional treatment option for actinic keratosis lesions
Trelegy Ellipta	COPD	To provide an additional option for the treatment of COPD
lanthanum carbonate	End stage renal disease	To provide an additional generic option
oseltamivir	Influenza Type A and B	To provide a generic option for treatment of Influenza A and B
paroxetine mesylate	Menopause	To provide a non-hormonal generic option
sevelamer carbonate	Control of serum	To provide an additional generic option
Austedo	Chorea (Huntington's Disease)	To provide an additional treatment option
Kyleena	Contraceptive	To provide an additional treatment option
Mirena	Contraceptive	To provide an additional treatment option
Skyla	Contraceptive	To provide an additional treatment option
Odomzo	Adults with Basal Cell Carcinoma	To provide an additional treatment option
Cystagon	Nephropathic cystinosis	To provide an additional treatment option
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Brisdelle	Menopause	Availability of a non-hormonal generic option (paroxetine mesylate)
Revela	Chronic kidney disease	Availability of generic options on the PDL (calcium acetate, sevelamer carbonate, and lanthanum carbonate)
Tamiflu capsule	Influenza Type A and B	Availability of the generic product, oseltamivir and the brand Relenza
Tamiflu powder	Influenza Type A and B	Availability of the generic product, oseltamivir
Juxtapid	Very high cholesterol in adults with HoFH	Availability of the preferred brand drug, Repatha
Liletta	Contraceptive	Availability of similar preferred brand drugs Kyleena, Mirena, and Skyla
Buphenyl	Urea cycle disorders	Availability of the generic sodium phenylbutyrate
Ravicti	Urea cycle disorders	Availability of the generic sodium phenylbutyrate
Procysbi	Nephropathic cystinosis	Availability of other preferred brand, Cystagon

Attachments: HIPAA Memo

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BA ABC HIPAA Local Education

## **ABC Conference Call Notes**

The combined notes from the April 10 ABC conference calls are attached.

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## Reminder - Benefits Administration (BA) Webpage URL Redirects

Back in December, we informed you that the state moved to a new website content management system (CMS). Specific webpage URLs within the BA website changed.

If you have bookmarked or use **the following pages** in any member materials, be sure you are using the corresponding URL. Soon, the old webpage URLs will not redirect. If you use the old URL, you will get an error 404 message.

BA Insurance and Benefits home page: <a href="https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits.html">https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits.html</a>
Publications: <a href="https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/publications/fa-benefits-publications.html">https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits-publications/fa-benefits-publications.html</a>

Forms: <a href="https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/publications/fa-benefits-forms.html">https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/publications/fa-benefits-forms.html</a>
Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC): <a href="https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/sbc.html">https://www.tn.gov/finance/fa-benefits/sbc.html</a>
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## How do you sign up?

Before May 11, 2018, use your mobile phone to text **PAYFLEXHSA** to 57320. Then, reply **YES** to participate. To learn more, <u>click here to watch this short video</u>.

## We're here to help

If you have questions, log in to your PayFlex member website and click **Help & Support**.

Sincerely, **PayFlex** 

**Note:** This program doesn't involve a "live" person as your coach and isn't an on-going text conversation. The text messages are in a question and answer format. You'll receive helpful feedback based on your responses.

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## Saving money now and in the future

## PayFlex® Health Savings Account (HSA)

By joining one of the consumer-directed health plan (CDHP)/HSA options, you can enroll in a PayFlex HSA. Enroll in an HSA and start saving money for eligible health care expenses.

## What do people love about the HSA?

- Contribute pretax and post-tax dollars.
- Contribute up to \$3,450\*/individual and \$6,850\*/family pretax dollars annually.
- Annual contribution limits include contributions made by both you and your employer (if applicable).
- Unused funds roll over from year to year.
- Your HSA stays with you, even if you switch employers, change health plans or retire.
- If you have an HSA somewhere else, you can transfer the balance to your new HSA.
- Your money can earn interest plus, you can enjoy investment options.

#### Some common eligible expenses may include:

- Deductibles, copays and coinsurance
- Eligible prescriptions
- Vision care, including LASIK laser eye surgery
- Dental care, including orthodontia

### Pay the PayFlex way

Once funds are available in your HSA, PayFlex makes it easy to pay for your eligible expenses.

- Use the PayFlex Card®, your account debit card: When you use the PayFlex debit card, your expense is automatically paid from your account.
- Pay yourself back: Pay for eligible expenses with cash, check or your personal credit card. Then withdraw funds from your HSA to pay yourself back. You can even have your payment deposited directly into your checking or savings account.

## Take care of your HSA and it may grow

There aren't many accounts where you can make tax-free contributions and tax-free withdrawals, and enjoy tax-free growth.\*\* So why not use your HSA to help maximize your potential to save for your future?

Once you have a minimum balance (\$1,000) in your HSA, you can open an investment account. There are a variety of mutual funds to choose from. There are also no transfer or trading fees and no minimum investment amount for a trade request.





Are you considering a PayFlex account? Not sure how much to contribute? Or how much you'll save? Pete, our interactive adviser, is here to help. He's friendly and ready to help you understand the benefits of enrolling in a pretax account and how much to contribute.

Visit payflex.jellyvision-conversation.com

to meet Pete and get started today.



<sup>\*</sup>The maximum contribution limits are subject to change annually.

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## Are you eligible for an HSA?

To enroll in an HSA, you must be enrolled in one of the CDHP/HSA options. In addition:

- You can't have other health coverage that pays for out-of-pocket health care expenses before you meet your plan deductible.
- You or your spouse can't have a general-purpose health care flexible spending account (FSA) or health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) in the same year.
- You can't have Medicare or TRICARE, or have received Veterans Administration (VA) health benefits in the previous three months. Unless the care received was for a service-related disability.
- You can't be claimed as a dependent by someone else.

## Things to keep in mind

- If you're enrolling in a CDHP and currently have an Flexible Spending Account (FSA), you must spend all your FSA funds by December 31, 2017. This way, your HSA will open on January 1, 2018.
- If you dont use your FSA funds by December 31, your HSA won't open until April 1, 2018.

## It's a simple tap with the PayFlex Mobile® app

Managing your account has never been easier. Simply tap to:

- ✓ Check your balance and view alerts
- ✓ Make payments, withdrawals and deposits
- ✓ View PayFlex debit card transactions
- ✓ View common eligible expense items, and more

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- If you're age 55 or older, you can contribute up to an additional \$1,000 annually.
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- Save your itemized statements, detailed receipts and any Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements for your expense records.

#### **Questions?**

Visit **stateoftn.payflexdirect.com** or call us directly at **1-855-288-7936**. We're here to help Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CT, and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. CT.

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## **Edison Down For Maintenance**

Edison will be down for maintenance this Sunday, April 22, from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. Central time.

## **Edison System Upgrade**

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Why do we need to upgrade?

Similar to how Microsoft periodically upgrades Word and Excel, the Edison software needs to be upgraded as well. Upgrades of this nature are critical to keeping the state current with advancing technology. In addition, to maintain our support with our vendor we must stay current or risk losing support. This support is critical as issues arise that require us to reach out to our vendor for help.

Where can I find information about the upgrade?

Upgrade alerts will be posted in the 'Edison News Alerts' section of the Edison Portal. These alerts will help to familiarize you with more specific changes once the upgrade occurs. All prior alerts can be viewed by clicking the link 'News and Events' at the bottom of that section.

