

I SQUARED R ELEMENT COMPANY, INC.

# 2024 Employee Benefits Guide

AN OVERVIEW OF BENEFITS PROVIDED BY I SQUARED R  
ELEMENT CO., INC. TO HELP YOU ENJOY INCREASED  
WELL-BEING AND FINANCIAL SECURITY



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## Benefits for 2024

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## Introduction

As an employee of I Squared R Element Company, Inc. enjoying your work and making valuable contributions to business are equally vital. The health, satisfaction and security of you and your family are important, not only to your well-being, but ultimately, in terms of achieving the goals of our organization.

For the 2023 - 2024 plan year, I Squared R Element Company, Inc. has worked hard to offer a competitive total rewards package that includes valuable and competitive benefits plans. These programs reflect our commitment to keeping our staff healthy and secure. We understand that your situation is unique, and I Squared R Element Company, Inc. is offering an overall benefits package that can be shaped and molded by you to fit your needs.

This benefits booklet is a summary description of your I Squared R Element Company, Inc. benefit plans. If there is a discrepancy between these summaries and the written legal plan documents, the plan documents shall prevail. This booklet and plan summaries do not constitute a contract of employment.

We hope this benefits booklet, along with our additional communication and decision-making tools, will help you make the best health care choices for you and your family.



## Update On Health Care Reform

Effective January 1, 2019 the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) repealed the individual mandate to maintain health insurance or be responsible for a “shared responsibility payment”. We hope to keep offering these benefits as a valuable part of your total compensation in the future. However, because we offer you coverage that satisfies all the health reform requirements, you will not qualify for any federal assistance to purchase an individual or family policy on the open market (the “marketplace”).


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# Overview Of Benefits Program

I Squared R Element Company, Inc. provides an array of benefits that can help you enjoy increased well-being, deal with an unexpected illness or accident, build and protect your financial security, balance your personal and professional life and meet everyday needs. These benefits are affordable, comprehensive and competitive.

The table below summarizes the benefits available to eligible staff and their dependents. These benefits are described in greater detail in this booklet.

## Benefits At-A-Glance

Coverage	Carrier
Medical	
Life & Long Term Disability	
Dental	
Vision	

## Eligibility

- Must be a regular, full time employee working 35 hours/week

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# Overview Of Benefits Program

## Changes and Qualifying Events

### When Coverage Begins

- **Medical:** 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month following employment date
- **Life:** On employment date
- **Long-Term Disability:** On employment date
- **Dental:** On employment date
- **Vision:** On employment date

### When Coverage Ends

Your coverage under the benefits plans will end if you no longer meet the eligibility requirements, your contributions are discontinued, or the Group Insurance Policy is terminated.

### Qualifying Events

Eligible employees may enroll or make changes to their benefits elections during the annual open enrollment period. As with most benefits, once you elect an option you are bound to that choice for the entire plan year unless you experience a “Qualifying Event”. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Changes in employment status
- Changes in legal marital status
- Changes in the number of dependents
- Taking an unpaid leave of absence
- Dependent satisfies or ceases to satisfy the eligibility requirement
- Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave.
- A COBRA-qualifying event
- Entitlement to Medicare or Medicaid
- A change in the place of residence of the employee, resulting in the current carrier not being available

