City of Ann Arbor Health and Welfare Benefits Notices

For Plan Year January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

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Should you have any questions regarding the content of the notices, please contact Human Resources

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 pages 9-10 for more details.

Disclosure About the Benefit Enrollment Communications

The benefit enrollment communications (the Benefit Guide, the Health and Welfare Benefits Notices, etc.) 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 for a full list of exclusions. The City of Ann Arbor reserves the right to amend, modify or terminate any plan at any time and in any manner.

In addition, please be aware that the information contained in these materials is based on our current understanding of the federal health care reform legislation, signed into law in March 2010. Our interpretation of this complex legislation continues to evolve, as additional regulatory guidance is provided by the U.S. government. Therefore, we defer to the actual carrier contracts, processes and the law itself as the governing documents.

Midyear Election Changes to Pre-Tax Benefits

We sponsor a program that allows you to pay for certain benefits using pre-tax dollars. With this program, contributions are deducted from your paycheck before federal, state and Social Security taxes are withheld. As a result, you reduce your taxable income and take home more money. How much you save in taxes will vary depending on where you live and on your own personal tax situation.

These programs are regulated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS requires you to make your pre-tax elections before the start of the plan year January 1 – December 31. The IRS permits you to change your pre-tax contribution amount mid-year only if you experience a change in status, which includes the following:

- Birth, placement for adoption, or adoption of a child, or being subject to a Qualified Medical Child Support Order which orders you to provide medical coverage for a child.
- Marriage, legal separation, annulment or divorce.
- Death of a dependent.
- A change in employment status that affects eligibility under the plan.
- A change in election that is on account of, and corresponds with, a change made under another employer plan.
- A dependent satisfying, or ceasing to satisfy, eligibility requirements under the health care plan.

The change you make must be consistent with the change in status. For example, if you get married, you may add your new spouse to your coverage. If your spouse's employment terminates and he/she loses employer-sponsored coverage, you may elect coverage for yourself and your spouse under our program. However, the change must be requested within 30 days of the change in status. If you do not notify Human Resources within 30 days, you must wait until the next annual enrollment period to make a change.

These rules relate to the program allowing you to pay for certain benefits using pre-tax dollars. Please review the medical booklet and other vendor documents for information about when those programs allow you to elect or cancel coverage, add or drop dependents, and make other changes to your benefit coverage, as the rules for those programs may differ from the pre-tax program.

HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights Notice

If you are declining enrollment in the City of Ann Arbor group health coverage 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.

Finally, you and/or your dependents may have special enrollment rights if coverage is lost under Medicaid or a State health insurance ("CHIP") program, or when you and/or your dependents gain eligibility for state premium assistance. You have 60 days from the occurrence of one of these events to notify the company and enroll in the plan.

Women's Health Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA) Notice

Do you know that your Plan, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including all stages of reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy, including lymphedema?

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, contact your plan administrator.

Newborns' And Mothers' Health Protection Act (NMHPA) Notice

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 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).

HIPAA Notice of Availability of Notice of Privacy Practices

The City of Ann Arbor maintains a Notice of Privacy Practices that provides information to individuals whose protected health information (PHI) will be used or maintained by the plan. If you would like a copy of the plan's Notice of Privacy Practices, please contact Human Resources.

EEOC Wellness Program Notice NOTICE REGARDING WELLNESS PROGRAM

The City of Ann Arbor's Wellness Incentive Program is a voluntary wellness program available to all employees. The program is administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. If you choose to participate in the wellness program you will be asked to complete a voluntary health risk assessment or "HRA" that asks a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors and whether you have or had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, or heart disease). This is not mandatory or required to participate in this program, but upon completion, you will receive a credit of \$100.00 to your Health Reimbursement Account (HRA). The Physician Statement Form will have details about your physical, such as height, weight, blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose, and other health information if you submit that to the City as proof that your annual physical was completed. Otherwise, you can submit a copy of your Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) Explanation of Benefits (EOB) showing that your annual physical was completed. Additional incentives of up to \$400.00 to be deposited into your HRA may be available to employees who participate in certain health-related activities, such as enrolling in fitness classes, providing reports from an activity tracker, attending organized walks/races/events, participating in an organized athletic league, completing the "Conquer the Cold" or "Commuter Challenge," enrolling in a weight loss program, and obtaining a free A2 Park Passport and participating in the free activities at local parks, or attending wellness education classes.

The information from your HRA and the results from your biometric screening will be used to provide you with information to help you understand your current health and potential risks. You also are encouraged to share your results or concerns with your own doctor.

Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. Although the wellness program and the City of Ann Arbor may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, The City of Ann arbor Wellness Incentive Program will never disclose any of your personal information either publicly or to the employer, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual(s) who will receive your personally identifiable health information are your doctor and the Benefits Team in Human Resources, in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separate from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you immediately.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact Kimberly Barry in the Benefits Department within Human Resources at the City of Ann Arbor at (734) 794-6125 or kbarry@a2gov.org or wellness@a2gov.org.

HIPAA Wellness Program Reasonable Alternative Standards Notice

Your group health plan is committed to helping you achieve your best health. Rewards for participating in a wellness program are available to all eligible employees. If you think you might be unable to meet a standard for a reward under this wellness program, you might qualify for an opportunity to earn the same reward by different means. Contact Kimberly Barry in the Benefits Department within Human Resources at the City of Ann Arbor at (734) 794-6125 or kbarry@a2gov.org or wellness@a2gov.org and we will work with you (and, if you wish, with your doctor) to find a wellness program with the same reward that is right for you in light of your health status.

