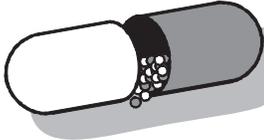


# Health Capsule



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## Open Enrollment for Plan Year 2010

Every fall the the Division of Pensions and Benefits holds its Open Enrollment period for members of the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP). This is your annual opportunity to review your health benefits and make any changes for you and your dependents for the following plan year.

For all participating employers the Open Enrollment will take place from October 1 through October 30, 2009. Coverage changes made during this Open Enrollment will be effective on January 1, 2010 for all employees.

### How to Enroll and/or Make Changes

During the Open Enrollment period, closely examine your health care coverage to make sure that your medical and dental plans (if your employer provides dental) have the services you and your dependents need, and that the health care providers you want are available to you. You may:

- enroll in the program if you have not previously done so;

- change to a different medical plan and/or dental plan (if your employer offers the dental plans);
- add eligible dependents you have not previously enrolled
  - including dependents who are over age 23 but under age 31 who are not currently covered or who are reaching the end of COBRA eligibility — see “Coverage for Children Past Age 23” on page 4 for more information; and
- remove dependents from your coverage.

Please note that when adding a dependent that full documentation is required (such as a birth certificate; adoption papers, court orders, marriage or civil union certificate, etc.). See “Supporting Documentation Required for Dependent Coverage” on page 3.

To make a change to your coverage, contact your human resources representative or benefits administrator to

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## Pharmacy Benefits Management Contract Awarded to Medco

Following a competitive process, **Medco Health Solutions, Inc.**, of Franklin Lakes, NJ, was awarded the contract for pharmacy benefits management for the SHBP and SEHBP. Medco’s bid received the highest technical score while submitting the lowest cost bid. **This change will be effective January 1, 2010.**

You can expect to receive more information about the change over the next few months during the implementation process. The Division of Pensions and Benefits Web site will be updated as new information becomes available. Go to:

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/shbp.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/shbp.htm)

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obtain an application. Medical and prescription drug coverage changes are made on the same application. Dental coverage changes are made on a separate application. Completed applications must be returned to your human resources representative or benefits administrator by October 30, 2009. Do not send the application directly to the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

*\*Please note that the School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) is fully operational, but many State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) headings will continue to display for both the SHBP and the SEHBP until programming changes have been completed.*

### For More Information

For questions about specific plan benefits, you can contact the plan directly; or see the *Plan Comparison Summary*, available on the Division of Pensions and Benefits Web site\* at:

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/shbp.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/shbp.htm)

## Audit of Dependent Coverage

The Division of Pensions and Benefits is conducting a full legal document audit of all enrolled members who cover dependents for school employees in starting January 2010 and local government employees in the summer of 2010. This will require that you provide legal documentation for all dependents you cover under the SHBP or SEHBP. Dependents that do not have proper legal documentation will be terminated from coverage.

Since ineligible dependents are one reason health care costs are increasing, it is important to verify that those listed as dependents in the SHBP or SEHBP meet the definition of "dependent" as described in N.J.A.C. 17:9-3.1. Furthermore, under this Act, any person who knowingly enrolls, or attempts to enroll, individuals that they know are ineligible are guilty of a crime and subject to prosecution.

The Division has retained Aon Consulting to perform a Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit (DEVA). Each employee who covers a dependent under their health plan will receive a letter from Aon with specific instructions. They will have until a specified date to furnish Aon with the required legal documentation confirming that their dependents are eligible for coverage under the programs. Since it

may take some time for you to obtain the necessary documentation if you do not already have it, it is strongly suggested that you begin that process now. See page 3 for a list of the documentation required to verify the eligibility of your dependents.

Providing ineligible dependents with health coverage is not always intentional on the part of the employee. For this reason, as part of the DEVA, the Division is allowing an amnesty period during which employees will have the opportunity to voluntarily identify any ineligible dependents and therefore avoid any penalties or other legal action. After the close of the amnesty period, there will be legal consequences for employees who are found to have knowingly enrolled, or attempted to enroll ineligible dependents under the program.

We appreciate your cooperation in contributing to our efforts to continue to provide quality health care at a reasonable cost. Any person who knowingly enrolls, or attempts to enroll, individuals that they know are ineligible are guilty of a crime and subject to prosecution. To report a possible fraud call the Division's Office of Client Services at (609) 292-7524. All calls will remain confidential.

## HIPAA Notice for 2009

The federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 requires group health plans to implement several provisions contained within the law to annually notify its membership of any provisions for which they file an exemption. For plan year 2009, all SHBP and SEHBP health plans meet or exceed the federal requirements, with the exception of mental health parity for NJ DIRECT.

The State Health Benefits Commission and School Employees' Health Benefit Commission filed an exemption from the area of mental health parity for non-biologically based mental illness with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for calendar year 2009 for NJ DIRECT. The maximum annual and lifetime dollar limits for mental health benefits under NJ DIRECT will not change. These limitations are outlined in the *NJ DIRECT Member Handbook* or contact NJ DIRECT at 1-800-414-SHBP (7427) for more information.

# Supporting Documentation Required for Dependent Coverage

The SHBP and SEHBP is required to ensure “that only eligible employees and retirees, and their dependents, are receiving health care coverage under the program.” As a result, the Division of Pensions and Benefits must guarantee consistent application of eligibility requirements within the SHBP and SEHBP health plans. All dependents enrolled for coverage (spouses, civil union partners, domestic partners, children, disabled dependents, and continued coverage for over age children) must be verified by documentation that proves the dependent’s relationship to the member.