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## Medical



### Summary of Coverage

Plan Features	Univera Plat STD	Univera Silver Standard	Univera Silver 5
<b>IN NETWORK</b>			
Calendar Year Deductibles (Indiv / Family)	\$0 / \$0	\$2,100/ \$4,200	\$3,250 / \$6,500
Preventive Care	Covered in full	Covered in full	Covered in full
Primary Care Visit	\$15 Copay per visit	\$30 Copay per visit after deductible	\$25 Copay per visit after deductible
Specialist Visit	\$35 Copay per visit	\$65 Copay per visit after deductible	\$50 Copay per visit after deductible
Diagnostic Exam	\$15 Copay per visit	\$30 Copay per visit after deductible	\$50 Copay per visit after deductible
X-Rays	\$35 Copay per visit	\$75 Copay per visit after deductible	\$50 Copay per visit after deductible
Advanced Imaging	\$35 Copay per visit	\$175 Copay per visit after deductible	\$100 Copay per visit after deductible
Outpatient Procedure	\$100 Copay per visit	\$150 Copay after deductible	\$350 copay after deductible
Inpatient Visit	\$500 Copay per admission	\$1,500 per admission after deductible	\$1,000 per admission after deductible
Emergency Room	\$100 Copay per visit	\$500 Copay per visit after deductible	\$350 Copay per visit after deductible
Urgent Care	\$55 Copay per visit	\$70 after deductible	\$75 after deductible
Pharmacy / RX (30 Day Supply)	\$10/\$30/\$60	\$15/\$40/\$75	\$15/\$45/\$90 after deductible
Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Max (Indiv / Family)	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$9,450 / \$18,900	\$7,500 / \$15,000
<b>OUT OF NETWORK</b>			
Calendar Year Deductibles (Indiv / Family)	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$5,000 / \$10,000
Preventive Care	20% Coinsurance after deductible	40% Coinsurance after deductible	50% Coinsurance after deductible
Primary Care Visit	20% Coinsurance after deductible	40% Coinsurance after deductible	50% Coinsurance after deductible
Specialist Visit	20% Coinsurance after deductible	40% Coinsurance after deductible	50% Coinsurance after deductible
Diagnostic Exam	20% Coinsurance after deductible	40% Coinsurance after deductible	50% Coinsurance after deductible
X-Rays	20% Coinsurance after deductible	40% Coinsurance after deductible	50% Coinsurance after deductible
Complex Images	20% Coinsurance after deductible	40% Coinsurance after deductible	50% Coinsurance after deductible
Outpatient Procedure	20% Coinsurance after deductible	40% Coinsurance after deductible	50% Coinsurance after deductible
Inpatient Visit	20% Coinsurance after deductible	40% Coinsurance after deductible	50% Coinsurance after deductible
Emergency Room	\$100 Copay per visit	\$500 Copay per visit after deductible	\$350 Copay per visit after deductible
Urgent Care	20% Coinsurance after deductible	40% Coinsurance after deductible	50% Coinsurance after deductible
Pharmacy / RX (30 Day Supply)	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not Covered
Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Max (Indiv / Family)	\$10,000 / \$20,000	\$10,000 / \$20,000	\$10,000 / \$20,000
<b>WEEKLY PRICING</b>			
Employee	\$64.05	\$20.14	\$19.06
Employee + Spouse	\$229.69	\$40.29	\$38.12
Employee + Child(ren)	\$180.00	\$34.25	\$32.41
Employee + Family	\$370.48	\$57.41	\$54.33

\* Member may be responsible for any amount over the allowed amount

# Benefits for 2024

## Medical



### Key Terms to Remember

#### Annual Deductible

The amount you have to pay each year before the plan starts paying a portion of medical expenses. All family members' expenses that count toward a health plan deductible accumulate together in the aggregate; however, each person also has a limit on their own individual accumulated expenses (the amount varies by plan).

#### Out-of-Pocket Maximum

This is the total amount you can pay out of pocket each calendar year before the plan pays 100 percent of covered expenses for the rest of the calendar year. Most expenses that meet provider network requirements count toward the annual out-of-pocket maximum, including expenses paid to the annual deductible\*, copays and coinsurance.

\*Except for Grandfathered medical plans

#### Copays and Coinsurance

These expenses are your share of cost paid for covered health care services. **Copays** are a fixed dollar amount, and are usually due at the time you receive care. **Coinsurance** is your share of the allowed amount charged for a service, and is generally billed to you after the health insurance company reconciles the bill with the provider.

#### Plan Types

EPO/PPO – A network of doctors, hospitals and other health care providers

HMO – A network that requires you to select a Primary Care Physician (PCP) who coordinates your health care

POS – Combines aspects of a PPO and HMO

HDHP – A plan that has higher annual deductibles in exchange for lower premiums.



# Wellness and Health Management

## Preventive Care



Understanding the full value of covered benefits allows you to take responsibility for maintaining good health and incorporating healthy habits into your lifestyle. Some examples include getting regular physical examinations, mammograms and immunizations. Through the plans offered by I Squared R Element Company, Inc. , all covered individuals and family members are **eligible to receive routine wellness services like these, at no cost; all copays, coinsurance, and deductibles are waived.**

### Which Preventive Care Services Are Covered?

The US Preventive Services Task Force maintains a regular list of recommended services that all Affordable Care Act (i.e. Health Care Reform) compliant insurance plans should cover at 100% for in-network providers. Below is a list of common services that are included in the plans offered this year:

- Routine Physical Exam
- Well Baby and Child Care
- Well Woman Visits
- Immunizations
- Routine Bone Density Test
- Routine Breast Exam
- Routine Gynecological Exam
- Screening for Gestational Diabetes
- Obesity Screening and Counseling
- Routine Digital Rectal Exam
- Routine Colonoscopy
- Routine Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Routine Prostate Test
- Routine Lab Procedures
- Routine Mammograms
- Routine Pap Smear
- Smoking Cessation
- Health Education/Counseling Services
- Health Counseling for STDs and HIV
- Testing for HPV and HIV
- Screening and Counseling for Domestic Violence

*“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”*





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## Dental



### Summary of Coverage

Voluntary Dental - HIGH		
	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Reimbursement	Negotiated Fee Schedule	R&C 90th Percentile
Type A – Preventive	100%	100%
Type B – Basic	80%	80%
Type C – Major	50%	50%
Calendar Year Deductible applies to:	B&C	B&C
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Individual</li> <li>▪ Family</li> </ul>	\$50 \$150 Aggregate	\$50 \$150 Aggregate
Calendar Year Maximum PER person (applies to A,B,C services)	\$2,000	\$2,000