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My Links and My Favorites - Navigations in the My Links section of the NavBar will
be removed due to this upgrade. This removal will affect all employees using this
functionality. This removal will require users to recreate their former My Links and/or
My Favorites under the Navbar. Prior to close of business on May 4, 2018, please
remember to research and document your links and favorites via the
NavBar>Navigator, so they can be easily recreated after the upgrade.

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BA ABC HIPAA Local Education

### **ABC Conference Calls Next Week**

ABC monthly conference calls will be next Tuesday, May 8.

The attached agenda includes the webinar login instructions.

Higher Ed – Tuesday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m. Central time Local Ed – Tuesday, May 8 at 10 a.m. Central time Central State – Tuesday, May 8 at 12:30 p.m. Central time Local Government – Tuesday, May 8 at 2 p.m. Central time

## Premium Holiday (State and Higher Ed only)

Premium Holiday Info for STATE, HIGHER ED employees and pre-65 retirees only! What?

- On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Benefits Administration (BA) recommended and the State Group Insurance Committee voted to give all active state and higher education employees and state and higher education pre-65 retirees a premium holiday for December 2018 coverage.
- This means there will be no deduction for your health insurance premium this November.
- The premium holiday is for the health insurance (BCBST & Cigna) premiums only and will not include voluntary benefits.

### Why?

- For the past several years, insurance claims in the state plan have been lower than expected.
- A premium holiday allows us to give back to our employees some of the surplus money on a one-time basis while maintaining sufficient reserves needed to operate the plan.

#### When?

No premiums for health insurance will be deducted from:

- 11/30 paycheck for state employees;
- a November paycheck for higher education employees (depending on payroll);
- 11/30 pension check for state and higher education pre-65 retirees;
- November direct bill invoices for state and higher ed employees and pre-65 retirees; and
- 12/15 bill sent by BA to higher education administration.

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## Form 5498-SA for CDHP/HSA Members (all plans)

We want to remind your CDHP members who have an HSA with PayFlex of the following additional information:

The Form 5498-SA generation process started on May 1, 2018. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires that HSA administrators (such as PayFlex) have this form available by May 31, 2018. This means the form will be available on the member portal by Thursday, May 31. If members elected to receive a paper copy, PayFlex will mail it to them. Form 5498-SA includes pretax contributions from their paychecks, any contributions they made on their own (post-tax), and any employer contributions. These are contributions posted to their HSA for 2017. PayFlex will also send a copy of the form to the IRS.

As a reminder, **members don't need this form to file their taxes**. Even so, they should keep it with their tax records.

## **HSA Family Contribution Change**

The IRS has changed the HSA family contribution amount (again) and the maximum contribution is back up to \$6,900. Letters were emailed to the small number of impacted members letting them know what to do if they want to increase their contribution from \$6,850 back up to \$6,900.

### **Reminder - Edison System Upgrade**

The Edison system will be down today from Friday, May 4 at 4 p.m. through Monday, May 7 at 7 a.m. Central time for a system upgrade.

<u>Collections Applied Reports for May Coverage (Local Ed, Local Gov, Higher Ed)</u> If you automatically receive your Collections Applied Report in Edison on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, there will be a delay due to Edison being down. The reports will generate as soon as the system comes back up May 7<sup>th</sup>.

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BA ABC HIPAA Local Government

## **ABC Conference Call Notes**

The combined notes from the May 8 ABC conference calls are attached. We've also attached the Optum and POMCO presentations from this month's call for your reference.

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## Need to Manually Run Collections Applied Reports for May Coverage (Local Ed, Local Gov, Higher Ed)

There has been an issue with the Collections Applied Reports following the Edison upgrade. We recommend that agencies run their own reports manually this month. The link to instructions to run it is included below. You can also find the information under the Training section on the <u>ABC webpage</u>.

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/finance/fabenefits/documents/abc run past collection applied.pdf

If you need assistance, you can call our service center at 800.253.9981 and we can walk you through the process.

Attachments: Optum CIRS and SUDs

POMCO

HIPAA Training Memo Local Gov







## **Critical Incident Response Services (CIRS)**

The professional onsite crisis services of a Critical Incident Response Service (CIRS) help employees manage their feelings and can have a very positive impact on morale and productivity.

These services are available to all agencies.

Here are just a few of the situations in which CIRSs can help:

- Grief debriefing
- Employee with terminal illness
- Employee death
- National disaster
- Serious injury at the workplace
- Workplace violence



## **Critical Incident Response Services (CIRS)**

- A specialized critical incident intake team is available by phone 24/7.
- An Optum EAP specialist trained in CIRS protocols manages the immediate response by phone.
- Interventions can include on-site support for employees, generally within 24-72 hours of the event.
- Managers receive on-site counseling and continuing education in how to support employees in the following days, weeks and months.
- Can also assist in disaster-preparedness planning.
- Follow up 24 hours after CIRS is performed.



## **Preparing for CIRS**

## **Before the Services**

- You can access CIRS services by calling 855-here4tn 24 hours a day.
- You will reach a CIRS coordinator, who will ask very specific questions about the incident and schedule services, which will be within 24-72 hours.
- The coordinator will provide guidance, communicate the services to your site, and will provide handouts. It will be suggested that a conference room be reserved so there is a confidential space for the counselor to meet with individuals.

## **Day of Services**

- Meet with the counselor and provide any updates or logistics.
- The counselor will provide group support as well as individual sessions with employees. Managers should meet with the counselor in separate sessions.
- The counselor will provide general feedback from the group sessions (without violating any confidentiality), and talk about what to expect from employees in the coming weeks, and how to manage their reactions.



## **After CIRS Services**

Within 24 hours of services, the CIRS coordinator will follow up to confirm if anything additional is needed, and to schedule any future sessions.

This information can be found on Here4TN.com under the "leaders" tab, as well as on page 24 of the Supervisor Manual.

Contact Melissa Ward at <a href="melissa.ward@optum.com">melissa.ward@optum.com</a> with any questions.



## **Substance Use Disorders**

- Information available on Here4TN.com
  - Definition of Substance Use Disorders
  - What to look for in a SUD treatment program
  - How to connect with services
- Information in June newsletters
- Additional Materials Coming Soon





## POMCO and State of Tennessee Historical Overview





- POMCO has been the administrator since January 1, 2007.
- POMCO was selected by the State competitive bidding process on three separate occasions.
- The current contract runs until 2021.
- March 2017 POMCO Group was acquired by UMR, a division of United Healthcare.
- All POMCO services and functions have continued during the past year without change.
- Services will continue as outlined in the contract.
- There will be a few changes that may be noticed by retirees after July 1, 2018.
- As required by the contract by the State, ID cards will be produced that reflect the head of
  contract's Edison personal identification number preceding by prefix 3340. This change is
  required by a provision in the contract by the State. This would occur regardless of the
  POMCO UMR acquisition.



