

Lakeview Public Schools Health Care Reform Changes and Other Important Information Regarding Your Health Insurance

The updates below reflect both changes and updates to your current health plan based on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), and additional information regarding certain federal guidelines.

PREVENTIVE CARE

Medical*

Certain services, when billed as preventive, are covered at 100% due to the new Health Care Reform Law. Please note, the services must be billed as preventive, not diagnostic. You may also wish to contact your insurance carrier in advance of a medical procedure that you may undergo to determine what your benefit level is. In doing so, you will want to obtain the diagnosis and the billing code in advance that the Doctor's office or Hospital will use for payment of the service you will be provided. With the diagnosis and billing code, customer service should be able to tell you exactly how the service will be covered.

Items on the Preventive Care Guidelines are covered with \$0 copay:

<http://bcbsm.com/healthreform/index.shtml>

Pharmaceutical*

Certain preventive care prescription drugs are covered 100%.

*A complete list of covered preventive care services and prescription drugs can be found at

<http://www.healthcare.gov/center/regulations/prevention/taskforce.html>

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996 (HIPAA)

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) requires employer health plans to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide you with a notice of the Plan's legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information.

LIFETIME LIMIT NO LONGER APPLIES AND ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY

The lifetime limit on the dollar value of benefits under Lakeview Public Schools BCBSM plan no longer applies. Individuals whose coverage ended by reason of reaching a lifetime limit under the plan are eligible to enroll in the plan. Individuals have 30 days from the date of this notice to request enrollment. For more information contact the Lori Cherry at (586) 445-4000.

WOMEN'S HEALTH & CANCER RIGHTS ACT OF 1998

"Janet's Law" requires health care benefit plans to provide certain coverage following a mastectomy. As part of this coverage, plans must also cover procedures necessary to effect reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy and surgery to achieve a symmetrical appearance, as well as the cost of prostheses (implants, special bras, etc.) Coverage is also provided for physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas, as recommended by the attending physician of any patient receiving plan benefits in connection with the mastectomy. This coverage is subject to the same deductibles and co-insurance that apply to mastectomies under current terms.

OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENSION OF DEPENDENT COVERAGE TO AGE 26

Individuals whose coverage ended, or who were denied coverage (or were not eligible for coverage), because the availability of dependent coverage of children ended before attainment of age 26 are eligible to enroll Lakeview Public Schools BCBSM plan. Enrollment will be effective January 1, 2014. For more information contact the Lori Cherry at (586) 445-4000.

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT NOTICE

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after your or your dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage). In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact Lori Cherry at (586) 445-4000.

MICHELLE'S LAW

MICHELLE'S LAW IS AN ACT THAT REQUIRES HEALTH PLANS TO ALLOW COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR REDUCE THEIR CLASS LOAD BECAUSE OF ILLNESS TO RETAIN THEIR DEPENDENT STATUS UNDER THEIR PARENTS' HEALTH PLAN FOR UP TO ONE YEAR. STUDENTS' ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPENDENT COVERAGE WILL CONTINUE FOR ONE YEAR (UNLESS THE STUDENT WOULD OTHERWISE LOSE ELIGIBILITY WITHIN THE YEAR). TO QUALIFY FOR PROTECTION UNDER MICHELLE'S LAW, THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET: THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR SCHEDULED REDUCTION, THE STUDENT MUST HAVE WRITTEN CERTIFICATION FROM A TREATING PHYSICIAN THAT THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR REDUCED SCHEDULE IS NECESSARY DUE TO A SEVERE ILLNESS OR INJURY, AND THE LEAVE OR REDUCED SCHEDULE MUST HAVE TRIGGERED THE LOSS OF STUDENT STATUS UNDER THE HEALTH PLAN. IF THE PLAN SPONSOR CHANGES GROUP HEALTH PLANS DURING A MEDICALLY NECESSARY LEAVE AND THE NEW HEALTH PLAN OFFERS COVERAGE OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN, THE NEW PLAN WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME RULES.

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (Janet's Law)

Your plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy (including lymphedema). These benefits are subject to applicable terms and conditions under your health plan, including copayments, deductible, and coinsurance provisions. They are also subject to medical insurance limitations and exclusions. This notification is a requirement of the act. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call Lori Cherry at (586) 445-4000.

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (Women's Health Act) was signed into law on October 21, 1998. The law includes important new protections for breast cancer patients who elect breast reconstruction in connection with a mastectomy. The Women's Health Act amended the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) and is administered by the Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

The Newborns' Act is a federal law that prohibits group health plans and insurance companies (including HMOs) that cover hospitalization in connection with childbirth from restricting a mother's or newborn's benefits for such hospital stays to less than 48 hours following a natural delivery or 96 hours following delivery by cesarean section, unless the attending doctor, nurse midwife or other licensed health care provider, in consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn child earlier.

NOTICE TO ENROLLEES IN A SELF-FUNDED NONFEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL GROUP HEALTH PLAN

Under a Federal law known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, as amended, group health plans must generally comply with the requirements listed below. However, the law also permits State and local governmental employers that sponsor health plans to elect to exempt a plan from these requirements for part of the plan that is "self-funded" by the employer, rather than provided through a health insurance policy. Lakeview Public School's Group

Health Plan has elected to exempt the Lakeview Public Schools Group Health Plan from the following requirement:

Parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits.