EMPLOYEE COST PER WEEK	
Employee	\$1.11
Employee + Spouse	\$2.31
Employee + Child(ren)	\$2.35
Employee + Family	\$3.78

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## Dental



### Types of Coverage with Frequency Explained

TYPE A	
Examinations	2 times in 12 months
Examinations – Problem Focused	Combined with Examinations Limit
Prophylaxis: Cleanings	2 times in 12 months
Fluoride	1 time in 12 months for a dependent child under age 14
Full Mouth X-Rays	Once in 60 months
Bitewing X-Rays	For a child under No Age Limit: 1 time in 12 months Adult: 1 time in 12 months
Labs & Other Tests	
TYPE B	
Sealants	1 per molar in 60 months for a child under age 16
Space Maintainers	1 per lifetime for a child under age 14
Amalgam Fillings	1 replacement per surface in 24 months
Root Canal	1 per tooth per lifetime
Periodontal Maintenance	4 perio treatments in 1 calendar yr, includes 2 cleanings (total comb: 4)
Periodontal Surgery	1 per quadrant in any 60 month period
Scaling & Root Planing	1 per quadrant in any 60 month period
Emergency Palliative Treatment	
Periapical X-Rays	
Other X-Rays	
General Anesthesia	
Resin Composite Fillings(includes coverage for composite fillings on molars)	
Pulpotomy	
Pulp Capping	
Pulp Therapy	
Apexification & Recalcification	
Periodontal Surgery – Soft & Connective Tissue Grafts	
Periodontics – Non-Surgical	
Oral Surgery: Simple Extractions	
Oral Surgery: Surgical Extractions	
Other Oral Surgery	
General Services	

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## Dental



### Types of Coverage with Frequency Explained

TYPE C	
Consultations	1 in 12 months
Prefabricated Crowns	1 per tooth in 10 calendar years
Crown Buildups / Post Core	1 per tooth in 10 calendar years
Repairs	1 in 12 months
Recementations	1 in 12 months
Dentures	1 in 10 calendar years
Immediate Temporary Dentures – Complete / Partial	1 replacement in 12 months
Dentures – Rebases / Relines	1 in 36 months
Denture Adjustments	1 in 12 months
Fixed Bridges	1 in 10 calendar years
Inlays / Onlays /Crowns	1 replacement per tooth in 10 calendar years
Implant Services	1 per tooth position in 10 calendar years
Implant Repairs	1 per tooth in 10 years
Implant Supported Prosthetic	1 per tooth in 10 calendar years
Tissue Conditioning	1 in 36 months
Occlusal Adjustments	1 in 12 months
Harmful Habit Appliances	
Occlusal Guards / Bruxism Appliances	

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## Vision



### Summary of Coverage

Voluntary vision for all members		
VSP choice network (in network)		
Covered charges	Benefit	Frequency
Exams	\$10 copay	1 per 12 months
Prescription glasses	\$25 copay	1 pair per 12 months
Lenses	Single vision, lined bifocal, lined trifocal, and lenticular lenses; polycarbonate lenses for dependent children under age 18	
Frames*	\$130 allowance for a wide selection of frames; 20% off amount over allowance <sup>1</sup>	
Elective contacts	Up to \$60 copay for standard and premium elective contact lens exams (fitting and evaluation)	1 per 12 months
	\$130 allowance for elective contacts	Instead of lens and frames benefit
Necessary contacts	\$25 copay	1 per 12 months
	Covered in full for members who have specific conditions. Contact lenses can be chosen instead of glasses.	Instead of lens and frames benefit
Lens enhancements	\$0 copay standard progressive lenses	1 per 12 months
	Most other popular options are covered after a copay, saving members an average of 30%. Members should see their doctor for special pricing on additional lens enhancements.	
Additional savings	Savings on laser vision correction and additional pairs of prescription glasses and non-prescription sunglasses.	

Employee Cost Per Week	
Employee	<b>\$1.52</b>
Employee + Spouse	<b>\$3.21</b>
Employee + Child(ren)	<b>\$3.32</b>
Employee + Family	<b>\$5.37</b>

\* Member may be responsible for any amount over the allowed amount

# Benefits for 2024 Vision Continued



## Summary of Coverage

Out of Network Providers		
Covered charges	Benefits	Frequency
Vision exams	Up to \$45	1 per 12 months
Single vision lenses	Up to \$30	1 pair per 12 months
Lined bifocal lenses	Up to \$50	1 pair per 12 months
Lined trifocal lenses	Up to \$65	1 pair per 12 months
Lenticular lenses	Up to \$100	1 pair per 12 months
Frames	Up to \$70	1 set per 12 months
Elective contacts	Up to \$105	1 per 12 months  Instead of lens and frame benefits
Necessary contacts	Up to \$210	1 per 12 months  Instead of lens and frame benefits

