



2023 Legally Required Notices

Each year, there are legally required notices and disclosures that Petco is required to make to participants in the Petco benefit plans. These notices and disclosures are for your information.

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Important Notice to Employees from Petco Animal Supplies Store, Inc. About Creditable Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that the prescription drug coverage listed below under the Petco Animal Supplies, Inc. medical plan are expected to pay out, on average, at least as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay in 2023. This is known as “creditable coverage.”

Why this is important. If you or your covered dependent(s) are enrolled in any prescription drug coverage during 2023 listed in this notice and are or become covered by Medicare, you may decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan later and not be subject to a late enrollment penalty – as long as you had creditable coverage within 63 days of your Medicare prescription drug plan enrollment. You should keep this notice with your important records.

If you or your family members aren’t currently covered by Medicare and won’t become covered by Medicare in the next 12 months, this notice doesn’t apply to you.

Please read the notice below carefully. It has information about prescription drug coverage with Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. and prescription drug coverage available for people with Medicare. It also tells you where to find more information to help you make decisions about your prescription drug coverage.

Notice of Creditable Coverage

You may have heard about Medicare’s prescription drug coverage (called Part D), and wondered how it would affect you. Prescription drug coverage is available to everyone with Medicare through Medicare prescription drug plans. All Medicare prescription drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

Individuals can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan when they first become eligible, and each year from October 15 through December 7. Individuals leaving employer/union coverage may be eligible for a Medicare Special Enrollment Period.

Remember: Keep this notice. If you enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan after your applicable Medicare enrollment period ends, you may need to provide a copy of this notice when you join a Part D plan to show that you are not required to pay a higher Part D premium amount.

If you are covered by one of the Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. medical plans listed below, you’ll be interested to know that the prescription drug coverage is, on average, at least as good as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage for 2023. This is called creditable coverage. Coverage under one of these medical plans will help you avoid a late Part D enrollment penalty if you are or become eligible for Medicare and later decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

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If you decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan and you are an active employee or family member of an active employee, you may also continue your employer coverage. In this case, the Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. plan will continue to pay primary or secondary as it had before you enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan. If you waive or drop Petco Animal Supplies, Inc. coverage, Medicare will be your only payer. You can re-enroll in the employer plan at annual enrollment or if you have a special enrollment event for the Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. plan, assuming you remain eligible.

You should know that if you waive or leave coverage with Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. and you go 63 days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage

(once your applicable Medicare enrollment period ends), your monthly Part D premium will go up at least 1% per month for every month that you did not have creditable coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without coverage, your Medicare prescription drug plan premium will always be at least 19% higher than what most other people pay. You'll have to pay this higher premium as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to enroll in Part D.

You may receive this notice at other times in the future — such as before the next period you can enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage, if this Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. coverage changes, or upon your request.

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. Medicare participants will get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare prescription drug plans. Here's how to get more information about Medicare prescription drug plans:

Visit www.medicare.gov for personalized help.

Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see a copy of the *Medicare & You* handbook for the telephone number).

Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For people with limited income and resources, extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan is available. Information about this extra help is available from the Social Security Administration (SSA). For more information about this extra help, visit SSA online at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

For more information about this notice or your prescription drug coverage, contact:

Tanya Ruyle
654 Richland Hills Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78245
888-583-6044
www.MyPetcoBenefits.com

Notice of HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) Special Enrollment Rights for Health Plan Coverage

As you know, if you have declined enrollment in a Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. health plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in some coverages under these plans without waiting for the next open enrollment period, provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after your other coverage ends. 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 eligible dependents, provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption.

Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. will also allow a special enrollment opportunity if you or your eligible dependents either:

- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible, or
- Become eligible for a state's premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP.

For these enrollment opportunities, you will have 60 days — instead of 30 — from the date of the Medicaid/CHIP eligibility change to request enrollment in a Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. health plan. Note that this new 60-day extension doesn't apply to enrollment opportunities other than due to the Medicaid/CHIP eligibility change.

Note: If your dependent becomes eligible for a special enrollment right, you may add the dependent to your current coverage or change to another health plan.

Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC)

As part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. Healthcare Reform), the Company is required to distribute the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) for the medical plans. An SBC is a document that shows information about your medical plan in an easy-to-read format. The SBC includes information about what you pay and what is covered, as well as examples to help you understand your out-of-pocket costs for common services.

Go to www.MyPetcoBenefits.com to obtain a copy of the SBC and click on the **Alight 2023 Benefits Enrollment** button to access the Alight enrollment website.