The exemption from these Federal requirements will be in effect for the 2013 plan year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 31, 2014. The election may be renewed for subsequent plan years.

HIPAA also requires the Plan to provide covered employees and dependents with a "certificate of creditable coverage" when they cease to be covered under the Plan. There is no exemption from this requirement. The certificate provides evidence that you were covered under this Plan, because if you can establish your prior coverage, you may be entitled to certain rights to reduce or eliminate a preexisting condition exclusion if you join another employer's health plan, or if you wish to purchase an individual health insurance policy.

Tell Us When You're Medicare Eligible

Please notify Human Resources when you or your dependents become eligible for Medicare. You will need to provide Human Resources with a copy of your Medicare card. We are required to contact the insurer to inform them of your Medicare status. Federal law determines whether Medicare or the health plan pays primary. You must also contact Medicare directly to notify them that you have health care coverage through an employer group. Privacy laws prohibit anyone other than the Medicare beneficiary, or their legal guardian, to update or change Medicare records. The toll free number to contact Medicare Coordination of Benefits Contractor is 1-800-999-1118.

GENETIC INFORMATION NONDISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2008

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA) prohibits employers and other entities covered by GINA Title II from requesting or requiring genetic information of an individual or family member of the individual, except as specifically allowed by this law. To comply with this law, we are asking that you not provide any genetic information when responding to this request for medical information. 'Genetic Information' as defined by GINA, includes an individual's family medical history, the results of an individual's or family member's genetic tests, the fact that an individual or an individual's family member sought or received genetic services, and genetic information of a fetus carried by an individual or an individual's family member or an embryo lawfully held by an individual or family member receiving assistive reproductive services.

**MEDICAID AND THE CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)
OFFER FREE OR LOW-COST HEALTH COVERAGE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

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

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

Once it is determined that you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, your employer’s health plan is required to permit you and your dependents to enroll in the plan – as long as you and your dependents are eligible, but not already enrolled in the employer’s plan. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.**

If you live in one of the following States, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of States is current as of January 31, 2011. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov Phone: 1-800-362-1504	Website: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx Phone: 1-866-298-8443
ALASKA – Medicaid	COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/ Phone (Outside of Anchorage): 1-888-318-8890 Phone (Anchorage): 907-269-6529	Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/ Medicaid Phone (In state): 1-800-866-3513 Medicaid Phone (Out of state): 1-800-221-3943 CHIP Website: http:// www.CHPplus.org CHIP Phone: 303-866-3243
ARIZONA – CHIP	
Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx Phone (Outside of Maricopa County): 1-877-764-5437 Phone (Maricopa County): 602-417-5437	
ARKANSAS – CHIP	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.arkidsfirst.com/ Phone: 1-888-474-8275	Website: http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml Phone: 1-877-357-3268
GEORGIA – Medicaid	MISSOURI – Medicaid
Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/ Click on Programs, then Medicaid Phone: 1-800-869-1150	Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005
IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP	MONTANA – Medicaid

<p>Medicaid Website: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-926-2588 CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588</p>	<p>Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml Phone: 1-800-694-3084</p>
INDIANA – Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
<p>Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa Phone: 1-800-889-9948</p>	<p>Website: http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm Phone: 1-877-255-3092</p>
IOWA – Medicaid	NEVADA – Medicaid and CHIP
<p>Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/ Phone: 1-888-346-9562</p>	<p>Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900 CHIP Website: http://www.nevadacheckup.nv.org/ CHIP Phone: 1-877-543-7669</p>
KANSAS – Medicaid	
<p>Website: https://www.khpa.ks.gov Phone: 1-800-792-4884</p>	
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
<p>Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570</p>	<p>Website: www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/index.htm Phone: 603-271-4238</p>
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
<p>Website: http://www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov Phone: 1-888-342-6207</p>	<p>Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-356-1561 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710</p>
MAINE – Medicaid	
<p>Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/OIAS/public-assistance/index.html Phone: 1-800-321-5557</p>	
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP
<p>Medicaid & CHIP Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth Medicaid & CHIP Phone: 1-800-462-1120</p>	<p>Medicaid Website: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Medicaid Phone: 1-888-997-2583 CHIP Website: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Click on Insure New Mexico CHIP Phone: 1-888-997-2583</p>
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	
<p>Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/ Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance Phone (Outside of Twin City area): 800-657-3739 Phone (Twin City area): 651-431-2670</p>	
NEW YORK – Medicaid	TEXAS – Medicaid
<p>Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831</p>	<p>Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493</p>
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	UTAH – Medicaid
<p>Website: http://www.nc.gov Phone: 919-855-4100</p>	<p>Website: http://health.utah.gov/upp Phone: 1-866-435-7414</p>
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	VERMONT – Medicaid

Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-755-2604	Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Medicaid Website: http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: http://www.famis.org/ CHIP Phone: 1-866-873-2647
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Medicaid & CHIP Website: http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov Medicaid & CHIP Phone: 1-877-314-5678	Website: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassistance/doingbusiness/003670053.htm Phone: 1-800-644-7730	Website: http://www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm Phone: 304-342-1604
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
Website: www.dhs.ri.gov Phone: 401-462-5300	Website: http://www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: http://www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html Phone: 307-777-7531

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2011, or for more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

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

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

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