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# Benefits for 2024

## Life Insurance



### Summary of Coverage

Supplemental / Voluntary Term Life Insurance	
Plan Features	Voluntary Life Plan
<b>Employee Benefit Amount</b>	5 times salary to a max of \$500,000. Guaranteed issue \$50,000
<b>Maximum Benefit Amount</b>	Lesser of 5x annual earnings; or \$500,000
<b>Spouse Benefit</b>	The lesser of 100% of the employee amount to a max of \$500,000; Guarantee issue \$25,000
<b>Dependent Benefit</b>	Amounts of \$2,000 to a max of \$10,000
The following shows how much benefits are reduced at certain ages:	
Employee Age Band- Rates per \$10,000	Benefit Reduction
15-24 \$0.838	
25-29 \$0.838	
30-34 \$1.068	
35-39 \$1.519	
40-44 \$2.329	
45-49 \$3.683	
50-54 \$5.451	
55-59 \$7.955	
60-64 \$10.468	
65-69 \$14.759	
70-74 \$27.925	
75+ \$86.297	
Spouse Age Band- Rates per \$5,000	
15-24 \$0.228	
25-29 \$0.293	
30-34 \$0.428	
35-39 \$0.656	
40-44 \$0.995	
45-49 \$1.525	
50-54 \$2.260	
55-59 \$3.260	
60-64 \$4.413	
65-69 \$6.384	
70-74 \$12.071	
75+ \$37.321	
Child Rate \$0.757	

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# Disability Insurance Long Term



## Summary of Coverage

### Plan Features

Employee Benefit Amount	50% of salary
Maximum Benefit Amount	\$5,000 per month
Elimination Period	180 days
Benefit Duration	SSRI

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# 401k



A 401(k) plan encourages you to accumulate savings for retirement through convenient pretax and Roth (after-tax) payroll deductions and generous company contributions. You are eligible to start contributing to your 401(k) Plan on the first day of the following month after your hire date.

You may elect to reduce your weekly compensation by a specific percentage or dollar amount and contribute it to the plan as a pre-tax deferral. Your total deferrals in any taxable year may not exceed a dollar limit which is set annually by federal law. You are 100% vested in the 401(k) portion of your plan. The company does NOT match 401(k) contributions.



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# Profit Sharing Plan

After working a full calendar year and completing 1000 hours, you become a participant in the profit-sharing plan. Depending on profitability I-Squared may make an annual discretionary profit-sharing contribution to your account. This is in addition to any 401(k) deferrals that you elect to make. The company's annual profit-sharing contribution is allocated among eligible participants employed as of December 31<sup>st</sup> the prior year. Your vested percentage for the contributions provided by I-Squared is based on years of service as follows:

Less than 2 years	0% Vested
After 2 years of service	20% Vested
After 3 years of service	40% Vested
After 4 years of service	60% Vested
After 5 years of service	80% Vested
After 6 years of service	100% Vested

You may personally direct the investment of your entire account in the plan.

Normal retirement date for the purposes of the plan is when you reach age 65.

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# Bereavement Leave

I-Squared recognizes the importance of taking leave when there is a death in the family. All regular full-time employees who have completed 60 days of service are eligible for paid bereavement leave for the death of an immediate family member.

For purposes of this policy, “immediate family member” includes the following and applies both to the family of the employee and the employee’s spouse, child (including foster and child and step-child), sister, brother, parents, and grandparents.

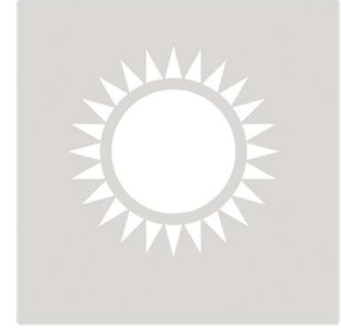
Paid bereavement is up to 40 hours taken off in the case of death of a spouse or child, and 24 hours for other immediate family members.

If additional time off is needed you may take unused vacation; unpaid time off may be granted at the discretion of the company on a case-by-case basis.

You must provide notice of your need for bereavement leave as far in advance as possible. The company may require documentation supporting your need for bereavement leave.

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# Paid Time Off



### Paid Sick Time:

- All Employees are eligible for paid sick leave.
- Employees will be provided 40 hours of paid sick leave upon hiring and at the beginning of each calendar year.

### Vacation

Employees who work at least 35 hours a week are eligible for paid vacation time:

Service	Annual accrual
After 6 months	40 hours
After 1 year	80 hours
After 5 years	120 hours
More than 12 years	160 hours

### Holidays

I Squared R Element Company, Inc. observes the following paid holidays each year:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

## Benefits for 2024 - 2025

# Legal Notices

### Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a federal law that addresses the privacy and security of certain individually identifiable health information, called protected health information (or PHI). You have certain rights with respect to your PHI, including a right to see or get a copy of your health and claims records and other health information maintained by a health plan or carrier. For a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices, describing how your PHI may be used and disclosed and how you get access to the information, contact Human Resources.

### Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act Enrollment Notice

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Woman's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

1. All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which mastectomy was performed.
2. Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; prostheses.
3. Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this benefits plan. Therefore, the following deductibles and coinsurance apply:

Univera Platinum Standard	\$0 deductible in network and copays; Out of Network deductible \$5,000/\$10,000 and 20% coinsurance
Univera Silver Standard	\$2,100/\$4,200 deductible in network and copays; Out of Network deductible \$5,000/\$10,000 and 40% coinsurance
Univera Silver 5	\$3,250/\$6,500 deductible in network and copays; Out of Network deductible \$5,000/\$10,000 and 40% coinsurance

If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your plan administrator at 716-542-5511.

### Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act Disclosure

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

### Patient Protection Notice

Your carrier generally may require the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in your network and who is available to accept you or your family members. Until you make this designation, your carrier may designate one for you. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact the plan administrator at 716-542-5511

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider. You do not need prior authorization from your carrier 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 your 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 the plan administrator..

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# Legal Notices

### **HIPAA 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.

If you or your dependents lose eligibility for coverage under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid or CHIP, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. You must request enrollment within 60 days of the loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage or the determination of eligibility for a premium assistance subsidy. To request special enrollment or to obtain more information about the plan's special enrollment provisions, contact the plan administrator at 716-542-5511

# Benefits for 2024 - 2025

## Legal Notices

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

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

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

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

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

**If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of January 31, 2022. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –**

ALABAMA – Medicaid	COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Health First Colorado Website: <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a> Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus</a> CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program</a> HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442
ALASKA – Medicaid	FLORIDA – Medicaid
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPPI.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPPI.com</a> Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx</a>	Website: <a href="https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com/flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/index.html">https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com/flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/index.html</a> Phone: 1-877-357-3268
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	GEORGIA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp</a> Phone: 678-564-1162 ext 2131
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Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program <a href="http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp">http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</a> Phone: 916-445-8322 Email: <a href="mailto:hipp@dhcs.ca.gov">hipp@dhcs.ca.gov</a>	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 Website: <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/</a> Phone: 1-877-438-4479 All other Medicaid Website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a> Phone 1-800-457-4584

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<p><b>IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website: <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members</a>            Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366            Hawki Website: <a href="http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki">http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki</a>            Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563            HIPP Website: <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp">https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp</a>            HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562</p>	<p><b>MONTANA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a>            Phone: 1-800-694-3084</p>
<p><b>KANSAS – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.kancare.ks.gov/">https://www.kancare.ks.gov/</a>            Phone: 1-800-792-4884</p>	<p><b>NEBRASKA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a>            Phone: (855) 632-7633            Lincoln: (402) 473-7000            Omaha: (402) 595-1178</p>
<p><b>KENTUCKY – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website:  <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx</a>            Phone: 1-855-459-6328            Email: <a href="mailto:KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov">KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov</a>            KCHIP Website: <a href="https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx">https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a>            Phone: 1-877-524-4718            Kentucky Medicaid Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov">https://chfs.ky.gov</a></p>	<p><b>NEVADA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website: <a href="http://dhcftp.nv.gov/">http://dhcftp.nv.gov/</a>            Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900</p>
<p><b>LOUISIANA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.medicaid.la.gov">www.medicaid.la.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp">www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp</a>            Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)</p>	<p><b>NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm</a>            Phone: 603-271-5218            Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218</p>
<p><b>MAINE – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Enrollment Website: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a>            Phone: 1-800-442-6003            TTY: Maine relay 711            Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage:  <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a>            Phone: -800-977-6740.            TTY: Maine relay 711</p>	<p><b>NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website:  <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a>            Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392            CHIP Website: <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a>            CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710</p>
<p><b>MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-premium-assistance-pa">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masshealth-premium-assistance-pa</a>            Phone: 1-800-862-4840</p>	<p><b>NEW YORK – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a>            Phone: 1-800-541-2831</p>
<p><b>MINNESOTA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp">https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp</a>            Phone: 1-800-657-3739</p>	<p><b>NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/</a>            Phone: 919-855-4100</p>
<p><b>MISSOURI – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a>            Phone: 573-751-2005</p>	<p><b>NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/">http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/</a>            Phone: 1-844-854-4825</p>
<p><b>OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a>            Phone: 1-888-365-3742</p>	<p><b>UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a>            CHIP Website: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/chip">http://health.utah.gov/chip</a>            Phone: 1-877-543-7669</p>
<p><b>OREGON – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website:  <a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a>  <a href="http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html">http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html</a>            Phone: 1-800-699-9075</p>	<p><b>VERMONT – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.greenmountaincare.org/">http://www.greenmountaincare.org/</a>            Phone: 1-800-250-8427</p>
<p><b>PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Pages/Medical/HIPP-Program.aspx">https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Pages/Medical/HIPP-Program.aspx</a>            Phone: 1-800-692-7462</p>	<p><b>VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.coverva.org/hipp/">http://www.coverva.org/hipp/</a>            Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924            CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282</p>