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA)

If you're an employee with medical, dental, vision or Health Flexible Spending account (FSA) coverage through Petco Animal Supplies, Inc., you have the right to choose continuation coverage if you lose your group health coverage due to reduction in your hours of employment or the termination of your employment for reasons other than gross misconduct. Your eligible dependents may also have the right to elect and pay for continuation of coverage for a temporary period in certain circumstances where coverage under the plan would otherwise end, such as divorce, or dependent children who no longer meet eligibility requirements.

Important note: This brief summary of the right you and your dependents have to continue insurance is not intended as the official notice of your rights required by federal and state law. We've included this brief summary to inform you that you have these rights. You'll receive a separate, detailed explanation of your right to continue health insurance coverage when applicable.

Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act Notice

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 medical and surgical benefits provided under Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. medical plans.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act 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 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).

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA, and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3507. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3512.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210 or email ebbsa.opr@dol.gov and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0137.

Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. HIPAA Privacy Notice

Please carefully review this notice. It describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) imposes numerous requirements on the use and disclosure of individual health information by Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. health plans. This information, known as protected health information, includes almost all individually identifiable health information held by a plan — whether received in writing, in an electronic medium, or as an oral communication. The plans covered by this notice may share health information with each other to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. These plans are collectively referred to as the Plan in this notice, unless specified otherwise.

The Plan's duties with respect to health information about you

The Plan is required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide you with this notice of the Plan's legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information. If you participate in an insured plan option, you will receive a notice directly from the Insurer. It's important to note that these rules apply to the Plan, not Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. as an employer — that's the way the HIPAA rules work. Different policies may apply to other Petco Animal Supplies, Inc. programs or to data unrelated to the Plan.

How the Plan may use or disclose your health information

The privacy rules generally allow the use and disclosure of your health information without your permission (known as an authorization) for purposes of health care treatment, payment activities, and health care operations. Here are some examples of what that might entail:

- **Treatment** includes providing, coordinating, or managing health care by one or more health care providers or doctors. Treatment can also include coordination or management of care between a provider and a third party, and consultation and referrals between providers. For example, the Plan may share your health information with physicians who are treating you.
- **Payment** includes activities by this Plan, other plans, or providers to obtain premiums, make coverage determinations, and provide reimbursement for health care. This can include determining eligibility, reviewing services for medical necessity or appropriateness, engaging in utilization management activities, claims management, and billing; as well as performing "behind the scenes" plan functions, such as risk adjustment, collection, or reinsurance. For example, the Plan may share information about your coverage or the expenses you have incurred with another health plan to coordinate payment of benefits.
- **Health care operations** include activities by this Plan (and, in limited circumstances, by other plans or providers), such as wellness and risk assessment programs, quality assessment and improvement activities, customer service, and internal grievance resolution. Health care operations also include evaluating vendors; engaging in credentialing, training, and accreditation activities; performing underwriting or premium rating; arranging for medical review and audit activities; and conducting business planning and development. For example, the Plan may use information about your claims to audit the third parties that approve payment for Plan benefits.

The amount of health information used, disclosed or requested will be limited and, when needed, restricted to the minimum necessary to accomplish the intended purposes, as defined under the HIPAA rules. If the Plan uses or discloses PHI for underwriting purposes, the Plan will not use or disclose PHI that is your genetic information for such purposes.

How the Plan may share your health information with Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc.

The Plan, or its health insurer or HMO, may disclose your health information without your written authorization to Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. for plan administration purposes. Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. may need your health information to administer benefits under the Plan. Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. agrees not to use or disclose your health information other than as permitted or required by the Plan documents and by law. HR Staff are the only Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. employees who will have access to your health information for plan administration functions.

Here's how additional information may be shared between the Plan and Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc., as allowed under the HIPAA rules:

- The Plan, or its insurer or HMO, may disclose "summary health information" to Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc., if requested, for purposes of obtaining premium bids to provide coverage under the Plan or for modifying, amending, or terminating the Plan. Summary health information is information that summarizes participants' claims information, from which names and other identifying information have been removed.
- The Plan, or its insurer or HMO, may disclose to Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. information on whether an individual is participating in the Plan or has enrolled or disenrolled in an insurance option or HMO offered by the Plan.

In addition, you should know that Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. cannot and will not use health information obtained from the Plan for any employment-related actions. However, health information collected by Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. from other sources — for example, under the Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, or workers' compensation programs — is not protected under HIPAA (although this type of information may be protected under other federal or state laws).

