



## Department of Human Resources

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### **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT NOTICE**

If you are declining enrollment 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.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact [hrbenefits@monroecounty.gov](mailto:hrbenefits@monroecounty.gov) or telephone 585.753.1744.

### **NEWBORNS' ACT DISCLOSURE**

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

### **WHCRA Enrollment 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?

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## Patient Protection Model Disclosure

When applicable, it is important that individuals enrolled in a plan or health insurance coverage know of their rights to (1) choose a primary care provider or a pediatrician when a plan or issuer requires designation of a primary care physician; or (2) obtain obstetrical or gynecological care without prior authorization. Accordingly, the interim final regulations regarding patient protections under section 2719A of the Affordable Care Act require plans and issuers to provide notice to participants of these rights when applicable. The notice must be provided whenever the plan or issuer provides a participant with a Summary Plan Description or other similar description of benefits under the plan or health insurance coverage. This notice must be provided no later than the first day of the first plan year beginning on or after September 23, 2010.

Excellus generally allows the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in Excellus' network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact Excellus at [www.excellusbcb.com](http://www.excellusbcb.com) or telephone 1.888.208.7334.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from Excellus or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in Excellus' network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or following procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact Excellus at [www.excellusbcb.com](http://www.excellusbcb.com) or telephone 1.888.208.7334.