



# PAT Active Legal Notices

## Important Information About Your Benefits

The School District No. 1 Health & Welfare Trust is required to provide you with certain legal notices on an annual basis. Please read them carefully, and keep this document for reference. No other action is required.

### Grandfathered Plans

School District No. 1 Health and Welfare Trust believes the medical plans offered to PAT Trust Members all constitute “grandfathered health plans” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans; for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act; for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits. Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the Trust Office. You may also contact the US Department of Health and Human Services at [www.healthreform.gov](http://www.healthreform.gov).

### Important Notice from the Trust Health and Welfare, School District #1 (the Trust) About Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that the prescription drug coverage with Trust is expected to pay out, on average, at least as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay in 2017. This is known as “creditable coverage.”

**Why this is important.** If you or your covered dependent(s) are enrolled in Trust medical plans during 2016 and 2017 and are or will become covered by Medicare, you may decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan later and not be subject to a late enrollment penalty – as long as you had creditable coverage within 63 days of your Medicare prescription drug plan enrollment. You should keep this notice with your important records. If you or your family members aren’t currently covered by Medicare and won’t become covered by Medicare in the next 12 months, this notice doesn’t apply to you.

### Notice of Creditable Coverage

Please read this notice carefully. It has information about prescription drug coverage with Trust and prescription drug coverage available for people with Medicare. It also tells you where to find more information to help you make decisions about your prescription drug coverage.

You may have heard about Medicare’s prescription drug coverage (called Part D), and wondered how it would affect you. Prescription drug coverage is available to everyone with Medicare through Medicare prescription drug plans. All Medicare prescription drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

Individuals can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan when they first become eligible, and each year from October 15 through December 7. Individuals leaving employer/union coverage may be eligible for a Medicare Special Enrollment Period.

If you are covered by the Trust health plan, you’ll be interested to know that the prescription drug coverage is, on average, at least as good as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage for 2017. This is called creditable coverage. Coverage under these plans will help you avoid a late Part D enrollment penalty if you are or become eligible for Medicare and later decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

If you decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan and you are an active employee or family member of an active employee, you may also continue coverage under the Trust plans. In this case, the Trust plan(s) will continue to pay primary or secondary as it had before you enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan. If you waive or drop Trust coverage, Medicare will be your only payer. You can re-enroll in Trust coverage during Open Enrollment or if you have a special enrollment event for the Trust coverage.

You should know that if you waive or leave coverage with Trust and you go 63 days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage (once your applicable Medicare enrollment period ends), your monthly Part D premium will go up at least 1% per month for every month that you did not have creditable coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without coverage, your Medicare prescription drug plan premium will always be at least 19% higher than what most other people pay. You’ll have to pay this higher premium as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to enroll in Part D.

You may receive this notice at other times in the future – such as before the next period you can enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage, if this Trust coverage changes, or upon your request.



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

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the *Medicare & You* handbook. Medicare participants will get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare prescription drug plans. Here’s how to get more information about Medicare prescription drug plans:

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

For people with limited income and resources, extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan is available. Information about this extra help is available from the Social Security Administration (SSA). For more information about this extra help, visit SSA online at [socialsecurity.gov](http://socialsecurity.gov) or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this notice. If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan after your applicable Medicare enrollment period ends, you may need to provide a copy of this notice when you join a Part D plan to show that you are not required to pay a higher Part D premium amount.

For more information about this notice or your prescription drug coverage, contact:

<b>Date:</b>	November 2016	<b>Contact Name:</b>	The Trust Office	<b>Phone Number:</b>	1-844-203-0239
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Remember: Keep this creditable coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you’re required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

## Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you’re eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren’t eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won’t be eligible for these premium assistance programs, but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

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

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, you can contact your state Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 1-877-KIDS-NOW or [insurekidsnow.gov](http://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.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must permit you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren’t already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, you can contact the Department of Labor at [askebsa.dol.gov](http://askebsa.dol.gov) or call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272).