## What Remains The Same- No Change

## **Tennessee Plan - Supplementary Insurance Plan for Retirees**



- State of Tennessee plan benefits and premiums remain the same
- POMCO Plan Administration Services Enrollment remains the same
- POMCO Plan Administration Services- Claims processing remains the same
- POMCO Plan Administration Services- Provider payment remains the same
- Same member website: www.TheTennesseePlan.com
- Same Customer Service Number: 1-888-477-9307
- As it is with the POMCO contract, the POMCO name and branding will remain the same for member materials



# What is Changing Tennessee Plan - Supplementary Insurance Plan for Retirees



- V
- Moving from the POMCO platform to UMR platform
- V
- New ID Cards (including Edison ID number) as referenced in slide one (1)
- V
- New Plan Number (displayed on new ID cards)
- V

Improved format for the Explanation of Benefits (EOB)



Updated web portal

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## **Member Communication Plan**



## Tennessee Plan - Supplementary Insurance Plan for Retirees

- Initial Letter/FAQ : May/June 2018
- Second Letter/FAQ : May/June 2018
- Id Cards Mailed/Custom Insert: June 2018
- Letter on member portal: July 2018





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BA ABC HIPAA Local Government

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#### **Updated Continuing Insurance at Retirement Form**

We have made a minor update to the Application to Continue Insurance at Retirement form. In Part 1, in the second box under Reason for Action, "Surviving Spouse" has been changed to "Surviving Dependent." The updated form is <u>found on the BA website</u>, under Forms on the left hand side, Retirement.

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Members can call PayFlex at 855.288.7936, or go to <a href="http://stateoftn.payflexdirect.com/">http://stateoftn.payflexdirect.com/</a> for more information.

Benefits Administration is ready to assist with any and all **HSA-related** inquiries from ABCs and members.

Attachment: LG HIPAA Training Memo

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#### State Offices and BA Service Center Closed Monday, May 28

State offices and the Benefits Administration service center will be closed Monday, May 28 for the Memorial Day holiday.

Some of our vendor service centers will be closed and some may be open. Here is information from BlueCross BlueShield (BCBS), Cigna and Optum.

- Both BCBS and Cigna's business offices will be closed Monday.
- Cigna's toll-free 24/7 customer service will be available at 800.997.1617.
- Optum's business office will be closed including their claims department, but participants can call 855-HERE.4.TN (855.437.3486), 24/7 for EAP and behavioral health assistance.

We hope you have a great holiday weekend!

Attachments: 2019 Plan and Premium Summary ST
Premium Increase and 2019 Benefits LEA
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Premium Increase and Benefits Memo LG
2019 Plan and Premium Summary LG

**HIPAA Training Memo** 

#### 2019 Premium and Plan Changes Summary (State and Higher Ed)

A summary of the 2019 premium and plan changes is below:

- State/higher education active premiums: For state and higher education active employees, 2019 premiums will <u>decrease</u> by 9.4%.
- Retiree premiums: Will be separate from active premiums going forward and will increase by 3.5%, which is less than this year's increase.
- Dental premiums, pending final approval in June: MetLife DPPO dental plan premiums will increase by 2%; Cigna prepaid dental plan premiums will stay the same.
- Vision premiums: Will stay the same.

#### **Improvements**

- Enhanced coverage for opioid alternatives (medical and pharmacy):
  - In-network outpatient physical therapy placed outside of the deductible—removes up-front cost barriers for members who want to avoid surgery and pain medications. Plan members are still required to pay coinsurance but don't have to meet the deductible first.
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#### Pharmacy benefit changes:

Medication synchronization— allow members to coordinate their maintenance medication refills so that all are filled on the same day to improve medication compliance rates. Copays for maintenance medications being synced would be pro-rated. This applies to statins for high cholesterol, high blood pressure, coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, diabetes, and asthma/COPD medications.

#### Medical benefit changes:

- Bone Anchored Hearing Device—adding this coverage when deemed medically necessary. This coverage is common in plans like ours that also cover cochlear implants.
- Cardiac Rehab: Waive in-network outpatient cardiac rehab cost-sharing. Less than one-third of eligible members participate in cardiac rehab, and those who do typically do not do so as recommended. Cost shown to be a common barrier.

#### • 2019 Voluntary Wellness Program:

- Implement voluntary wellness program for the state plan and provide an incentive up to \$250 for both active state and higher education employees and covered spouses. This increase is due in part to re-engage members in the program since we were not able to have one in 2018.
- Implement voluntary disease management (DM) program (both active employees and retirees are eligible for DM).

**Carrier Networks:** Networks are staying the same; BCBS Network S, Cigna Local Plus and Cigna OAP. Cigna OAP will have the same surcharge as last year and cost more than the other two networks.

**2018 Wellness Program Update:** The prolonged litigation affecting the wellness program has ended. However, because of the time it takes to complete the contract award process and implement the contract, we will be unable to operate a wellness program in 2018. The Insurance Committees approved canceling the wellness program for 2018 at their May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

What that means for members is that we will **not** have any wellness services in 2018. This includes the cash incentive that state and higher education members could earn for completing wellness activities. As soon as we have a target start date for the 2019 program, we will share that information with you.



# STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

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Larry B. Martin COMMISSIONER Laurie Lee EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 25, 2018

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Agency Benefit Coordinators/Fiscal Directors – Local Education Plan

FROM: Laurie Lee, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Benefits and Premiums for 2019

The Local Education Insurance Committee met yesterday morning and approved benefits and rates for 2019. More specific information is attached but here are a few key points:

- The premium increase for all **health insurance plans is 2.5 percent** for 2019.
- For those of you who offer the state's dental insurance, here are the premium estimates, pending final approval in June:
  - O Cigna prepaid dental plan no **premium increase.**
  - o MetLife DPPO plan recommend 2 percent premium increase.
- For those of you who offer the state's Davis Vision plan **no premium increase.**
- We have enhanced coverage for medical and pharmacy opioid alternatives.
- There is not a Wellness program this year. In 2019, there will be a voluntary disease management program that is not tied to any health plan.
- In the Limited PPO plan, the separate pharmacy deductible is eliminated. The medical and pharmacy deductible is combined and deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums will increase slightly (see attached chart).
- Our carrier networks remain the same: BlueCross BlueShield Network S, Cigna LocalPlus and Cigna OAP. Cigna OAP is a very large statewide network that has a \$40 to \$80 surcharge again in 2019.

We will discuss these benefits improvements on the June 12 Agency Benefits Coordinator call. If you have any questions before then, please contact me at <a href="mailto:benefits.info@tn.gov">benefits.info@tn.gov</a>.

Thank you.

#### 2019 Plan and Premium Update (Local Ed)

A summary of the 2019 premium and plan changes is below. Please share this with anyone (Fiscal Officers, Superintendents, others) who might need it.

- Local Education Plan premiums: a 2.5% premium increase to the local education plan premium rates for all products and all tiers.
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- Vision premiums: Will stay the same.

