

SEAFARERS HEALTH AND BENEFITS PLAN

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

NOTE: The Seafarers Health and Benefits Plan is required by federal law to send this notice. However, it is unlikely that the provisions in this notice will apply to most participants in this Plan.

Dear Participant,

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, or through a health plan that your employer contributes to on your behalf, 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. ***However, since the Seafarers Health and Benefits Plan (SHBP) does not charge a premium for coverage, the premium assistance and Marketplace coverage would only apply to you if you are receiving COBRA benefits from the Plan, and you are paying for your coverage.***

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 (1-877-543-7669)** 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. However, the SHBP does not have an "enrollment" period, and allows participants to enroll at any time of the year.** 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 (1-866-444-3272).

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 July 31, 2015. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

<p align="center">ALABAMA – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: www.myalhipp.com Phone: 1-855-692-5447</p>	<p align="center">GEORGIA – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/ - Click on Programs, then Medicaid, then Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Phone: 404-656-4507</p>
<p align="center">ALASKA – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/ Phone (Outside of Anchorage): 1-888-318-8890 Phone (Anchorage): 907-269-6529</p>	<p align="center">INDIANA – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa Phone: 1-800-889-9949</p>
<p align="center">COLORADO – Medicaid</p> <p>Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf Medicaid Customer Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943</p>	<p align="center">IOWA – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/ Phone: 1-888-346-9562</p>
<p align="center">FLORIDA – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com/ Phone: 1-877-357-3268</p>	<p align="center">KANSAS – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/ Phone: 1-800-792-4884</p>
<p align="center">KENTUCKY – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570</p>	<p align="center">NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/documents/hippapp.pdf Phone: 603-271-5218</p>
<p align="center">LOUISIANA – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331 Phone: 1-888-695-2447</p>	<p align="center">NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</p> <p>Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710</p>
<p align="center">MAINE – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html Phone: 1-800-977-6740 TTY 1-800-977-6741</p>	<p align="center">NEW YORK – Medicaid</p> <p>Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831</p>

MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth Phone: 1-800-462-1120	Website: http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma Phone: 919-855-4100
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/id_006254 Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance Phone: 1-800-657-3739	Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-755-2604
MISSOURI – Medicaid	OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005	Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742
MONTANA – Medicaid	OREGON – Medicaid
Website: http://medicaid.mt.gov/member Phone: 1-800-694-3084	Website: http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov http://www.hijossaludablesoregon.gov Phone: 1-800-699-9075
NEBRASKA – Medicaid	PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid
Website: www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: 1-855-632-7633	Website: http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/hipp Phone: 1-800-692-7462
NEVADA – Medicaid	RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 401-462-5300
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Medicaid Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282
SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Website: http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/premiumpymt/pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473

TEXAS – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: http://gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Website: http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Medicaid%20Expansion/Pages/default.aspx Phone: 1-877-598-5820, HMS Third Party Liability
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: Medicaid: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid CHIP: http://health.utah.gov/chip Phone: 1-866-435-7414	Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
VERMONT– Medicaid	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Website: https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/ Phone: 307-777-7531

To see if any other States have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2015, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

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

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
 1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

Sincerely,

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