

# 2023-2024 Open enrollment guide



Through membership in the Schools Health Insurance Fund (SHIF), your employer offers you and your eligible family members a comprehensive and valuable benefits program. We encourage you to take the time to educate yourself about your benefit options through your employer's membership with the SHIF and choose the best coverage for you and your family.

> Important Information regarding COVID-19 coverage effective July 1, 2023 SEE PAGE 10 FOR DETAILS

## IT'S TIME TO REVIEW YOUR BENEFITS FOR 2023

## Enrollment Deadline: MAY 12, 2023

# THE SHIF WILL HOLD A PASSIVE OPEN ENROLLMENT

"Passive" open enrollment means if you are currently enrolled in benefits, your current plan elections will remain in place from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, unless you elect to make a change.

To obtain enrollment forms to make a change, please contact your Benefits Administrator.

#### WHAT IS THE SCHOOLS HEALTH INSURANCE FUND (SHIF)?

The SHIF was established to provide public school districts with a platform to purchase health insurance coverage in a sharedservices environment.



#### **ENROLLMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

You must complete an enrollment form and return it to your benefits administrator by May 12, 2023 if:

- You wish to add coverage for an eligible dependent
- You are currently enrolled and wish to terminate coverage for yourself or a covered dependent
- You would now like to elect coverage for yourself and your eligible dependent(s) in your employer's health benefits effective on July 1, 2023
- You are an employee, non-Medicare retiree or COBRA participant that is currently enrolled in coverage and you wish to change your current plan elections, effective July 1, 2023

#### **QUALIFIED LIFE EVENTS**

You cannot make changes to your elections or covered dependents during the plan year unless you experience a **qualified life events**. To make a change, you must contact your personnel department **within 60 days of the event**. Qualified life events include:

- Marriage
- Loss or reduction of coverage for you or your spouse
- Birth or adoption of a child
- Death of a covered dependent
- Divorce

#### **ID CARDS**

New ID card will only be issued if you making changes to your plan elections for 2023.

## BENEFITS CONTACTS & RESOURCES



QUESTIONS REGARDING	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER	WEBSITE/ADDRESS
Eligibility, enrollment, plan options, contributions, Qualifying Life Events, etc.	Please contact your entity's Human Resources/Benefits Office		
<b>Medical Benefits - AmeriHealth</b> Benefit questions, claims, locating a provider, printing new ID Cards	Ameri Health Administrators	844.352.1706	www.myahabenefits.com
Prescription Drug Benefits	Express Scripts	800.467.2006	www.express-scripts.com
Dental Benefits	Please see the reverse side of your ID card		

All plans above may not be offered by your employer. If you are not sure in which plan you are enrolled and/or eligible to elect, please refer to your ID card or contact your employer.

## COVID-19 RESOURCES



#### STATE OF NJ

- **www.covid19.nj.gov** For up-to-date information, resources, and guidance on questions about getting tested for COVID-19, contact tracing and, traveling to or from State of New Jersey.
- **www.covid19.nj.gov/vaccine** For up-to-the-minute information on vaccine distribution.

**STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA: www.health.pa.gov**- Up-to-the-minute information on vaccine distribution.

AMERIHEALTH ADMINISTRATORS www.ahatpa.com/covid-19

#### EXPRESS SCRIPTS: https://www.express-scripts.com/corporate/coronavirus-resource-center

**CONNER STRONG & BUCKELEW: https://www.connerstrong.com/insights/covid-19-resource-center** Comprehensive database of COVID-19 resources available to all Fund members.

## HOW TO FIND IN-NETWORK PROVIDERS



#### TO FIND PARTICIPATING AMERIHEALTH ADMINISTRATORS PROVIDERS:

- STEP 1: Visit the AHA website at www.myahabenefits.com
- STEP 2: At the bottom of the webpage on the right, click on "Find A Doctor"
- STEP 3: Search providers by category, specialty and much more!

Once you search for a list of doctors, you can click on the provider's name and then view information such as:

- Credentials
- Gender
- Hospital affiliations
- Reviews from other members

Office hours

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Language spoken

Specialty

 National Provider Number (NPI)

Easily compare up to five doctors and hospitals at once. You can compare specialties, education, board certifications, quality reviews, and more.

**Please note:** If searching for a Garden State Plan Provider, for accurate results, fill in your location and search for the Local Value Network at the top of the page.



# EXPRESS SCRIPTS DIGITAL ID CARD

### **NEW!** YOUR PRESCRIPTION ID CARD IS NOW DIGITAL.

# Connect to your digital prescription ID card. Anytime. Anywhere.

No more digging through cards at the pharmacy counter. Easily create your digital profile at **www.express-scripts.com** or on the Express Scripts mobile app to gain instance access to your prescription ID card. You can view your card online or even on the app, download it to your digital wallet, or even print a card from the Express Scripts website.

