



Annual Required Health Insurance Notices
for Benefit Eligible Faculty and Staff Plan
Year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

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If you (and/or your dependents) have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please see page 7 for more details.

1. Special Enrollment Rights

If you do not enroll yourself and your dependents in a group health plan after you become eligible or during annual open enrollment, you may be able to enroll under the special enrollment rules under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) that apply when an individual declines coverage and later wishes to elect it. Generally, special enrollment is available if (i) you declined coverage because you had other health care coverage that you have now lost through no fault of your own (or employer contributions to your other health care coverage terminate); or (ii) you have acquired a new dependent (through marriage or the birth or adoption of a child) and wish to cover that person. When you have previously declined coverage, you must have given (in writing) the alternative coverage as your reason for waiving coverage under the group health plan when you declined to participate. In either case, as long as you meet the necessary requirements, you can enroll both yourself and all eligible dependents in the group health plan if you provide notice to the Plan Administrator within 30 calendar days after you lose your alternative coverage (or employer contributions to your alternative coverage cease) or the date of your marriage or the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption of your child.

It is your responsibility to notify the CMU Benefits & Wellness office at benefits@cmich.edu or 989-774-3661 and submit the appropriate paperwork to enroll you and/or your dependents in coverage.

2. Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

You may also enroll yourself and your dependents in a group health plan if you or one of your eligible dependent’s coverage under Medicaid or the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility, or if you or one of your eligible dependents become eligible for premium assistance under a Medicaid or CHIP plan. Under these two circumstances, the special enrollment period must be requested within 60 calendar days of the loss of Medicaid/CHIP coverage or of the determination of eligibility for premium assistance under Medicaid/CHIP.

It is your responsibility to notify the CMU Benefits & Wellness office at benefits@cmich.edu or 989-774-3661 and submit the appropriate paperwork to enroll you and/or your dependents in coverage. More information on CHIP is provided later in this document.

3. Special Rule for Maternity and Infant Coverage

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 attending provider or physician, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours, as applicable).

4. Women’s Health and Cancer Right Act (WHCRA)

The Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (“WHCRA”) requires group health plans, insurance issuers, and HMOs who already provide medical and surgical benefits for mastectomy procedures to provide insurance coverage for reconstructive surgery following mastectomies. This expanded coverage includes (i) reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed; (ii) surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and (iii) prostheses and physical complications at all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductible and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under CMU’s medical plans. If you need further information, please contact the Customer Service number on the back of your medical (BCBS or MESSA) identification card.

5. Notice Regarding Lifetime and Annual Dollar Limits

In accordance with applicable law, none of the lifetime dollar limits and annual dollar limits set forth in the Plan shall apply to “essential health benefits,” as such term is defined under Section 1302(b) of the Affordable Care Act. The law defines “essential health benefits” to include, at minimum, items and services covered within certain categories including emergency services, hospitalization, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, and laboratory services, but currently provides little further information. Accordingly, a determination as to whether a benefit constitutes an “essential health benefit” will be based on a good faith interpretation by the Plan Administrator of the guidance available as of the date on which the determination is made.

6. HIPAA Privacy Notice

The privacy rules under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) require the Central Michigan University health & welfare plan to periodically send a reminder to participants about the availability of the plan’s Privacy Notice and how to obtain that notice. The Privacy Notice explains participants’ rights and the Plan’s legal duties with respect to protected health information (PHI) and how the Plan may use and disclose PHI.

To obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices, contact the HIPAA Privacy Office at 989-774-2829 or hipaa@cmich.edu. You may also view the Privacy Notice under HIPAA section of the CMU website at https://www.cmich.edu/docs/default-source/president's-division/general-counsel/administrative-policy-docs/12/p12003.pdf?sfvrsn=2ec4b3d7_40.

7. Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) requires health plans to protect the confidentiality of your private health information. More detailed information is provided in the health's plan notice of privacy practices.

8. Continuation of Benefits Coverage

Continuation of Benefits 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. This notice contains important information about your right to COBRA continuation of coverage, which is temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. Further details are available on the COBRA Continuation Coverage website at www.cmich.edu/cobra.

9. Summary of Benefits and Coverage

As required by law, the Central Michigan University has created Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) documents. The SBC describes your 2025-2026 health coverage options. You can view the SBCs online at www.cmich.edu/benefits-wellness or request that we send you a paper copy free of charge. To ask for a paper copy, call CMU Benefits & Wellness office at 989-774-3661.

10. Disclosure About the Benefit Enrollment Communications

The benefit enrollment communications contain a general outline of covered benefits and do not include all the benefits, limitations and exclusions of the benefit programs. If there are any discrepancies between the illustrations contained herein and the benefit proposals or official benefit plan documents, the benefit proposals or official benefit plan documents prevail. See the official benefit plan documents for a full list of exclusions. Central Michigan University reserves the right to amend, modify or terminate any plan at any time and in any manner.