• Limited PPO plan benefits: Separate pharmacy deductible is eliminated; deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums will increase:

	Tier		PPO 2018 nefits	Limited PPO 2019 Benefits	
		In- Network	Out-of- Network	In- Network	Out-of- Network
Deductible	Emp. only	\$1,600	\$3,000	\$1,800	\$3,600
	Emp.+ Children	\$2,200	\$4,000	\$2,500	\$4,800
	Emp.+ Spouse	\$2,500	\$4,600	\$2,800	\$5,500
	Emp.+ Spouse + Child(ren)	\$3,200	\$6,000	\$3,600	\$7,200
MOOP (Medical & Rx Combined)	Emp only	\$6,600	\$10,000	\$6,800	\$10,400
	Emp. + Children	\$13,200	\$20,000	\$13,600	\$20,800
	Emp.+ Spouse	\$13,200	\$20,000	\$13,600	\$20,800
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Larry B. Martin COMMISSIONER Laurie Lee EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

May 25, 2018

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Agency Benefit Coordinators/Agency Directors – Local Government Plan

FROM: Laurie Lee, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Benefits and Premiums for 2019

The Local Government Insurance Committee met yesterday and approved benefits and rates for 2019. More specific information is attached but here are a few key points:

- The premium increase for all **health insurance plans and levels is 2.0 percent** for 2019.
- For those of you who offer the state's dental insurance, here are the premium estimates, pending final approval in June:
  - O Cigna prepaid dental plan no **premium increase.**
  - o MetLife DPPO plan recommend **2 percent premium increase.**
- For those of you who offer the state's Davis Vision plan **no premium increase.**
- We have enhanced coverage for medical and pharmacy opioid alternatives.
- There is not a Wellness program this year. In 2019, there will be a voluntary disease management program that is not tied to any health plan.
- In the Limited PPO plan, the separate pharmacy deductible is eliminated. The medical and pharmacy deductible is combined and deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums will increase slightly (see attached chart).
- Our carrier networks remain the same: BlueCross BlueShield Network S, Cigna LocalPlus and Cigna OAP. Cigna OAP is a very large statewide network that has a \$40 to \$80 surcharge again in 2019.

We will discuss these benefits improvements on the June 12 Agency Benefits Coordinator call. If you have any questions before then, please contact me at benefits.info@tn.gov.

Thank you.

#### 2019 Plan and Premium Update (Local Gov)

A summary of the 2019 premium and plan changes is below. Please share this with anyone (Fiscal Officers, agency heads, others) who might need it.

- Local Government Plan premiums: a 2% premium increase to the local government plan premium rates for all products and all tiers.
- Dental premiums, pending final approval in June: MetLife DPPO dental plan premiums will increase by 2%; Cigna prepaid dental plan premiums will stay the same.
- Vision premiums: Will stay the same.

• Limited PPO plan benefits: Separate pharmacy deductible is eliminated; deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums will increase:

	Tier		PPO 2018 nefits	Limited PPO 2019 Benefits	
		In- Network	Out-of- Network	In- Network	Out-of- Network
Deductible	Emp. only	\$1,600	\$3,000	\$1,800	\$3,600
	Emp.+ Children	\$2,200	\$4,000	\$2,500	\$4,800
	Emp.+ Spouse	\$2,500	\$4,600	\$2,800	\$5,500
	Emp.+ Spouse + Child(ren)	\$3,200	\$6,000	\$3,600	\$7,200
MOOP (Medical & Rx Combined)	Emp only	\$6,600	\$10,000	\$6,800	\$10,400
	Emp. + Children	\$13,200	\$20,000	\$13,600	\$20,800
	Emp.+ Spouse	\$13,200	\$20,000	\$13,600	\$20,800
	Emp.+ Spouse + Child(ren)	\$13,200	\$20,000	\$13,600	\$20,800

#### **Improvements**

- Enhanced coverage for opioid alternatives (medical and pharmacy)
  - o **In-network outpatient physical therapy** placed outside of the deductible—removes up-front cost barriers for members who want to avoid surgery and pain medications. Plan members are still required to pay coinsurance but don't have to meet the deductible first.
  - Waive copays on specific medications to treat opioid dependency.
     Limited to medications used in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) which combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders. The goal is to improve member compliance to treatment programs and taking medications as prescribed.
- Pharmacy benefit changes:
  - Medication synchronization— allow members to coordinate their maintenance medication refills so that all are filled on the same day to improve medication compliance rates. Copays for maintenance medications

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The 2018 HIPAA Annual training is now open in Edison. As you know, ABCs and ABC backup staff are required to complete this training each year as a part of your LGA's business agreement with the State (MOU).

Our 2018 training is now online. We have changed our process to ensure that everyone gets the required training in a timely manner. You have from now until May 31<sup>st</sup> to complete the class. Instructions for how to enroll are at the bottom of this email.

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All agency benefits coordinators in compliance with the MOU <a href="https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/finance/fa-benefits/documents/abc\_le\_mou\_resp.pdf">https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/finance/fa-benefits/documents/abc\_le\_mou\_resp.pdf</a> must complete HIPAA annual training. The training is provided online and can be accessed through Edison. ABCs must complete the annual HIPAA training every calendar year.

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BA ABC HIPAA Local Government

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#### PayFlex Recorded Webinar

PayFlex is hosting a series of webinars for employers to increase knowledge of HSAs. The first recording of the session hosted on April 19 is now available via the link below. Please share this link with other ABCs or interested staff.

#### PayFlex Webinar Playback: Increase HSA Adoption

As more webinars are held, we will share the links to the recordings with you.

#### News from Davis Vision (information is also attached)

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#### Will there be changes to Davis Vision member benefits or coverage?

No. No changes will be made to our benefits and there will be no disruption in coverage or service.

#### Will there be any changes to our provider network?

No, there will be no change to our provider network.

#### Will our client codes stay the same?

Yes, there will be no changes and they will remain:

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No. Member ID cards with the "old" Davis Vision logo are still valid.

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The web address remains <a href="www.davisvision.com/stateofTN">www.davisvision.com/stateofTN</a> where members can still access their accounts in the portal using the same login credentials.

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The Customer Service number remains the same: 800.208.6404. The phone will be answered as Davis Vision.

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No. The member materials Davis provides will be updated with the new logo over time.

#### Will our contacts at Davis Vision remain the same?

Yes. They remain the same.

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• BA\_ABC\_HIPAA\_Higher Education

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#### **ABC Conference Calls Next Week**

ABC monthly conference calls will be next Tuesday, June 12.

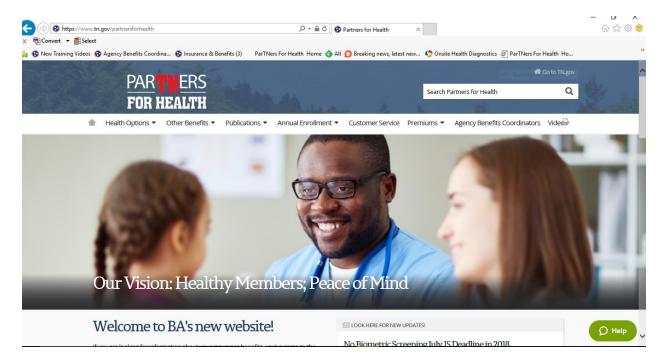
The attached agenda includes the webinar login instructions.

Higher Ed – Tuesday, June 12 at 8:30 a.m. Central time Local Ed – Tuesday, June 12 at 10 a.m. Central time Central State – Tuesday, June 12 at 12:30 p.m. Central time Local Government – Tuesday, June 12 at 2 p.m. Central time

#### **New ParTNers for Health Combined Website**

You may have noticed if you visited the ParTNers for Health or Benefits Administration websites today, that it looked different. We are very pleased to announce that our two separate websites have been combined into one <a href="ParTNers for Health website">ParTNers for Health website</a>!