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. You should contact your state for further information on eligibility:

OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website	<a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov">healthcare.oregon.gov</a>
Medicaid & CHIP Phone	1-800-699-9075
WASHINGTON – Medicaid	
Website	<a href="http://hca.wa.gov">hca.wa.gov</a>
Phone	1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473

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To see if any more states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2016, or for more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

### U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Website	<a href="http://dol.gov/ebsa">dol.gov/ebsa</a>
Phone	1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Website	<a href="http://cms.hhs.gov">cms.hhs.gov</a>
Phone	1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

## General Notice of Continuation Coverage Rights

### Introduction

You are receiving this notice because you have recently become covered under a group health plan (the Plan). This notice contains important information about your right to continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. **This notice generally explains continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect the right to receive it.**

### What is Continuation Coverage?

Continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when coverage would otherwise end because of a life event known as a “qualifying event.” Specific qualifying events are listed later in this notice. After a qualifying event, continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a “qualified beneficiary.” You, your spouse, and your dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect continuation coverage must pay for continuation coverage.

If you are an employee, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because either one of the following qualifying events happen:

- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you are the spouse or registered domestic partner of an employee, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because any of the following qualifying events happen:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse’s hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse’s employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse; or
- Your domestic partnership is terminated.

If your spouse is over the age of 55 when you divorce, he or she is eligible for continuation coverage until he or she becomes eligible for Medicare.

Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because any of the following qualifying events happen:

- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee’s hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-employee’s employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced, legally separated or end of a domestic partnership recognized by the Trust; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the plan as a “dependent child.”

### When is Continuation Coverage Available?

The Plan will offer continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment, death of the employee, or the employee’s becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), the employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the qualifying event.

### You Must Give Notice of Some Qualifying Events

For the other qualifying events (divorce, legal separation or end of a domestic partnership (recognized by the Trust) of the employee and spouse or a dependent child’s losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 30 days after the qualifying event occurs.



### How is Continuation Coverage Provided?

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect continuation coverage. Covered employees may elect continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

Continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage. If you have a qualifying event as a result of a termination of employment or reduction of hours you may continue coverage for up to 24 months. When the qualifying event is the death of the employee, the employee’s becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), your divorce or legal separation, or a dependent child’s losing eligibility as a dependent child, continuation coverage lasts for up to a total of 36 months. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the employee’s hours of employment, and the employee became entitled to Medicare benefits less than 24 months before the qualifying event, continuation coverage for qualified beneficiaries other than the employee lasts until 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement. For example, if a covered employee becomes entitled to Medicare 8 months before the date on which his employment terminates, continuation coverage for his spouse and children can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement, which is equal to 28 months after the date of the qualifying event (36 months minus 8 months). Otherwise, when the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the employee’s hours of employment, continuation coverage generally lasts for only up to a total of 24 months. There are two ways in which this 24-month period of continuation coverage can be extended.

#### ***Disability extension of 24-month period of continuation coverage***

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by the Social Security Administration to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to receive up to an additional 5 months of continuation coverage, for a total maximum of 29 months. The disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 24-month period of continuation coverage. You must provide notice of the Social Security Disability Determination within 60 days of the later of the notice of your qualifying event or the receipt of the Determination.