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<b>RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid</b>	<b>WASHINGTON – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a> Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RItE Share Line)	Website: <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/">https://www.hca.wa.gov/</a> Phone: 1-800-562-3022
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>	<b>WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.scdhhs.gov">http://www.scdhhs.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a> Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid</b>	<b>WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm</a> Phone: 1-800-362-3002
<b>TEXAS – Medicaid</b>	<b>WYOMING – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://gethipptexas.com/">http://gethipptexas.com/</a> Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Website: <a href="https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/">https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/</a> Phone: 1-800-251-1269



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To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2022, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration

[www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa)

1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

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

[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)

1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

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### **Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) Disclosures**

#### **Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008**

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (“GINA”) protects employees against discrimination based on their genetic information. Unless otherwise permitted, your Employer may not request or require any genetic information from you or your family members.

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.

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### USERRA Notice

#### *Your Rights Under USERRA*

#### **A. The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act**

USERRA protects the job rights of individuals who voluntarily or involuntarily leave employment positions to undertake military service or certain types of service in the National Disaster Medical System. USERRA also prohibits employers from discriminating against past and present members of the uniformed services, and applicants to the uniformed services.

#### **B. Reemployment Rights**

You have the right to be reemployed in your civilian job if you leave that job to perform service in the uniformed service and:

- You ensure that your employer receives advance written or verbal notice of your service;
- You have five years or less of cumulative service in the uniformed services while with that particular employer;
- You return to work or apply for reemployment in a timely manner after conclusion of service; and
- You have not been separated from service with a disqualifying discharge or under other than honorable conditions.

If you are eligible to be reemployed, you must be restored to the job and benefits you would have attained if you had not been absent due to military service or, in some cases, a comparable job.

#### **C. Right to Be Free from Discrimination and Retaliation**

If you:

- Are a past or present member of the uniformed service;
- Have applied for membership in the uniformed service; or
- Are obligated to serve in the uniformed service; then an employer may not deny you
  - Initial employment;
  - Reemployment;
  - Retention in employment;
  - Promotion; or
  - Any benefit of employment because of this status.

In addition, an employer may not retaliate against anyone assisting in the enforcement of USERRA rights, including testifying or making a statement in connection with a proceeding under USERRA, even if that person has no service connection.

#### **D. Health Insurance Protection**

- If you leave your job to perform military service, you have the right to elect to continue your existing employer-based health plan coverage for you and your dependents for up to 24 months while in the military.
- Even if you do not elect to continue coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in your employer's health plan when you are reemployed, generally without any waiting periods or exclusions (e.g., pre-existing condition exclusions) except for service-connected illnesses or injuries.

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### E. Enforcement

- The U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of USERRA violations.

For assistance in filing a complaint, or for any other information on USERRA, contact VETS at 1-866-4-USA-DOL or visit its Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/vets>. An interactive online USERRA Advisor can be viewed at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm>.

- If you file a complaint with VETS and VETS is unable to resolve it, you may request that your case be referred to the Department of Justice or the Office of Special Counsel, as applicable, for representation.
- You may also bypass the VETS process and bring a civil action against an employer for violations of USERRA.

The rights listed here may vary depending on the circumstances. The text of this notice was prepared by VETS, and may be viewed on the Internet at this address: <http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/poster.htm>. Federal law requires employers to notify employees of their rights under USERRA, and employers may meet this requirement by displaying the text of this notice where they customarily place notices for employees. U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, 1-866-487-2365.

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### Model General Notice of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights

(For use by single-employer group health plans)

#### \*\* Continuation Coverage Rights Under COBRA\*\*

#### Introduction

You're getting this notice because you recently gained coverage under a group health plan (the Plan). This notice has important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. **This notice explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to get it.** When you become eligible for COBRA, you may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage.

The right to COBRA continuation coverage was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you and other members of your family when group health coverage would otherwise end. For more information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should review the Plan's Summary Plan Description or contact the Plan Administrator.

You may have other options available to you when you lose group health coverage. For example, you may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, you may qualify for lower costs on your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, you may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse's plan), even if that plan generally doesn't accept late enrollees.

#### What is COBRA continuation coverage?

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when it would otherwise end because of a life event. This is also called a "qualifying event." Specific qualifying events are listed later in this notice. After a qualifying event, COBRA 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 COBRA continuation coverage must pay for COBRA continuation coverage.

If you're an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

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

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If you're the spouse of an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- 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.

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

- 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 or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a "dependent child."

Sometimes, filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under title 11 of the United States Code can be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to I Squared R Element Company, Inc., and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage of any retired employee covered under the Plan, the retired employee will become a qualified beneficiary. The retired employee's spouse, surviving spouse, and dependent children will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under the Plan.

### **When is COBRA continuation coverage available?**

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. The employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the following qualifying events:

- The end of employment or reduction of hours of employment;
- Death of the employee;
- The employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both).