Health Insurance Marketplace Notice

The state in which you reside has a website, called the Health Insurance Marketplace, where you can buy medical insurance directly from insurance companies.

The marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare medical insurance options for you and your family. Open enrollment for the marketplace begins and ends on the dates posted on the applicable state's marketplace website. You may buy health insurance for yourself and your family members from your state's marketplace.

However, if you and your dependents are offered medical coverage through the plan, your employer pays a portion of the cost of that coverage, so you may not find less expensive coverage through your state's marketplace. Also keep in mind that the contributions you and your employer make to the cost of coverage in the plan are made with pre-tax dollars that are not subject to income tax. If you buy health insurance through your state marketplace, you will pay for it with after-tax dollars.

Also, except for unusual circumstances, you will not be eligible for federal premium assistance (explained below) to help pay the cost of a marketplace policy whenever the plan meets government "minimum value" and "affordability" standards.

A federal tax credit that lowers the monthly premium of an individual health insurance policy purchased from the Marketplace is available to families with incomes between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level. If you are employed and your income is at this level, you and your family members are eligible for premium assistance if one of the following applies:

- Your employer does not offer health coverage to you at all,
- Your employer offers you coverage but it does not meet the federal government's "minimum value standard", or
- Your employer's health plan is not "affordable" for you, meaning the cost of single coverage (that
 is, coverage for just you, not you plus your family members) is more than 9.83% of your household
 income for the year.

For more information about available benefits and your premium costs under the plan, please contact the Benefits Department at the City of Ann Arbor.

For more information about the Marketplace, go to www.healthcare.gov and select your state's marketplace website. You may be asked for information about your offer of group medical coverage under the plan, which can be found by contacting the City of Ann Arbor.

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 March 17, 2025. Contact your State for more information on eligibility:

ALABAMA – Medicaid	ALASKA - Medicaid
Website: http://myalhipp.com/	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: http://myakhipp.com/
Friorie: 1-033-032-3447	Phone: 1-866-251-4861
	Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com
	Medicaid Eligibility: https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx
ARKANSAS - Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: http://myarhipp.com/	Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Website:
Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp
	Phone: 916-445-8322
	Fax: 916-440-5676
	Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov test
COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	
Health First Colorado Website:	Website:
https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/	https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.c
Health First Colorado Member Contact Center:	om/hipp/index.html
1-800-221-3943/State Relay 711	Phone: 1-877-357-3268
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	
GEORGIA – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
GA HIPP Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-	Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
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Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1	Website: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/
GA CHIPRA Website:	http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/
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liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-	Phone: 1-800-403-0864

IOWA - Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki) Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Hawki Website: Hawki - Health year Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Phone: 1-800-967-4660 HIPP Phone: 1-800-967
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Phone: 1-800-694-3084 Lincoln: 402-473-7000
Email: HHSHIPPProgram@mt.gov Omaha: 402-595-1178
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Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900 <u>services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program</u>
Phone: 603-271-5218
Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext
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Email: DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov
Medicaid Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health.care/medicaid/
http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831
dmahs/clients/medicaid/
Phone: 1-800-356-1561
CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: 609-631-2392
CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html
CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711)
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Website: https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-	Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/
medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-	Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or
hipp.html	401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)
Phone: 1-800-692-7462	, ,
CHIP Website: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	
(pa.gov)	
CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)	
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid
Website: https://www.scdhhs.gov	Website: http://dss.sd.gov
Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Phone: 1-888-828-0059
TEXAS – Medicaid	UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)	Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP)
Program Texas Health and Human Services	Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/
Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Email: upp@utah.gov
	Phone: 1-888-222-2542
	Adult Expansion Website:
	https://medicaid.utah.gov/expansion/
	Utah Medicaid Buyout Program Website:
	https://medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program/
	CHIP Website: https://chip.utah.gov/
VERMONT- Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program	Website: https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-
Department of Vermont Health Access	assistance/famis-select
Phone: 1-800-250-8427	https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-
	assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs
WASHINGTON M. II	Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
WASHINGTON - Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/	Website: https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/
Phone: 1-800-562-3022	http://mywvhipp.com/
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https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm	https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-
Phone: 1-800-362-3002	eligibility/
	Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since March 17, 2025, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor

Employee Benefits Security Administration

www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa

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, Ext. 61565

Medicare Part D Creditable Coverage Notice

Important Notice from the City of Ann Arbor 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 the City of Ann Arbor 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. The City of Ann Arbor has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by all plans 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 15th to 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 while enrolled in the City of Ann Arbor's coverage as an active employee, please note that your City of Ann Arbor coverage will be the primary payer for your prescription drug benefits and Medicare will pay secondary. As a result, the value of your Medicare prescription drug benefits will be significantly reduced. Medicare will usually pay primary for your prescription drug benefits if you participate in City of Ann Arbor coverage as a former employee.

You may also choose to drop your City of Ann Arbor coverage. If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current City of Ann Arbor 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 the City of Ann Arbor 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. 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 the City of Ann Arbor 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).

Date: October 15, 2025

Name of Entity/Sender: City of Ann Arbor

Contact--Position/Office Human Resources

Address: 301 E. Huron Street, 6th Floor

Ann Arbor, MI 48107

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