#### ***Second qualifying event extension of 24-month period of continuation coverage***

If your family experiences another qualifying event while receiving 24 months of continuation coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 12 additional months of continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if notice of the second qualifying event is properly given to the Plan. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children receiving continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies, becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), or gets divorced or legally separated, or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child, but only if the event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

### Keep Your Plan Informed of Address Changes

In order to protect your family’s rights, you should keep the Plan Administrator informed of any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

### Exchange Information

Effective January 1, 2014, you may also be eligible to participate in Oregon’s or Washington’s Health Care Exchange, named Cover Oregon and Washington Health Benefit Exchange, respectively. However, if you enrolled in continuation coverage and it was terminated before the end of the continuation rights period, you will not be able to enroll in a plan offered through the Exchange until the next annual open enrollment period unless an event creating special enrollment rights occurs. For 2017, the Open Enrollment Period is November 1, 2016, to January 31, 2017. Coverage can start as early as January 1, 2017. If you do not enroll by January 31, 2017, you will not be able to enroll in an exchange plan for 2017 unless you have a special enrollment event. For more information, please contact your state’s Exchange at:

Oregon Health Plan		Washington Health Benefit Exchange	
Website	<a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov">healthcare.oregon.gov</a>	Website	<a href="http://wahbexchange.org">wahbexchange.org</a>
Phone	1-800-699-9075	Phone	1-855-923-4633

### Plan Contact Information

To request HIPAA special enrollment rights or obtain more information about any of these notices, contact the Trust Office at 1-844-203-0239.

### HIPAA Privacy Notice

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

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) imposes numerous requirements on the use and disclosure of individual health information by Trust health plans. This information, known as protected health information, includes almost all individually identifiable health information held by a plan – whether received in writing, in an electronic medium, or as an oral communication. This notice describes the privacy practices for Trust Health & Welfare plans. The plans covered by this notice may share health information with each other to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. These plans are collectively referred to as the Plan in this notice, unless specified otherwise.

### The Plan's duties with respect to health information about you

The Plan is required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide you with this notice of the Plan's legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information. If you participate in an insured plan option, you will receive a notice directly from the Insurer. It's important to note that these rules apply to the Plan, not Trust as an employer – that's the way the HIPAA rules work. Different policies may apply to other Trust programs or to data unrelated to the Plan.

### How the Plan may use or disclose your health information

The privacy rules generally allow the use and disclosure of your health information without your permission (known as an authorization) for purposes of health care treatment, payment activities, and health care operations. Here are some examples of what that might entail:

- **Treatment** includes providing, coordinating, or managing health care by one or more health care providers or doctors. Treatment can also include coordination or management of care between a provider and a third party, and consultation and referrals between providers. For example, the Plan may share your health information with physicians who are treating you.
- **Payment** includes activities by this Plan, other plans, or providers to obtain premiums, make coverage determinations, and provide reimbursement for health care. This can include determining eligibility, reviewing services for medical necessity or appropriateness, engaging in utilization management activities, claims management, and billing; as well as performing “behind the scenes” plan functions, such as risk adjustment, collection, or reinsurance. For example, the Plan may share information about your coverage or the expenses you have incurred with another health plan to coordinate payment of benefits.
- **Health care operations** include activities by this Plan (and, in limited circumstances, by other plans or providers), such as wellness and risk assessment programs, quality assessment and improvement activities, customer service, and internal grievance resolution. Health care operations also include evaluating vendors; engaging in credentialing, training, and accreditation activities; performing underwriting or premium rating; arranging for medical review and audit activities; and conducting business planning and development. For example, the Plan may use information about your claims to audit the third parties that approve payment for Plan benefits.

The amount of health information used, disclosed or requested will be limited and, when needed, restricted to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purposes, as defined under the HIPAA rules. If the Plan uses or discloses PHI for underwriting purposes, the Plan will not use or disclose PHI that is your genetic information for such purposes.

### How the Plan may share your health information with Trust

The Plan, or its health insurer or HMO, may disclose your health information without your written authorization to Trust for plan administration purposes. Trust may need your health information to administer benefits under the Plan. Trust agrees not to use or disclose your health information other than as permitted or required by the Plan documents and by law. The Benefits Department Employees are the only Trust employees who will have access to your health information for plan administration functions.