The chart below lists the required documentation that a member must provide in order to enroll an eligible dependent for coverage.

DEPENDENTS	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
SPOUSE	Photocopy of marriage certificate <b>and</b> a copy of the top half of the front page of the employee’s most recently filed federal tax return (Form 1040) that includes your spouse (you may black out all financial information and all but the last 4 digits of any Social Security numbers).
CIVIL UNION PARTNER	Photocopy of the New Jersey Civil Union Certificate or a valid certification from another jurisdiction that recognizes same-sex civil unions <b>and</b> a copy of the top half of the front page of the employee’s most recently filed NJ income tax return that includes your partner (you may black out all financial information and all but the last 4 digits of any Social Security numbers) <b>or</b> a copy of a recent (within 90 days of application) bank statement or bill that includes both partner’s names received at the same address.
DOMESTIC PARTNER	Photocopy of the New Jersey Certificate of Domestic Partnership dated prior to February 19, 2007 or a valid certification from another State of foreign jurisdiction that recognizes same-sex domestic partners <b>and</b> a copy of the top half of the front page of the employee’s most recently filed NJ income tax return that includes your partner (you may black out all financial information and all but the last 4 digits of any Social Security numbers) <b>or</b> a copy of a recent (within 90 days of application) bank statement or bill that includes both partner’s names received at the same address.
CHILDREN	<p><b>Natural Child</b> – Photocopy of the child’s birth certificate showing the employee’s name as a parent*.</p> <p><b>Step Child</b> – Photocopy of the child’s birth certificate showing the employee’s spouse/partner’s name as a parent*; <b>and</b> a copy of marriage/partnership certificate showing the employee and parent’s name.</p> <p><b>Legal Guardian, Adoption, Grandchild, or Foster Child</b> – Photocopy of Affidavits of Dependency, Final Court Order with presiding judge’s signature and seal, or Adoption Final Decree with presiding judge’s signature and seal.</p>
DEPENDENT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES	Documentation as noted for the “Child” dependent type <b>and</b> a copy of the top half of the front page of the employee’s most recently filed federal tax return (Form 1040) that includes this child (you may black out all financial information and all but the last 4 digits of any Social Security numbers). If a Social Security disability award has been awarded, or is currently pending, please include this information in the documentation submitted. Please note that this documentation only verifies the child’s eligibility as a dependent, not the disability status of the child.
CONTINUED COVERAGE FOR OVER AGE CHILDREN	Documentation as noted for the “Child” dependent type <b>and</b> a copy of the top half of the front page of the employee’s most recently filed federal tax return (Form 1040) that includes this child (you may black out all financial information and all but the last 4 digits of any Social Security numbers) <b>or</b> if the over age child is not listed on the employee’s tax return, a copy of the top half of the child’s most recently filed tax return is required (you may black out all financial information and all but the last 4 digits of any Social Security numbers) <b>and</b> if the child resides outside the State of New Jersey, documentation of full time student status.

\*If the birth certificate does not include the parents name, then submit a copy of the top half of the front page of the employee’s most recently filed federal tax return (Form 1040) that includes this child (you may black out all financial information and all but the last 4 digits of any Social Security numbers).

# Coverage for Children Past Age 23

The following information explains the different coverage options and the eligibility requirements your child must meet in order to maintain coverage through the SHBP and SEHBP.

## Over Age Dependents with Disabilities

Unmarried children with disabilities who turn age 23 during 2009, who are still dependent on you for support, and meet the definition of a dependent may remain on your health plan upon approval of their disabled status. Requests for the continuation of coverage must be sent to the Division of Pensions and Benefits by the **January 31, 2010 deadline**.

To apply for an extension of health benefits coverage for a dependent with disabilities, write to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 299, Trenton, NJ 08625-0299 or call (609) 292-7524. Please provide your name, address, and Social Security number, and ask for the *Request for Continuance for Dependent with Disabilities* form. Previously approved requests are reviewed annually to determine if the disabled child still meets the eligibility requirements.

## Children Over Age 23

The SHBP and SEHBP have specific guidelines about providing health coverage to children past the age of 23 until age 31. The parent or child is responsible for the entire cost. A child by blood or law who previously "aged-out" of a plan and does not currently receive coverage or who has coverage under COBRA, provided he or she meets certain requirements for dependent status, may elect continued coverage — even if there has been a gap in coverage. The eligibility requirements are outlined as follows:

1. be 30 years of age or younger at the time of application;
2. be unmarried;
3. have no dependent(s) of his or her own;
4. be a resident of New Jersey or enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited public or private institution of higher education;
5. have no other coverage as a named subscriber, insured, enrollee, or covered person under any other group or individual health benefits plan, church plan, or health benefits plan, or entitled to benefits under Medicare; and
6. provide proof of previous credible coverage.

An over age child is eligible for coverage until age 31 in the medical and/or prescription drug plan that is identical to the plan in which the parent is enrolled. In order to enroll, you must complete a *Chapter 375 Enrollment Application* and return it to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, Health Benefits Bureau, PO Box 299, Trenton, NJ 08625 by October 30, 2009. The application for over age children must be signed by both the child and parent.

There is no provision under Chapter 375 for enrollment in dental or vision benefits. Continued dental and vision coverage may be available under federal COBRA rules. See your human resources representative or benefits administrator for details.

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The selections in this publication are for information purposes only and, while every attempt at accuracy is made, it cannot be guaranteed.

If you would like to see any particular health benefits issue addressed, please forward your ideas to *Health Capsule*, Division of Pensions and Benefits, Office of Client Services, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295.

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