We'll go into all of the details, including navigating the new site during next week's ABC call, but we wanted to let you know that if you see this new look on ParTNers for Health (below) – you are in the right place!



#### 2019 Health Insurance and Vision Premiums

The 2019 premium charts for health insurance and vision coverage are attached. Dental insurance premiums are pending final approval and will be sent as soon as finalized.

Adding or Dropping Dental and Vision Plans (Local Ed/Local Gov)

As a reminder, the deadline for agencies wishing to add (not already enrolled in the plan) or drop dental and vision coverage is **August 1**.

You must notify us in writing that you wish to add vision and dental coverage. Your notification letter to BA must:

- Be on agency letterhead.
- State your agency's intent to join the vision or dental plan.
- Be approved by your governing body, if appropriate, and signed by your agency director.
- o Indicate your willingness to allow payroll deduction.

Please send your letter to Nakeisha Myles at <a href="mailto:nakeisha.n.myles@tn.gov">nakeisha.n.myles@tn.gov</a>. Your employees will be eligible to enroll during the annual enrollment period in October for coverage that will begin on January 1, 2019.

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Attachments: 2019 Premiums State Active

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2019 Premiums Local Gov Active

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2019 Premiums Local Gov COBRA

2019 Premiums Vision

Higher Ed HIPAA Training Memo



### **State and Higher Education**

### **2019 Active Employees Monthly Health Premiums**

ALL REGIONS								
	BCBST	CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	EMPLOYER SHARE				
PREMIER PPO								
Employee Only	\$136	\$136	\$176	\$543				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$204	\$204	\$244	\$814				
Employee + Spouse	\$284	\$284	\$364	\$1,140				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$352	\$352	\$432	\$1,411				
STANDARD PPO								
Employee Only	\$92	\$92	\$132	\$543				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$139	\$139	\$179	\$814				
Employee + Spouse	\$195	\$195	\$275	\$1,140				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$241	\$241	\$321	\$1,411				
CDHP/HSA								
Employee Only	\$60	\$60	\$100	\$543				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$89	\$89	\$129	\$814				
Employee + Spouse	\$125	\$125	\$205	\$1,140				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$154	\$154	\$234	\$1,411				



### **State and Higher Education**

### **2019 Retirees Monthly Health Premiums**

ALL REGIONS							
	AT LEAST 30 SERV		20-29` OF SEI		LESS THAN 2 SERV		
	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	
PREMIER PPO							
Retiree Only	\$155.00	\$195.00	\$232.60	\$272.60	\$310.10	\$350.10	
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$232.50	\$272.50	\$348.70	\$388.70	\$464.90	\$504.90	
Retiree + Spouse	\$325.40	\$405.40	\$488.10	\$568.10	\$650.80	\$730.80	
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$402.80	\$482.80	\$604.20	\$684.20	\$805.60	\$885.60	
Spouse Only	\$170.40	\$210.40	\$255.50	\$295.50	\$340.70	\$380.70	
Child(ren) Only	\$77.40	\$117.40	\$116.10	\$156.10	\$154.80	\$194.80	
Spouse + Child(ren)	\$247.80	\$287.80	\$371.70	\$411.70	\$495.60	\$535.60	
STANDARD PPO							
Retiree Only	\$145.10	\$185.10	\$217.70	\$257.70	\$290.20	\$330.20	
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$217.60	\$257.60	\$326.30	\$366.30	\$435.10	\$475.10	
Retiree + Spouse	\$304.90	\$384.90	\$457.40	\$537.40	\$609.80	\$689.80	
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$377.40	\$457.40	\$566.00	\$646.00	\$754.70	\$834.70	
Spouse Only	\$159.80	\$199.80	\$239.70	\$279.70	\$319.60	\$359.60	
Child(ren) Only	\$72.50	\$112.50	\$108.70	\$148.70	\$144.90	\$184.90	
Spouse + Child(ren)	\$232.30	\$272.30	\$348.40	\$388.40	\$464.50	\$504.50	
CDHP/HSA							
Retiree Only	\$137.70	\$177.70	\$206.50	\$246.50	\$275.30	\$315.30	
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$206.20	\$246.20	\$309.30	\$349.30	\$412.30	\$452.30	
Retiree + Spouse	\$289.00	\$369.00	\$433.50	\$513.50	\$577.90	\$657.90	
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$357.50	\$437.50	\$536.20	\$616.20	\$715.00	\$795.00	
Spouse Only	\$151.30	\$191.30	\$227.00	\$267.00	\$302.60	\$342.60	
Child(ren) Only	\$68.50	\$108.50	\$102.80	\$142.80	\$137.00	\$177.00	
Spouse + Child(ren)	\$219.80	\$259.80	\$329.80	\$369.80	\$439.70	\$479.70	



### **State and Higher Education**

### **2019 COBRA Participants Monthly Health Premiums**

ALL REGIONS							
	BCBST	CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS				
PREMIER PPO							
Employee Only/Single	\$692.58	\$692.58	\$733.38				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,038.36	\$1,038.36	\$1,079.16				
Employee + Spouse	\$1,452.48	\$1,452.48	\$1,534.08				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,798.26	\$1,798.26	\$1,879.86				
STANDARD PPO							
Employee Only/Single	\$647.70	\$647.70	\$688.50				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$972.06	\$972.06	\$1,012.86				
Employee + Spouse	\$1,361.70	\$1,361.70	\$1,443.30				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,685.04	\$1,685.04	\$1,766.64				
CDHP/HSA							
Employee Only/Single	\$615.06	\$615.06	\$655.86				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$921.06	\$921.06	\$961.86				
Employee + Spouse	\$1,290.30	\$1,290.30	\$1,371.90				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,596.30	\$1,596.30	\$1,677.90				

<sup>\*</sup>COBRA participants enrolled in the CDHP/HSA do not receive a state contribution to their HSA





### **2019 Active Employees Monthly Health Premiums**

ALL REGIONS							
	BCBST	CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS				
PREMIER PPO							
Employee Only	\$627	\$627	\$667				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,034	\$1,034	\$1,074				
Employee + Spouse	\$1,223	\$1,223	\$1,303				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,630	\$1,630	\$1,710				
STANDARD PPO							
Employee Only	\$587	\$587	\$627				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$969	\$969	\$1,009				
Employee + Spouse	\$1,146	\$1,146	\$1,226				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,526	\$1,526	\$1,606				
LIMITED PPO							
Employee Only	\$537	\$537	\$577				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$885	\$885	\$925				
Employee + Spouse	\$1,047	\$1,047	\$1,127				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,395	\$1,395	\$1,475				
LOCAL CDHP/HSA							
Employee Only	\$456	\$456	\$496				
Employee + Child(ren)	\$751	\$751	\$791				
Employee + Spouse	\$889	\$889	\$969				
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,184	\$1,184	\$1,264				

The premium amounts shown reflect the total monthly premium. Please see your agency benefits coordinator for your monthly deduction, the state's contribution and your employer's contribution, if applicable.