Here's how additional information may be shared between the Plan and Trust, as allowed under the HIPAA rules:

- The Plan, or its insurer or HMO, may disclose “summary health information” to Trust, if requested, for purposes of obtaining premium bids to provide coverage under the Plan or for modifying, amending, or terminating the Plan. Summary health information is information that summarizes participants' claims information, from which names and other identifying information have been removed.
- The Plan, or its insurer or HMO, may disclose to Trust information on whether an individual is participating in the Plan or has enrolled or disenrolled in an insurance option or HMO offered by the Plan.

In addition, you should know that Trust cannot and will not use health information obtained from the Plan for any employment-related actions. However, health information collected by Trust from other sources – for example, under the Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, or workers' compensation programs – is not protected under HIPAA (although this type of information may be protected under other federal or state laws).



## Other allowable uses or disclosures of your health information

In certain cases, your health information can be disclosed without authorization to a family member, close friend, or other person you identify who is involved in your care or payment for your care. Information about your location, general condition, or death may be provided to a similar person (or to a public or private entity authorized to assist in disaster relief efforts). You'll generally be given the chance to agree or object to these disclosures (although exceptions may be made – for example, if you're not present or if you're incapacitated). In addition, your health information may be disclosed without authorization to your legal representative.

The Plan also is allowed to use or disclose your health information without your written authorization for the following activities:

<b><i>Workers' compensation</i></b>	Disclosures to workers' compensation or similar legal programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness without regard to fault, as authorized by and necessary to comply with the laws
<b><i>Necessary to prevent serious threat to health or safety</i></b>	Disclosures made in the good-faith belief that releasing your health information is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to public or personal health or safety, if made to someone reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat (or to the target of the threat); includes disclosures to help law enforcement officials identify or apprehend an individual who has admitted participation in a violent crime that the Plan reasonably believes may have caused serious physical harm to a victim, or where it appears the individual has escaped from prison or from lawful custody
<b><i>Public health activities</i></b>	Disclosures authorized by law to persons who may be at risk of contracting or spreading a disease or condition; disclosures to public health authorities to prevent or control disease or report child abuse or neglect; and disclosures to the Food and Drug Administration to collect or report adverse events or product defects
<b><i>Victims of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence</i></b>	Disclosures to government authorities, including social services or protected services agencies authorized by law to receive reports of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, as required by law or if you agree or the Plan believes that disclosure is necessary to prevent serious harm to you or potential victims (you'll be notified of the Plan's disclosure if informing you won't put you at further risk)
<b><i>Judicial and administrative proceedings</i></b>	Disclosures in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process (the Plan may be required to notify you of the request or receive satisfactory assurance from the party seeking your health information that efforts were made to notify you or to obtain a qualified protective order concerning the information)
<b><i>Law enforcement purposes</i></b>	Disclosures to law enforcement officials required by law or legal process, or to identify a suspect, fugitive, witness, or missing person; disclosures about a crime victim if you agree or if disclosure is necessary for immediate law enforcement activity; disclosures about a death that may have resulted from criminal conduct; and disclosures to provide evidence of criminal conduct on the Plan's premises
<b><i>Decedents</i></b>	Disclosures to a coroner or medical examiner to identify the deceased or determine cause of death; and to funeral directors to carry out their duties
<b><i>Organ, eye, or tissue donation</i></b>	Disclosures to organ procurement organizations or other entities to facilitate organ, eye, or tissue donation and transplantation after death
<b><i>Research purposes</i></b>	Disclosures subject to approval by institutional or private privacy review boards, subject to certain assurances and representations by researchers about the necessity of using your health information and the treatment of the information during a research project
<b><i>Health oversight activities</i></b>	Disclosures to health agencies for activities authorized by law (audits, inspections, investigations, or licensing actions) for oversight of the health care system, government benefits programs for which health information is relevant to beneficiary eligibility, and compliance with regulatory programs or civil rights laws
<b><i>Specialized government functions</i></b>	Disclosures about individuals who are Armed Forces personnel or foreign military personnel under appropriate military command; disclosures to authorized federal officials for national security or intelligence activities; and disclosures to correctional facilities or custodial law enforcement officials about inmates
<b><i>HHS investigations</i></b>	Disclosures of your health information to the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine the Plan's compliance with the HIPAA privacy rule