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.

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 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 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, 2025. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid

Website: <http://myalhipp.com/>

Phone: 1-855-692-5447

ALASKA – Medicaid

The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program

Website: <http://myakhipp.com/>

Phone: 1-866-251-4861

Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com

Medicaid Eligibility: <https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx>

ARKANSAS – Medicaid

Website: <http://myarhipp.com/>

Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)

CALIFORNIA – Medicaid

Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program

Website: <http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp>

Phone: 916-445-8322

Fax: 916-440-5676

Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov

COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

Health First Colorado Website: <https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/>

Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711

CHP+: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus>

CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711

Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI):

<https://www.mycohibi.com/>

HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442

FLORIDA – Medicaid

Website:

<https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com/flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/index.html>

Phone: 1-877-357-3268

GEORGIA – Medicaid

GA HIPP Website: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp>

Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1

GA CHIPRA Website: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra>

Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 2

INDIANA – Medicaid

Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64

Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/>

Phone: 1-877-438-4479

All other Medicaid

Website: <https://www.in.gov/medicaid/>

Phone 1-800-457-4584

IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)

Medicaid Website: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members>

Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366

Hawki Website: <http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki>

Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563

HIPP Website: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp>

HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562

KANSAS – Medicaid

Website: <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/>

Phone: 1-800-792-4884

HIPP Phone: 1-800-867-4660

KENTUCKY – Medicaid

Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website:

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx>

Phone: 1-855-459-6328

Email: KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov

KCHIP Website: <https://kynect.ky.gov>

Phone: 1-877-524-4718

Kentucky Medicaid Website: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms>

LOUISIANA – Medicaid
Website: www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp
Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)

MAINE – Medicaid
Enrollment Website:
https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US
Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711
Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage:
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms>
Phone: 1-800-977-6740 TTY: Maine relay 711

MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa>
Phone: 1-800-862-4840 TTY: 711
Email: masspreassistance@accenture.com

MINNESOTA – Medicaid
Website: <https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp>
Phone: 1-800-657-3739
MISSOURI – Medicaid
Website: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm>
Phone: 1-573-751-2005

MONTANA – Medicaid
Website: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP>
Phone: 1-800-694-3084
Email: HSHIPPProgram@mt.gov

NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Website: <http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov>
Phone: 855-632-7633
Lincoln: 402-473-7000
Omaha: 402-595-1178

NEVADA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: <https://dhcfp.nv.gov/>
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program>
Phone: 1-603-271-5218
Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218

NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid Website:
<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/>
Medicaid Phone: 1-609-631-2392
CHIP Website: <http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html>
CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710

NEW YORK – Medicaid
Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/
Phone: 1-800-541-2831

NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/>
Phone: 1-919-855-4100

NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare>
Phone: 1-844-854-4825

OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <http://www.insureoklahoma.org>
Phone: 1-888-365-3742

OREGON – Medicaid
Website: <http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>
Phone: 1-800-699-9075

PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx>
Phone: 1-800-692-7462
CHIP Website: [Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\) \(pa.gov\)](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx)
CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)

RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/>
Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RItte Share Line)

SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.scdhhs.gov>
Phone: 1-888-549-0820

SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: <http://dss.sd.gov>
Phone: 1-888-828-0059

TEXAS – Medicaid
Website: [Health Insurance Premium Payment \(HIPP\) Program | Texas Health and Human Services](http://www.dhs.texas.gov/health-and-human-services)
Phone: 1-800-440-0493

UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid Website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/>
CHIP Website: <http://health.utah.gov/chip>
Phone: 1-877-543-7669

VERMONT – Medicaid
Website: [Health Insurance Premium Payment \(HIPP\) Program | Department of Vermont Health Access](http://www.vermont.gov/health-access)
Phone: 1-800-250-8427

VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select>
<https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs>
Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924

WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/>
Phone: 1-800-562-3022

WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/>
<http://mywvhipp.com/>
Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700
CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)

WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm>
Phone: 1-800-362-3002

WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: <https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/>
Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2024, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

- U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
Phone: 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)
- U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
Phone: 1-877-267-2323, menu option 4, extension 61565

Important Notice from Central Michigan University About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Notice of Creditable Coverage

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Central Michigan University (CMU) 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. Central Michigan University has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield, CVS/Caremark and MESSA are, 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 15th through December 7th.

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 Central Michigan University coverage will not be affected. Just like Medicare Parts A & B, you (or your dependent) do not have to enroll in Medicare Part D if you or your dependents are enrolled in the insurance through Central Michigan University.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Central Michigan University coverage, be aware that you and your dependents may not be able to get this coverage back.

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 Central Michigan University 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 office listed below for further information. **NOTE:** You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it if this coverage through Central Michigan University 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
- 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, 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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