**For all other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation 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 60 days [or enter longer period permitted under the terms of the Plan] after the qualifying event occurs. You must provide this notice to: Diane Wnek.**

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### **How is COBRA continuation coverage provided?**

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

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage that generally lasts for 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.

There are also ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended:

### ***Disability extension of 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage***

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by Social Security to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to get up to an additional 11 months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 29 months. The disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage.

### ***Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage***

If your family experiences another qualifying event during the 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if the Plan is properly notified about the second qualifying event. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children getting COBRA continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies; becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); gets divorced or legally separated; or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child. This extension is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

### **Are there other coverage options besides COBRA Continuation Coverage?**

Yes. Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicare, Medicaid, [Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#), or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

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### Can I enroll in Medicare instead of COBRA continuation coverage after my group health plan coverage ends?

In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the Medicare initial enrollment period, you have an 8-month special enrollment period<sup>1</sup> to sign up for Medicare Part A or B, beginning on the earlier of

- The month after your employment ends; or
- The month after group health plan coverage based on current employment ends.

If you don't enroll in Medicare and elect COBRA continuation coverage instead, you may have to pay a Part B late enrollment penalty and you may have a gap in coverage if you decide you want Part B later. If you elect COBRA continuation coverage and later enroll in Medicare Part A or B before the COBRA continuation coverage ends, the Plan may terminate your continuation coverage. However, if Medicare Part A or B is effective on or before the date of the COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued on account of Medicare entitlement, even if you enroll in the other part of Medicare after the date of the election of COBRA coverage.

If you are enrolled in both COBRA continuation coverage and Medicare, Medicare will generally pay first (primary payer) and COBRA continuation coverage will pay second. Certain plans may pay as if secondary to Medicare, even if you are not enrolled in Medicare.

For more information visit <https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you>.

### If you have questions

Questions concerning your Plan or your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit [www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa). (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.) For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

### Keep your Plan informed of address changes

To protect your family's rights, let the Plan Administrator know about 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.

### Plan contact information

Diane Wnek 716-542-5511

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/how-do-i-get-parts-a-b/part-a-part-b-sign-up-periods>



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### Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Eligible employees who work for a covered employer can take up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave in a 12-month period for the following reasons:

- The birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care;
- To bond with a child (leave must be taken within one year of the child's birth or placement);
- To care for the employee's spouse, child, or parent who has a qualifying serious health condition;
- For the employee's own qualifying serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job;
- For qualifying exigencies related to the foreign deployment of a military member who is the employee's spouse, child, or parent.

An eligible employee who is a covered servicemember's spouse, child, parent, or next of kin may also take up to 26 weeks of FMLA leave in a single 12-month period to care for the servicemember with a serious injury or illness.

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An employee does not need to use leave in one block. When it is medically necessary or otherwise permitted, employees may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule.

Employees may choose, or an employer may require, use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. If an employee substitutes accrued paid leave for FMLA leave, the employee must comply with the employer's normal paid leave policies.

While employees are on FMLA leave, employers must continue health insurance coverage as if the employees were not on leave.

Upon return from FMLA leave, most employees must be restored to the same job or one nearly identical to it with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms and conditions.

An employer may not interfere with an individual's FMLA rights or retaliate against someone for using or trying to use FMLA leave, opposing any practice made unlawful by the FMLA, or being involved in any proceeding under or related to the FMLA.

### Eligibility Requirements

An employee who works for a covered employer must meet three criteria in order to be eligible for FMLA leave. The employee must:

- Have worked for the employer for at least 12 months;
- Have at least 1,250 hours of service in the 12 months before taking leave;\* and
- Work at a location where the employer has at least 50 employees within 75 miles of the employee's worksite.

\*Special "hours of service" requirements apply to airline flight crew employees.

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Generally, employees must give 30-days' advance notice of the need for FMLA leave. If it is not possible to give 30-days' notice, an employee must notify the employer as soon as possible and, generally, follow the employer's usual procedures.

Employees do not have to share a medical diagnosis, but must provide enough information to the employer so it can determine if the leave qualifies for FMLA protection. Sufficient information could include informing an employer that the employee is or will be unable to perform his or her job functions, that a family member cannot perform daily activities, or that hospitalization or continuing medical treatment is necessary. Employees must inform the employer if the need for leave is for a reason for which FMLA leave was previously taken or certified.

Employers can require a certification or periodic recertification supporting the need for leave. If the employer determines that the certification is incomplete, it must provide a written notice indicating what additional information is required.

### **Employer Responsibilities**

Once an employer becomes aware that an employee's need for leave is for a reason that may qualify under the FMLA, the employer must notify the employee if he or she is eligible for FMLA leave and, if eligible, must also provide a notice of rights and responsibilities under the FMLA. If the employee is not eligible, the employer must provide a reason for ineligibility.

Employers must notify its employees if leave will be designated as FMLA leave, and if so, how much leave will be designated as FMLA leave.