### **2019 Support Staff Retirees Monthly Health Premiums**

ALL RI	EGIONS	
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PREMIER PPO		
Retiree Only	\$627	\$667
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Spouse Only	\$509	\$549
Child(ren) Only	\$347	\$387
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### **Local Education**

### **2019 Teacher Retirees Monthly Health Premiums**

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Retiree Only	\$344.85	\$384.85	\$407.55	\$447.55	\$470.25	\$510.25	
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$568.70	\$608.70	\$672.10	\$712.10	\$775.50	\$815.50	
Retiree + Spouse	\$672.65	\$752.65	\$794.95	\$874.95	\$917.25	\$997.25	
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$895.95	\$975.95	\$1,058.85	\$1,138.85	\$1,221.75	\$1,301.75	
Spouse Only	\$327.80	\$367.80	\$387.40	\$427.40	\$447.00	\$487.00	
Child(ren) Only	\$223.85	\$263.85	\$264.55	\$304.55	\$305.25	\$345.25	
Spouse + Child(ren)	\$551.10	\$591.10	\$651.30	\$691.30	\$751.50	\$791.50	
STANDARD PPO							
Retiree Only	\$323.40	\$363.40	\$382.20	\$422.20	\$441.00	\$481.00	
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$532.40	\$572.40	\$629.20	\$669.20	\$726.00	\$766.00	
Retiree + Spouse	\$630.30	\$710.30	\$744.90	\$824.90	\$859.50	\$939.50	
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$839.30	\$919.30	\$991.90	\$1,071.90	\$1,144.50	\$1,224.50	
Spouse Only	\$306.90	\$346.90	\$362.70	\$402.70	\$418.50	\$458.50	
Child(ren) Only	\$209.00	\$249.00	\$247.00	\$287.00	\$285.00	\$325.00	
Spouse + Child(ren)	\$515.90	\$555.90	\$609.70	\$649.70	\$703.50	\$743.50	
LOCAL CDHP/HSA							
Retiree Only	\$250.80	\$290.80	\$296.40	\$336.40	\$342.00	\$382.00	
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$413.05	\$453.05	\$488.15	\$528.15	\$563.25	\$603.25	
Retiree + Spouse	\$488.40	\$568.40	\$577.20	\$657.20	\$666.00	\$746.00	
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$651.20	\$731.20	\$769.60	\$849.60	\$888.00	\$968.00	
Spouse Only	\$237.60	\$277.60	\$280.80	\$320.80	\$324.00	\$364.00	
Child(ren) Only	\$162.25	\$202.25	\$191.75	\$231.75	\$221.25	\$261.25	
Spouse + Child(ren)	\$400.40	\$440.40	\$473.20	\$513.20	\$546.00	\$586.00	
LIMITED PPO							
Retiree Only	\$295.35	\$335.35	\$349.05	\$389.05	\$402.75	\$442.75	
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$486.75	\$526.75	\$575.25	\$615.25	\$663.75	\$703.75	
Retiree + Spouse	\$575.85	\$655.85	\$680.55	\$760.55	\$785.25	\$865.25	
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$767.25	\$847.25	\$906.75	\$986.75	\$1,046.25	\$1,126.25	
Spouse Only	\$280.50	\$320.50	\$331.50	\$371.50	\$382.50	\$422.50	
Child(ren) Only	\$191.40	\$231.40	\$226.20	\$266.20	\$261.00	\$301.00	
Spouse + Child(ren)	\$471.90	\$511.90	\$557.70	\$597.70	\$643.50	\$683.50	





### **2019 COBRA Participants Monthly Health Premiums**

	ALL REGIONS		
	BCBST	CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS
PREMIER PPO			
Employee Only/Single	\$639.54	\$639.54	\$680.34
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,054.68	\$1,054.68	\$1,095.48
Employee + Spouse	\$1,247.46	\$1,247.46	\$1,329.06
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,662.60	\$1,662.60	\$1,744.20
STANDARD PPO			
Employee Only/Single	\$598.74	\$598.74	\$639.54
Employee + Child(ren)	\$988.38	\$988.38	\$1,029.18
Employee + Spouse	\$1,168.92	\$1,168.92	\$1,250.52
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,556.52	\$1,556.52	\$1,638.12
LIMITED PPO			
Employee Only/Single	\$547.74	\$547.74	\$588.54
Employee + Child(ren)	\$902.70	\$902.70	\$943.50
Employee + Spouse	\$1,067.94	\$1,067.94	\$1,149.54
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,422.90	\$1,422.90	\$1,504.50
LOCAL CDHP/HSA			
Employee Only/Single	\$465.12	\$465.12	\$505.92
Employee + Child(ren)	\$766.02	\$766.02	\$806.82
Employee + Spouse	\$906.78	\$906.78	\$988.38
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,207.68	\$1,207.68	\$1,289.28



#### **Local Government**

### **2019 Active Employees Monthly Health Premiums**

ALL REGIONS							
	LEVI	EL 1	LEVI	L 2	LEVEL 3		
	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	
PREMIER PPO							
Employee Only	\$662	\$702	\$740	\$780	\$804	\$844	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,027	\$1,067	\$1,146	\$1,186	\$1,246	\$1,286	
Employee + Spouse	\$1,424	\$1,504	\$1,590	\$1,670	\$1,729	\$1,809	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,789	\$1,869	\$1,997	\$2,077	\$2,172	\$2,252	
STANDARD PPO							
Employee Only	\$620	\$660	\$693	\$733	\$753	\$793	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$962	\$1,002	\$1,074	\$1,114	\$1,168	\$1,208	
Employee + Spouse	\$1,334	\$1,414	\$1,489	\$1,569	\$1,620	\$1,700	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,676	\$1,756	\$1,871	\$1,951	\$2,034	\$2,114	
LIMITED PPO							
Employee Only	\$481	\$521	\$538	\$578	\$585	\$625	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$747	\$787	\$834	\$874	\$907	\$947	
Employee + Spouse	\$1,036	\$1,116	\$1,157	\$1,237	\$1,258	\$1,338	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,302	\$1,382	\$1,452	\$1,532	\$1,580	\$1,660	
LOCAL CDHP/HSA							
Employee Only	\$434	\$474	\$483	\$523	\$525	\$565	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$671	\$711	\$750	\$790	\$815	\$855	
Employee + Spouse	\$931	\$1,011	\$1,039	\$1,119	\$1,130	\$1,210	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,170	\$1,250	\$1,306	\$1,386	\$1,420	\$1,500	