Except as described in this notice, other uses and disclosures will be made only with your written authorization. For example, in most cases, the Plan will obtain your authorization before it communicates with you about products or programs if the Plan is being paid to make those communications. If we keep psychotherapy notes in our records, we will obtain your authorization in some cases before we release those records. The Plan will never sell your health information unless you have authorized us to do so. You may revoke your authorization as allowed under the HIPAA rules. However, you can't revoke your authorization with respect to disclosures the Plan has already made. You will be notified of any unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of your unsecured health information as required by law.

The Plan will notify you if it becomes aware that there has been a loss of your health information in a manner that could compromise the privacy of your health information.

### Your individual rights

You have the following rights with respect to your health information the Plan maintains. These rights are subject to certain limitations, as discussed below. This section of the notice describes how you may exercise each individual right.

#### Right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information and the Plan's right to refuse

You have the right to ask the Plan to restrict the use and disclosure of your health information for treatment, payment, or health care operations, except for uses or disclosures required by law. You have the right to ask the Plan to restrict the use and disclosure of your health information to family members, close friends, or other persons you identify as being involved in your care or payment for your care. You also have the right to ask the Plan to restrict use and disclosure of health information to notify those persons of your location, general condition, or death – or to coordinate those efforts with entities assisting in disaster relief efforts. If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing.

The Plan is not required to agree to a requested restriction. If the Plan does agree, a restriction may later be terminated by your written request, by agreement between you and the Plan (including an oral agreement), or unilaterally by the Plan for health information created or received after you're notified that the Plan has removed the restrictions. The Plan may also disclose health information about you if you need emergency treatment, even if the Plan has agreed to a restriction.

An entity covered by these HIPAA rules (such as your health care provider) or its business associate must comply with your request that health information regarding a specific health care item or service not be disclosed to the Plan for purposes of payment or health care operations if you have paid out of pocket and in full for the item or service.

#### Right to receive confidential communications of your health information

If you think that disclosure of your health information by the usual means could endanger you in some way, the Plan will accommodate reasonable requests to receive communications of health information from the Plan by alternative means or at alternative locations.

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing and you must include a statement that disclosure of all or part of the information could endanger you.

#### Right to inspect and copy your health information

With certain exceptions, you have the right to inspect or obtain a copy of your health information in a "designated record set." This may include medical and billing records maintained for a health care provider; enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by a plan; or a group of records the Plan uses to make decisions about individuals. However, you do not have a right to inspect or obtain copies of psychotherapy notes or information compiled for civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings. The Plan may deny your right to access, although in certain circumstances, you may request a review of the denial.

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing. Within 30 days of receipt of your request (60 days if the health information is not accessible on site), the Plan will provide you with one of these responses:

- The access or copies you requested
- A written denial that explains why your request was denied and any rights you may have to have the denial reviewed or file a complaint
- A written statement that the time period for reviewing your request will be extended for no more than 30 more days, along with the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan expects to address your request

You may also request your health information be sent to another entity or person, so long as that request is clear, conspicuous and specific. The Plan may provide you with a summary or explanation of the information instead of access to or copies of your health information, if you agree in advance and pay any applicable fees. The Plan also may charge reasonable fees for copies or postage. If the Plan doesn't maintain the health information but knows where it is maintained, you will be informed where to direct your request.



If the Plan keeps your records in an electronic format, you may request an electronic copy of your health information in a form and format readily producible by the Plan. You may also request that such electronic health information be sent to another entity or person, so long as that request is clear, conspicuous, and specific. Any charge that is assessed to you for these copies must be reasonable and based on the Plan's cost.

