

Exchange Notice to Employees – Affordable Care Act

Dear Employee,

Enclosed is a Notice entitled “New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage.” The health care reform law, known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA), requires that employers provide this Notice to all new employees within 14 days of hire. The Notice provides information about the Health Insurance Marketplace, as well as information regarding the health coverage offered by the College of Central Florida (CF).

As a result of the ACA “individual mandate” which took effect in January of 2014, most people are required to have health insurance or pay a tax penalty. Your health insurance coverage can come from your employment, your spouse’s employment, through a policy you buy on the Market place, or through a government-sponsored program like Medicare or Medicaid. Providing this Notice to you will assist you in making an informed decision about your health coverage.

Full time employees and their eligible dependents can participate in the College of Central Florida’s group health insurance plan. CF’s health plan meets the individual mandate standard.

Here is how CF’s health insurance plans measure up under the ACA criteria for determining whether a plan’s coverage is adequate and affordable for its participants:

- Coverage is considered “minimum value” under the ACA if the plan benefits cover at least 60% of eligible expenses. CF’s health insurance plans meet the ACA minimum value standard.
- Coverage is considered “affordable” under the ACA if the premium cost for employee-only coverage is not more than 9.83% of your household income. For example, if your household income (including your wages) is \$20,000, your coverage would be considered affordable if your employee-only coverage does not cost you more than \$1,966 a year. CF’s health insurance plans meet the ACA affordability standard.

The enclosed Notice states that you may be eligible for federal premium subsidies if you purchase health insurance on the Marketplace. Because CF’s health insurance plans meet the minimum value standard, you and your eligible family members would not qualify for a premium assistance tax credit to buy coverage through the Marketplace (if otherwise eligible based on your income and other factors).

For further information, please read the attached Notice. Additional information about the Marketplace can be found at www.HealthCare.gov. If you have questions relative to CF’s health insurance plans, please contact the Office of Human Resources.

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New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

PART A: General Information

The Health Insurance Marketplace opened in 2014. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the Marketplace.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away.

Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that doesn't meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you're eligible for depends on your household income.

Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.83% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit. An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs.

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, then you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution – as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage – is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description located on <https://inside.cf.edu/> under Employee Benefits, or contact the College of Central Florida's Office of Human Resources.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.



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PART A: General Information

When key parts of the health care law take effect in 2014, there will be a new way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the new Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by your employer.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins in October 2013 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2014.

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Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.5% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.¹

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, then you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution -as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage- is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description or contact Human Resources 352-573-5800 Ext 1570 or email HR@cf.edu

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit HealthCare.gov for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

¹ An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs.

PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

3. Employer name College of Central Florida		4. Employer Identification Number (EIN) 591213999	
5. Employer address 3001 SW College Road		6. Employer phone number 352-873-5800	
7. City Ocala	8. State FL	9. ZIP code 34474-4415	
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? Human Resources Department			
11. Phone number (if different from above) 352-873-5800 EXT 1570		12. Email address HR@cf.edu	

Here is some basic information about health coverage offered by this employer:

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to:

☐ All employees. Eligible employees are:

☒ Some employees. Eligible employees are:
Full Time Employees

- With respect to dependents:

☒ We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:

Spouses
Dependent Child(ren)
Domestic Partners and Dependent Child(ren) of Domestic Partners

☐ We do not offer coverage.

☒ If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.

****** Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.

If you decide to shop for coverage in the Marketplace, [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

The information below corresponds to the Marketplace Employer Coverage Tool. Completing this section is optional for employers, but will help ensure employees understand their coverage choices.

13. **Is the employee currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will the employee be eligible in the next 3 months?**

- ☐ **Yes** (Continue)
13a. If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probationary period, when is the employee eligible for coverage?_____ (mm/dd/yyyy) (Continue)
- ☐ **No** (STOP and return this form to employee)

14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*?
☐ Yes (Go to question 15) ☐ No (STOP and return form to employee)

15. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* **offered only to the employee** (don't include family plans): If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/ she received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and didn't receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.
- a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$_____
- b. How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly

If the plan year will end soon and you know that the health plans offered will change, go to question 16. If you don't know, STOP and return form to employee.

16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year?_____
- ☐ Employer won't offer health coverage
- ☐ Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.* (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)
- a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$_____
- b. How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly

• An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)