### **Enforcement**

Employees may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, or may bring a private lawsuit against an employer.

The FMLA does not affect any federal or state law prohibiting discrimination or supersede any state or local law or collective bargaining agreement that provides greater family or medical leave rights.

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### Important Notice from I Squared R Element Company, Inc. About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with I Squared R Element Company, Inc. and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. I Squared R Element Company, Inc. has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the Univera Healthcare is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

#### When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>. However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

#### What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current I Squared R Element Company, Inc. coverage will be affected. You can keep this coverage if you elect part D and this plan will coordinate with Part D coverage; for those individuals who elect Part D coverage, coverage under the entity's plan will end for the individual and all covered dependents, etc.). See pages 7- 9 of the CMS Disclosure of Creditable Coverage To Medicare Part D Eligible Individuals Guidance (available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CreditableCoverage>) which outlines the prescription drug plan provisions/options that Medicare eligible individuals may have available to them when they become eligible for Medicare Part D.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current I Squared R Element Company, Inc. coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will not be able to get this coverage back.

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### When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with I Squared R Element Company, Inc. and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

### For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...

Contact the person listed below for further information call Diane Wnek at 716-542-5511 **NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through I Squared R Element Company, Inc. changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

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

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

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

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).**

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[Optional Insert - Entities can choose to insert the following information box if they choose to provide a personalized disclosure notice.]

Medicare Eligible Individual's Name: [Insert Full Name of Medicare Eligible Individual] Individual's DOB or unique Member ID: [Insert Individual's Date of Birth], or [Member ID]

The individual stated above has been covered under **creditable** prescription drug coverage for the following date ranges that occurred after May 15, 2006:

**From:** [Insert MM/DD/YY] **To:** [Insert MM/DD/YY]

Date: [Insert Position/Office]  
Name of Entity/Sender: I Squared R Element Company, Inc.  
Contact Position/Office: [Insert MM/DD/YY]  
Address: [Insert Street Address, City, State & Zip Code of Entity]  
Phone Number: [Insert Entity Phone Number]

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

Form Approved  
OMB No. 1210-0149  
(expires 6-30-2023)

## PART A: General Information

When key parts of the healthcare law take effect in 2014, there will be a new way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the new Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by your employer.

### What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins in October 2013 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2014 in your area.

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

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that doesn't meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you're eligible for depends on your household income.

### Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.5% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.

**Note:** If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, then you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution, as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage, is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

### How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description or contact Diane Wnek at 716-542-5511

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

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### PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

3. Employer name I Squared R Element Company		4. Employer Identification Number (EIN) 16-0876498	
5. Employer address 12600 Clarence Center Road PO Box 390		6. Employer phone number 716-542-5511	
7. City Akron	8. State NY	9. ZIP code 14001	
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? Nia Croyle or James Tubiolo			
11. Phone number (if different from above)		12. Email address: nia.croyle@isquaredrelement.com 12. Email address: j.tubiolo@isquaredrelement.com	

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

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to:
  - **Full time employees working at least 35 hours a week**

- With respect to dependents:

- **We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:**
- **Spouse, Children, Domestic Partner**

- If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.

^^ Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.

If you decide to shop for coverage in the Marketplace, [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

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The information below corresponds to the Marketplace Employer Coverage Tool. Completing this section is optional for employers, but will help ensure employees understand their coverage choices.

- 13. Is the employee currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will the employee be eligible in the next 3 months?**
- Yes** (Continue)
    - 13a. If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probationary period, when is the employee eligible for coverage? \_\_\_\_\_(mm/dd/yyyy) (Continue)
  - No** (STOP and return this form to employee)

14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard\*? Yes (Go to question 15)  No   
(STOP and return form to employee)
15. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard\* **offered only to the employee** (don't include family plans): If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/ she received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and didn't receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.
- a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b. How often?  Weekly  Every 2 weeks  Twice a month  
month  Monthly  Quarterly  Yearly

If the plan year will end soon and you know that the health plans offered will change, go to question 16. If you don't know, STOP and return form to employee.

16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year? \_\_\_\_\_
- Employer won't offer health coverage
  - Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.\* (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)
- a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b. How often?  Weekly  Every 2 weeks  Twice a month  
month  Monthly  Quarterly  Yearly



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# Contact Information

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Carrier Name	Website	Email	Phone Number
UNUM	<a href="http://www.unum.com">www.unum.com</a>	<a href="mailto:unum@unum.com">unum@unum.com</a>	(800) 275-8686
Univera Healthcare	<a href="http://www.univerahealthcare.com">http://www.univerahealthcare.com</a>	<a href="mailto:info@univerahealthcare.com">info@univerahealthcare.com</a>	(716) 847-1480

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Broker	Phone Number
Sheridan Benefits	(716) 580-3773

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*This booklet provides only a summary of your benefits. All services described within are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions set forth in each insurance carrier or provider's contract.*



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