### **Right to amend your health information that is inaccurate or incomplete**

With certain exceptions, you have a right to request that the Plan amend your health information in a designated record set. The Plan may deny your request for a number of reasons. For example, your request may be denied if the health information is accurate and complete, was not created by the Plan (unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available), is not part of the designated record set, or is not available for inspection (e.g., psychotherapy notes or information compiled for civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings).

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing, and you must include a statement to support the requested amendment. Within 60 days of receipt of your request, the Plan will take one of these actions:

- Make the amendment as requested
- Provide a written denial that explains why your request was denied and any rights you may have to disagree or file a complaint
- Provide a written statement that the time period for reviewing your request will be extended for no more than 30 more days, along with the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan expects to address your request

### **Right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health information**

You have the right to a list of certain disclosures of your health information the Plan has made. This is often referred to as an "accounting of disclosures." You generally may receive this accounting if the disclosure is required by law, in connection with public health activities, or in similar situations listed in the table earlier in this notice, unless otherwise indicated below.

You may receive information on disclosures of your health information for up to six years before the date of your request. You do not have a right to receive an accounting of any disclosures made in any of these circumstances:

- For treatment, payment, or health care operations
- To you about your own health information
- Incidental to other permitted or required disclosures
- Where authorization was provided
- To family members or friends involved in your care (where disclosure is permitted without authorization)
- For national security or intelligence purposes or to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials in certain circumstances
- As part of a "limited data set" (health information that excludes certain identifying information)

In addition, your right to an accounting of disclosures to a health oversight agency or law enforcement official may be suspended at the request of the agency or official.

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing. Within 60 days of the request, the Plan will provide you with the list of disclosures or a written statement that the time period for providing this list will be extended for no more than 30 more days, along with the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan expects to address your request. You may make one request in any 12-month period at no cost to you, but the Plan may charge a fee for subsequent requests. You'll be notified of the fee in advance and have the opportunity to change or revoke your request.

### **Right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from the Plan upon request**

You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this privacy notice upon request. Even individuals who agreed to receive this notice electronically may request a paper copy at any time.

## **Changes to the information in this notice**

The Plan must abide by the terms of the privacy notice currently in effect. This notice takes effect on September 23, 2013. However, the Plan reserves the right to change the terms of its privacy policies, as described in this notice, at any time and to make new provisions effective for all health information that the Plan maintains. This includes health information that was previously created or received, not just health information created or received after the policy is changed. If changes are made to the Plan's privacy policies described in this notice, all active participants will be provided with a revised privacy notice, mailed to the address on file.

## **Complaints**

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated or your Plan has not followed its legal obligations under HIPAA, you may complain to the Trust Office at 1-844-203-0239. You won't be retaliated against for filing a complaint. To file a complaint, contact the Trust Office at 1-844-203-0239.



### Contact

For more information on the Plan's privacy policies or your rights under HIPAA, contact the Trust Office at 1-844-203-0239.

### HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment

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) and provide evidence of 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, **60 days** after the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Also, you may be entitled to special enrollment rights pursuant to the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (the Act) if you or your dependents:

1. Lose coverage under a Medicaid or State Plan; or
2. Become eligible for group health premium assistance under a Medicaid plan or State Plan.

If a special enrollment right is provided pursuant to the Act, you may change your election consistent with such special enrollment right within **60 days** as long as the election is made consistent with the special enrollment.

### Waiver Of Coverage

If you elect to waive coverage for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse), you acknowledge that you and your spouse and/or dependent child(ren) can only enroll later during an annual open enrollment period. An exception to this is if you and your spouse and/or dependent child(ren) are entitled to enroll in accordance with the "Special Enrollment Rights" described above.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact the Trust Office.

### Designation of Primary Care Provider (for Kaiser Plans only)

This is required notification of primary care provider rights under Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), also referred to as Health Care Reform.

You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the Plan's network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact your medical plan (see your medical ID card).