#### A digital profile also helps you connect to:

- Lower-cost medical options
- Nearby, in-network pharmacies
- More ways to manage your medications

## DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE AT THE PHARMACY. CONNECT TO YOUR ID CARD TODAY.

Visit **www.express-scripts.com** or download the Express Scripts mobile app to create your profile in a few easy steps. You can also text **JOIN** to **69717** for a link to the Express Scripts registration page.

Scan the QR code to download the mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.





# UNDERSTANDING YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM

### HOW TO GET STARTED WITH EXPRESS SCRIPTS HOME DELIVERY

#### **Contact Express Scripts**

- For transfers from a retail pharmacy, sign in at **Express-Scripts.com**, or
- Speak with speak with a prescription benefit specialist by calling 800.698.3757 (7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Central, Monday-Friday)

#### **DIY-Do It Yourself**

- Complete a home delivery order form
- Get a 90-day prescription from your doctor plus refills for up to one year (if applicable)
- Include your home delivery copayment (acceptable forms include credit/debit card, check or money order)
- Mail your form and prescription to Express Scripts at the address on the form. You can also have your doctor ePrescribe or fax your prescription.

Your medication will arrive by mail within 8 days of receipt of your initial prescription.

#### **RECOMMENDED DRUG DOSING**

Your Prescription Drug plan includes a program that reviews prescribed drug quantities to ensure your medications are being safely prescribed in accordance with FDA guidelines. The drug quantity review program provides the medications you need for good health, while making sure the dose you are receiving is considered safe. For instance, if FDA guidelines allow one pill/dose per day the program will allow a maximum of 30 pills for a month's supply. This quantity will give you the right amount to take for a daily dose considered safe and effective.



# SAVE TIME AND MONEY!

Avoid long waits at the Emergency Room and reduce your out-of-pocket costs by utilizing Telemedicine and Urgent Care Centers for ailments that are not life-threatening. Both of these options provide fast, effective care when you need care fast.

#### KNOW WHERE TO GET CARE

Visits to the ER can be very costly, so before you go to the ER, consider whether your condition is truly an emergency or if you can receive care from Telemedicine or at an Urgent Care Center instead.

Behavioral health

## HOW TO ACCESS TELEMEDICINE 24/7

### **\$0 COST TELEMEDICINE VS. VIRTUAL OFFICE VISITS**

Please note that Telemedicine services are different from virtual/telephonic office visits with your participating provider. Most Fund Health Plans have a **\$0 copay for the Telemedicine services** (MDLIve).

Virtual/Telephonic Office Visits with your participating provider may require a copay or coinsurance in accordance with your specific health plan. For more information on your cost-share for virtual office visits, please consult your insurance carrier at the customer service number on the back of your ID card.

#### MDLIVE

- Call **1.888.964.0942**
- Visit www.mdlive.com/ahatpa
- Go to **www.mdlive.com/mobileapp** to learn more or download the mobile app from the App Store or Google Play



# CVS MINUTE CLINICS AND HEALTH HUBS\*



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CVS Minute Clinics offer a broad range of services to keep you and your family healthy. In addition to diagnosing and treating illnesses, injuries and skin conditions, they provide wellness services including vaccinations, physicals, screenings and monitoring for chronic conditions.

- Located in select CVS pharmacies and Target stores nationwide
- No appointment necessary
- Visits usually last less than 30 minutes
- A record of your visit can be sent to your family doctor
- Open seven days a week with convenient evening hours

### CVS MINUTE CLINIC PRACTITIONERS CAN:

- Treat common illnesses, like strep throat, ear ache, pink eye and sinus infection
- Treat minor injuries and skin conditions
- Provide vaccinations such as flu, pneumonia and hepatitis A/B
- Write prescriptions when appropriate
- Treat patients 18 months and older

\* Prior to visiting a Minute Clinic or Health Hub, please check with your medical insurer to find out which facilities in your area may be participating with your plan.

# HealthHUB.

CVS® HealthHUB offers an expanded range of health services and wellness products for everyday care and chronic conditions. To learn more or to find a HealthHUB location, visit CVS.com/HealthHUB.

### HEALTH HUBS OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- Nutritional Counseling
- Durable Medical Equipment
- A Health Concierge
- Enhanced Minute Clinic service offerings
- Enhanced Pharmacist counseling services
- Community programs and meeting spaces

# GET TO KNOW GUARDIAN NURSES



## Struggling with a healthcare issue? TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS UNION BENEFIT

Our Mobile Care Coordinator RNs, backed by a team of registered nurses, are ready to respond whenever you are struggling with a healthcare issue.

#### **GUARDIAN NURSES CAN:**

- VISIT YOU AT HOME or in the hospital to assess your care needs.
- **GO WITH YOU** to see doctors, to ask questions and to get answers.
- **BE YOUR GUIDE**, coach and advocate for any healthcare issue.
- MAKE APPOINTMENTS so you can be seen as quickly as possible.
- **IDENTIFY PROVIDERS** for all care needs and second opinions.
- **RESOLVE PROBLEMS** with billing, claims and health insurance.
- **GET THINGS YOU NEED** such as healthcare equipment.
- **PROVIDE DECISION SUPPORT** when considering treatments or surgery.
- EXPLAIN A NEW DIAGNOSIS to help you make informed decisions.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The services of our Mobile Care Coordinator Nurses are available to members of the Schools Health Insurance Fund and their covered dependents. **All services are offered at no charge to you and are confidential.** 





To request help from our Mobile Care Coordinator or the team at Guardian Nurses, call **609.703.0623** or **609.414.6093**.

# MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS



## ALWAYS CONSIDER YOUR IN-NETWORK OPTIONS FIRST

You will typically pay less for covered services when providers are in-network with your medical plan. In-network providers agree to discounted fees. You are responsible only for any copay or deductible that is included in your plan design.

The amount you are required to pay out-of-pocket for out-of-network services may be significant.

### TO LOCATE PARTICIPATING IN-NETWORK PROVIDERS:

 AmeriHealth Administrators Participants: Visit www.myahabenefits.com, select "Members" and then "Find a Doctor."

### MAKE SURE YOU ARE USING IN-NETWORK LABS

 AmeriHealth Administrators Participants must be sure that their providers send all blood work to a LabCorp location or other free standing lab. <u>Quest Diagnostics is not participating in</u> <u>the AmeriHealth Administrators network</u>.

\* Please Note: COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters are covered at \$0 copay at in-network locations only. COVID-19 At Home Testing Kits are not covered by the plan. Members are responsible for the full cost of the kits. Diagnostic COVID-19 testing at labs and other providers will remain covered but will be applied at the appropriate cost share.

#### **IN-PATIENT OR OBSERVATION:**

The difference between *inpatient* and *observation* status is important because benefits and provider payments are based on the status. Patients admitted under observation status are considered outpatients, even though they may stay in the hospital and receive treatment in a hospital bed.

Hospital admission status may affect coverage for services such as skilled nursing. Some health plans, including Medicare, require a three-day hospital inpatient stay minimum before covering the cost of rehabilitative care in a skilled nursing care center. However, observation stays regardless of length, do not count towards the requirement.

A new law requires hospitals to give Medicare patients notice of an observation status within 36 hours. This status determines how the hospital bills your health plan. Even if you are NOT under Medicare, when you or your family member arrives at the hospital, you can ask questions like:

- Is the patient's status *inpatient* or *observation*?
- How long will the hospital stay be?
- Will there be a need for specialized skilled or rehab care after discharged?

Asking these questions throughout the hospital stay is important because hospitals can change the status from one day to the next. You can ask to have the status changed, but it is important to do so while still in the hospital. If necessary, you can request the hospital's patient advocate for assistance.

## LEGAL NOTICES

#### Availability of Summary Health Information

As an employee, the health benefits available to you represent a significant component of your compensation package. They also provide important protection for you and your family in the case of illness or injury.

The Fund offers a series of health coverage options. You should receive a Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) during Open Enrollment. These documents summarize important information about all health coverage options in a standard format. Please contact Human Resources if you have any questions or did not receive your SBC.

#### **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act**

Please note: the Fund medical plans are considered compliant with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. There are no annual limits, dependent children can be covered to age 26 and preventive care is covered at 100% with no member cost-sharing and the pre-existing exclusion limitations have been removed.

As new Health Care Reform requirements become effective, the Fund plans will be modified. We are fully committed to complying with all regulations and intend to notify you as soon as possible of any change(s).

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

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 issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

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

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women'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:

- all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; prostheses; and
- treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other benefits. If you have any questions, please speak with Human Resources.

## 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, 2023. 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: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx

ARKANSAS – Medicaid Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)

CALIFORNIA - MEDICAID Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program 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://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): www.mycohibi.com HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442

FLORIDA – Medicaid Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.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-healthinsurance-program-reauthorization- act-2009-chipra Phone: 678-561-1162 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: 1-800-766-9012

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: KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov KCHIP Website: https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-877-524-4718 Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov

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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: www.mymaineconnection.gob/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: -800-977-6740 TTY: Maine relay 711

MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP Website: https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa Phone: 1-800-862-4840 TTY: 617-886-8102

MINNESOTA – Medicaid Website: https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-andfamilies/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-andservices/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: HHSHIPPProgram@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: http://dhcfp.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programsservices/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program Phone: 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: 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: 919-855-4100

NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ 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 http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html 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: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/CHIP/Pages/CHIP.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 RIte 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: http://gethipptexas.com/ 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: https://dvha.vermont.gov/members/medicaid/hippprogram Phone: 1-800-250-8427

VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP Website: https://www.coverva.org/hipp/ https://www.coverva.org/en/famis-select Phone: 1-800-432-5924

WASHINGTON – Medicaid Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022 WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP Website: http://mywvhipp.com/ https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/ 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/programsand-eligibility/ Phone: 800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2023, 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. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services www.cms.hhs.gov 1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

PLEASE NOTE: This communication only applies to the benefits that your employer has through the Schools Health Insurance Fund.