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### **Local Government**

### 2019 Retiree Monthly Health Premiums

	ALL REGIONS							
	LEVE	L1	LEVI	EL 2	LEVE	L 3		
	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS		
PREMIER PPO								
Retiree Only	\$662	\$702	\$740	\$780	\$804	\$844		
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$1,027	\$1,067	\$1,146	\$1,186	\$1,246	\$1,286		
Retiree + Spouse	\$1,424	\$1,504	\$1,590	\$1,670	\$1,729	\$1,809		
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,789	\$1,869	\$1,997	\$2,077	\$2,172	\$2,252		
Spouse Only	\$762	\$802	\$851	\$891	\$925	\$965		
Child(ren) Only	\$365	\$405	\$407	\$447	\$443	\$483		
Spouse + Child(ren	\$1,127	\$1,167	\$1,258	\$1,298	\$1,368	\$1,408		
STANDARD PPO								
Retiree Only	\$620	\$660	\$693	\$733	\$753	\$793		
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$962	\$1,002	\$1,074	\$1,114	\$1,168	\$1,208		
Retiree + Spouse	\$1,334	\$1,414	\$1,489	\$1,569	\$1,620	\$1,700		
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,676	\$1,756	\$1,871	\$1,951	\$2,034	\$2,114		
Spouse Only	\$714	\$754	\$797	\$837	\$867	\$907		
Child(ren) Only	\$342	\$382	\$381	\$421	\$415	\$455		
Spouse + Child(ren	\$1,056	\$1,096	\$1,178	\$1,218	\$1,281	\$1,321		
LOCAL CDHP/HSA								
Retiree Only	\$434	\$474	\$483	\$523	\$525	\$565		
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$671	\$711	\$750	\$790	\$815	\$855		
Retiree + Spouse	\$931	\$1,011	\$1,039	\$1,119	\$1,130	\$1,210		
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,170	\$1,250	\$1,306	\$1,386	\$1,420	\$1,500		
Spouse Only	\$498	\$538	\$556	\$596	\$605	\$645		
Child(ren) Only	\$238	\$278	\$266	\$306	\$290	\$330		
Spouse + Child(ren	\$736	\$776	\$822	\$862	\$895	\$935		
LIMITED PPO								
Retiree Only	\$481	\$521	\$538	\$578	\$585	\$625		
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$747	\$787	\$834	\$874	\$907	\$947		
Retiree + Spouse	\$1,036	\$1,116	\$1,157	\$1,237	\$1,258	\$1,338		
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,302	\$1,382	\$1,452	\$1,532	\$1,580	\$1,660		
Spouse Only	\$555	\$595	\$619	\$659	\$672	\$712		
Child(ren) Only	\$265	\$305	\$297	\$337	\$321	\$361		
Spouse + Child(ren	\$820	\$860	\$915	\$955	\$995	\$1,035		



#### **Local Government**

### **2019 COBRA Participants Monthly Health Premiums**

ALL REGIONS							
	LEVEL 1		LEVEL 2		LEVEL 3		
	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	BCBST & CIGNA LOCALPLUS	CIGNA OPEN ACCESS	
PREMIER PPO							
Employee Only/Single	\$675.24	\$716.04	\$754.80	\$795.60	\$820.08	\$860.88	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$1,047.54	\$1,088.34	\$1,168.92	\$1,209.72	\$1,270.92	\$1,311.72	
Employee + Spouse	\$1,452.48	\$1,534.08	\$1,621.80	\$1,703.40	\$1,763.58	\$1,845.18	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,824.78	\$1,906.38	\$2,036.94	\$2,118.54	\$2,215.44	\$2,297.04	
STANDARD PPO							
Employee Only/Single	\$632.40	\$673.20	\$706.86	\$747.66	\$768.06	\$808.86	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$981.24	\$1,022.04	\$1,095.48	\$1,136.28	\$1,191.36	\$1,232.16	
Employee + Spouse	\$1,360.68	\$1,442.28	\$1,518.78	\$1,600.38	\$1,652.40	\$1,734.00	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,709.52	\$1,791.12	\$1,908.42	\$1,990.02	\$2,074.68	\$2,156.28	
LIMITED PPO							
Employee Only/Single	\$490.62	\$531.42	\$548.76	\$589.56	\$596.70	\$637.50	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$761.94	\$802.74	\$850.68	\$891.48	\$925.14	\$965.94	
Employee + Spouse	\$1,056.72	\$1,138.32	\$1,180.14	\$1,261.74	\$1,283.16	\$1,364.76	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,328.04	\$1,409.64	\$1,481.04	\$1,562.64	\$1,611.60	\$1,693.20	
LOCAL CDHP/HSA							
Employee Only/Single	\$442.68	\$483.48	\$492.66	\$533.46	\$535.50	\$576.30	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$684.42	\$725.22	\$765.00	\$805.80	\$831.30	\$872.10	
Employee + Spouse	\$949.62	\$1,031.22	\$1,059.78	\$1,141.38	\$1,152.60	\$1,234.20	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$1,193.40	\$1,275.00	\$1,332.12	\$1,413.72	\$1,448.40	\$1,530.00	

The premium amounts shown reflect the total monthly premium. The different premium levels are based on the demographics of your agency. Please see your agency benefits coordinator for your monthly deduction, your employer's contribution or if you are unsure as to which premium level applies to you.



### **2019 Monthly Vision Premiums**

	BASIC PLAN	EXPANDED PLAN	
ACTIVE MEMBERS			
Employee Only	\$3.07	\$5.56	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$6.13	\$11.12	
Employee + Spouse	\$5.82	\$10.57	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$9.01	\$16.35	
COBRA PARTICIPANTS			
Employee Only/Single	\$3.13	\$5.67	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$6.25	\$11.34	
Employee + Spouse	\$5.94	\$10.78	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$9.19	\$16.68	
COBRA DISABILITY PARTICIPANTS			
Employee Only/Single	\$4.61	\$8.34	
Employee + Child(ren)	\$9.20	\$16.68	
Employee + Spouse	\$8.73	\$15.86	
Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$13.52	\$24.53	
RETIREE PARTICIPANTS			
Retiree Only	\$3.07	\$5.56	
Retiree + Child(ren)	\$6.13	\$11.12	
Retiree + Spouse	\$5.82	\$10.57	
Retiree + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$9.01	\$16.35	
Spouse Only	\$3.07	\$5.56	
One Child Only	\$3.07	\$5.56	
Two or More Children Only	\$6.13	\$11.12	
Spouse + Children Only	\$6.13	\$11.12	

The 2018 HIPAA Annual training is now open in Edison. As you know, ABCs and ABC back-up staff are required to complete this training each year.

Our 2018 training is now online. We have changed our process to ensure that everyone gets the required training in a timely manner. You have from now until July 1<sup>st</sup> to complete the class. Instructions for how to enroll are at the bottom of this email.

Following is additional background information that will answer most of your questions. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, known as HIPAA, is a federal law that protects the privacy and confidentiality of protected health information. Protected Health Information (PHI) is individually identifiable health information held or maintained by Benefits Administration or our business associates who act on our behalf that is transmitted or maintained in any form or medium. As an ABC, you and your agency are our business associates. The law requires that all covered entities and business associates be trained in HIPAA policies and procedures. The HIPAA training is an example of Benefits Administration's commitment to educate and promote a culture that encourages ethical conduct and compliance with state and federal laws.

All agency benefits coordinators must complete HIPAA annual training. The training is provided online and can be accessed through Edison. ABCs must complete the annual HIPAA training every calendar year.

The 2018 HIPAA annual training must be completed by July 1st. You have 30 days to complete the training. Failure to comply with mandatory training requirements may result in suspension of insurance benefits access. Training requirements will not be waived unless approved in advance by BA HIPAA Compliance Officer.

For further instructions on accessing HIPAA Annual training, please click on link below to watch video or follow instructions below. If you are having difficulty accessing the training in Edison, please submit a Zendesk ticket requesting assistance.

#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ocOyZoEbCM&t=1s

Please follow the path below to enroll in the class. Make sure you enroll in the correct HIPAA class. If you took the course in a previous year, you will receive a message "You have already completed this class on," proceed anyways. Edison will record every year you have completed the course.

- The course takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.
- There is a 10 question quiz at the end of the course.
- You must make at least an 80 percent otherwise you will be required to take the quiz again.