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

You do not need prior authorization from the Plan or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact your medical plan (see your medical ID card).

### The Women's Health & Cancer Rights Act of 1998

If you or one of your covered dependents has had or is going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided for the following services in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance
- Prostheses
- Treatment of physical complications of all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits available under your medical plan.

For information on WHCRA benefits or details about any state laws that may apply to your medical plan, please refer to the benefit plan material for the medical plan in which you are enrolled.



## Statement of Rights Under the Newborns' and Mother's Health Protection Act

Federal law protects the benefit rights of mothers and newborns related to any hospital stay in connection with childbirth. In general, group health plans and health insurance issuers may not:

- Restrict benefits for the length of hospital stay for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable).
- Require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours).

Please keep this information with your other group health plan documents. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Member Services at the number found on your ID Card. This notice is provided to you for informational purposes, no action is required on your part.

## Nondiscrimination Statement: Discrimination is Against the Law

The School District No. 1 Health & Welfare Trust complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. The School District No. 1 Health & Welfare Trust does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

School District No. 1 Health & Welfare Trust:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters;
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters;
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Charlene Lind, Civil Rights Coordinator.

If you believe that the School District No. 1 Health & Welfare Trust has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with:

Charlene Lind  
Civil Rights Coordinator  
Northwest Administrators  
2323 Eastlake Ave. E. Seattle, WA 98102  
Phone: 844-203-0239  
Fax: 206-726-3209  
Email: [clind@nwadmin.com](mailto:clind@nwadmin.com)

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Charlene Lind, Civil Rights Coordinator, is available to help you. 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  
Phone: 1-800-868-1019  
Fax: 800-537-7697

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

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ATTENTION: If you speak a non-English language, language assistance is available to you free of charge. Call 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239).

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239).

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239).

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239)。

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-844-203-0239 (телетайп: 1-844-203-0239).

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

УВАГА! Якщо ви розмовляєте українською мовою, ви можете звернутися до безкоштовної служби мовної підтримки. Телефонуйте за номером 1-844-203-0239 (телетайп: 1-844-203-0239).

注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。1-844-203-0239 (TTY:1-844-203-0239) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 844-203-0239-1 (رقم هاتف الصم والبكم: 844-203-0239-1).

ATENȚIE: Dacă vorbiți limba română, vă stau la dispoziție servicii de asistență lingvistică, gratuit. Sunați la 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239).

ប្រយ័ត្ន: បើសិនជាអ្នកនិយាយ ភាសាខ្មែរ, សេវាជំនួយផ្នែកភាសា ដោយមិនគិតលុយ គឺអាចមានសំរាប់អ្នក។ ចូរ ទូរស័ព្ទ 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239)។

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XIYYEEFFANNAA: Afaan dubbattu Oroomiffa, tajaajila gargaarsa afaanii, kanfaltiidhaan ala, ni argama. Bilbilaa 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239).

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239).

توجه: اگر به زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید، تسهیلات زبانی بصورت رایگان برای شما فراهم می باشد. با ( 1-844-203-0239 - TTY: 1-844-203-0239 ) تماس بگیرید.

ATTENTION : Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-844-203-0239 (ATS : 1-844-203-0239).

เรียน: ถ้าคุณพูดภาษาไทยคุณสามารถใช้บริการช่วยเหลือทางภาษาได้ฟรี โทร 1-844-203-0239 (TTY: 1-844-203-0239).

*The Trust reserves the right to terminate, suspend, withdraw, or modify the benefits described in this document, in whole or in part, at any time. No statement in this or any other document, and no oral representation, should be construed as a waiver of this right. This is not a legal document.*

*Please refer to the summary plan description for detailed information. This document is not intended to cover every option detail. Complete details are in the legal documents, contracts, and administrative policies that govern benefit operation and administration. If there should ever be any differences between the summaries in this document and these legal documents, contract, policies, the document contracts and policies will be the final authority.*