Here is the navigation in Edison:

NAV BAR >Navigator>ELM>Learning Home>Search for Learning type HIPAA > HIPAA Annual Training (HIPA2018)>

• BA\_ABC\_HIPAA\_Higher Education

#### Friday, June 15, 2018

The following email was sent to agency benefits coordinators (ABCs) today.

#### **ABC Conference Call Notes**

The combined notes from the June 12 ABC conference calls are attached. We have attached the 2019 Plan and Benefits presentation slides from the ABC call.

#### Weekly New Hire Orientation WebEx Begins June 25! (State only)

The weekly new hire orientation will launch Monday, June 25 from 1-3 p.m. Central time. This orientation, which is a WebEx webinar, will provide new state employees with a breakdown of their benefit options. **Starting June 25**, the orientation will be held every Monday at 1 p.m. Central time, unless it is a holiday.

The orientation details the different medical options and explains insurance terms, networks, the behavioral health/employee assistance program (EAP) and flexible spending accounts (FSA). It also covers dental, vision, life, short term disability and long term disability insurance. Participants will learn how to enroll, about deadlines and where they can go for additional assistance.

New hires can go to the ParTNers for Health For New Employees webpage for the link to the WebEx presentation. New state employees will go to this same link each week to log in to the WebEx.

#### Adding or Dropping Dental and Vision Plans (Local Ed/Local Gov)

As a reminder, the deadline for agencies wishing to add (not already enrolled in the plan) or drop dental and vision coverage is **August 1**.

You must notify us in writing that you wish to add vision and dental coverage. Your notification letter to BA must:

- Be on agency letterhead.
- o State your agency's intent to join the vision or dental plan.
- Be approved by your governing body, if appropriate, and signed by your agency director.
- Indicate your willingness to allow payroll deduction.

Please send your letter to Nakeisha Myles at <a href="mailto:nakeisha.n.myles@tn.gov">nakeisha.n.myles@tn.gov</a>. Your employees will be eligible to enroll during the annual enrollment period in October for coverage that will begin January 1, 2019.

**Dropping Dental or Vision:** If your agency would like to drop dental or vision coverage for the 2019 calendar year, BA needs a written notice sent to Nakeisha Myles by the **August 1 deadline**.

#### Reminder - ABC Required HIPAA Training (Higher Ed)

If you have already completed the 2018 training, you can disregard this message.

The 2018 HIPAA annual training for higher education ABCs is now open in Edison. As you know, ABCs and ABC back-up staff are required to complete this training each year.

Our 2018 training is now online. We have **changed our process** to ensure that everyone gets the required training in a timely manner. **You have from now until July 1 to complete the class.** 

Please review the attached memo for additional information and instructions on how to complete the HIPAA training requirement.

#### **Edison Down for Maintenance**

Edison will be down for maintenance Sunday, June 24 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central time.

Attachments: State and Higher Ed Plan and Benefits Presentation

Local Ed Plan and Benefits Presentation Local Gov Plan and Benefits Presentation

HE HIPAA Training Memo



## State Plan and Benefits Presentation

# 2019 Vision and Dental Premiums (pending final approval)

- No changes to vision premiums for 2019
- MetLife DPPO: 2% premium rate increase for 2019

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Family	\$85.78	\$87.50	\$110.76	\$112.98

Cigna DHMO: No rate increase for 2019

Tier	<b>Current Active Rates</b>	<b>Current Retiree Rates</b>
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EE+Spouse	\$23.83	\$30.71
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  - Comply with SB2025 pro-rated copays for controlled substances



- 3. Waive in-network outpatient cardiac rehab cost sharing
  - Waiver applies only after deductible has been met
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  - Less than 1/3 of our eligible members engage in outpatient cardiac rehabilitation and those who engage typically do not do so as recommended
- 4. Add coverage for bone anchored hearing devices deemed medically necessary by the claims administrators
  - Majority of plans covering cochlear implants (as we do) also cover bone anchored hearing devices



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  - Applies to PPOs only. Cannot remove deductible for CDHP
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  - Outpatient occupational and speech therapy will be treated similarly since the benefits typically mirror one another
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# No Change to Premium Surcharges – All Plans

- Statewide Network Surcharge
  - Currently, there are 3 networks offered:
    - BCBST Network S
    - Cigna Local Plus
    - Cigna Open Access Plus (OAP)
  - Cigna OAP is a broader network
  - If a member elects Cigna OAP network, the surcharge will be \$40/\$80



## **Premiums**

- State Plan:
  - Active employee premium goes down by 9.4%
  - The Administration established and funded a retiree Trust to provide a secure and stable source of funding for retiree health care costs in the future
  - The Trust Fund is managed by F&A commissioner, State
     Treasurer and State Senate and House Finance chairmen
  - Create separate active and retiree rates
  - Increase retiree premium 3.5%





## Local Education Plan and Benefits Presentation

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## Limited PPO Pharmacy Deductible – Local Education and Local Government Plans

- Remove Limited PPO separate \$100 pharmacy deductible
- Requires adjustment to deductible and MOOP to keep value of the plan the same

LIMITED PPO	2018 BI	ENEFITS	2019 B	ENEFITS
Deductible (Individual/Family)	\$1,600/\$3,200	\$3,000/\$6,000	\$1,800/\$3,600	\$3,600/\$7,200
MOOP (Ind/Fam) Medical &Rx Combined	\$6,600/\$13,200	\$10,000/\$20,000	\$6,800/\$13,600	\$10,400/\$20,800

 No other increases in member cost-sharing such as deductibles, copays, coinsurance, etc.



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## **Premiums**

- Local Education: increase 2.5%
- Local Government: increase 2%





## Local Government Plan and Benefits Presentation

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  - Applies to PPOs & CDHP
  - MAT combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders
- 2. Pro-rate copays for maintenance medications being synchronized
  - Applies only to PPOs; CDHP pays actual drug cost, not copay
  - Improve adherence by allowing members to coordinate medication refills so that all are filled on the same day
  - Comply with SB2025 pro-rated copays for controlled substances



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  - Waiver applies only after deductible has been met
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  - Less than 1/3 of our eligible members engage in outpatient cardiac rehabilitation and those who engage typically do not do so as recommended
- 4. Add coverage for bone anchored hearing devices deemed medically necessary by the claims administrators
  - Majority of plans covering cochlear implants (as we do) also cover bone anchored hearing devices



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  - Applies to PPOs only. Cannot remove deductible for CDHP
  - Removes up-front cost barriers for members who want to avoid surgery and pain medications
  - Outpatient occupational and speech therapy will be treated similarly since the benefits typically mirror one another
  - Members must still pay coinsurance



## Limited PPO Pharmacy Deductible – Local Education and Local Government Plans

- Remove Limited PPO separate \$100 pharmacy deductible
- Requires adjustment to deductible and MOOP to keep value of the plan the same

LIMITED PPO	2018 BI	ENEFITS	2019 B	ENEFITS
Deductible (Individual/Family)	\$1,600/\$3,200	\$3,000/\$6,000	\$1,800/\$3,600	\$3,600/\$7,200
MOOP (Ind/Fam) Medical &Rx Combined	\$6,600/\$13,200	\$10,000/\$20,000	\$6,800/\$13,600	\$10,400/\$20,800



# No Change to Premium Surcharges – All Plans

- Statewide Network Surcharge
  - Currently, there are 3 networks offered:
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## **Premiums**

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