Other allowable uses or disclosures of your health information

In certain cases, your health information can be disclosed without authorization to a family member, close friend, or other person you identify who is involved in your care or payment for your care. Information about your location, general condition, or death may be provided to a similar person (or to a public or private entity authorized to assist in disaster relief efforts). You'll generally be given the chance to agree or object to these disclosures (although exceptions may be made — for example, if you're not present or if you're incapacitated). In addition, your health information may be disclosed without authorization to your legal representative.

The Plan also is allowed to use or disclose your health information without your written authorization for the following activities:

Workers' compensation	Disclosures to workers' compensation or similar legal programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness without regard to fault, as authorized by and necessary to comply with the laws
Necessary to prevent serious threat to health or safety	Disclosures made in the good-faith belief that releasing your health information is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to public or personal health or safety, if made to someone reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat (or to the target of the threat); includes disclosures to help law enforcement officials identify or apprehend an individual who has admitted participation in a violent crime that the Plan reasonably believes may have caused serious physical harm to a victim, or where it appears the individual has escaped from prison or from lawful custody
Public health activities	Disclosures authorized by law to persons who may be at risk of contracting or spreading a disease or condition; disclosures to public health authorities to prevent or control disease or report child abuse or neglect; and disclosures to the Food and Drug Administration to collect or report adverse events or product defects
Victims of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence	Disclosures to government authorities, including social services or protected services agencies authorized by law to receive reports of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, as required by law or if you agree or the Plan believes that disclosure is necessary to prevent serious harm to you or potential victims (you'll be notified of the Plan's disclosure if informing you won't put you at further risk)
Judicial and administrative proceedings	Disclosures in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process (the Plan may be required to notify you of the request or receive satisfactory assurance from the party seeking your health information that efforts were made to notify you or to obtain a qualified protective order concerning the information)

Law enforcement purposes	Disclosures to law enforcement officials required by law or legal process, or to identify a suspect, fugitive, witness, or missing person; disclosures about a crime victim if you agree or if disclosure is necessary for immediate law enforcement activity; disclosures about a death that may have resulted from criminal conduct; and disclosures to provide evidence of criminal conduct on the Plan's premises
Decedents	Disclosures to a coroner or medical examiner to identify the deceased or determine cause of death; and to funeral directors to carry out their duties
Organ, eye, or tissue donation	Disclosures to organ procurement organizations or other entities to facilitate organ, eye, or tissue donation and transplantation after death
Research purposes	Disclosures subject to approval by institutional or private privacy review boards, subject to certain assurances and representations by researchers about the necessity of using your health information and the treatment of the information during a research project
Health oversight activities	Disclosures to health agencies for activities authorized by law (audits, inspections, investigations, or licensing actions) for oversight of the health care system, government benefits programs for which health information is relevant to beneficiary eligibility, and compliance with regulatory programs or civil rights laws
Specialized government functions	Disclosures about individuals who are Armed Forces personnel or foreign military personnel under appropriate military command; disclosures to authorized federal officials for national security or intelligence activities; and disclosures to correctional facilities or custodial law enforcement officials about inmates
HHS investigations	Disclosures of your health information to the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine the Plan's compliance with the HIPAA privacy rule

Except as described in this notice, other uses and disclosures will be made only with your written authorization. For example, in most cases, the Plan will obtain your authorization before it communicates with you about products or programs if the Plan is being paid to make those communications. If we keep psychotherapy notes in our records, we will obtain your authorization in some cases before we release those records. The Plan will never sell your health information unless you have authorized us to do so. You may revoke your authorization as allowed under the HIPAA rules. However, you can't revoke your authorization with respect to disclosures the Plan has already made. You will be notified of any unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of your unsecured health information as required by law.

The Plan will notify you if it becomes aware that there has been a loss of your health information in a manner that could compromise the privacy of your health information.

Your individual rights

You have the following rights with respect to your health information the Plan maintains. These rights are subject to certain limitations, as discussed below. This section of the notice describes how you may exercise each individual right. See the table at the end of this notice for information on how to submit requests.

Right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information and the Plan's right to refuse

You have the right to ask the Plan to restrict the use and disclosure of your health information for treatment, payment, or health care operations, except for uses or disclosures required by law. You have the right to ask the Plan to restrict the use and disclosure of your health information to family members, close friends, or other persons you identify as being involved in your care or payment for your care. You also have the right to ask the Plan to restrict use and disclosure of health information to notify those persons of your location, general condition, or death — or to coordinate those efforts with entities assisting in disaster relief efforts. If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing.

The Plan is not required to agree to a requested restriction. If the Plan does agree, a restriction may later be terminated by your written request, by agreement between you and the Plan (including an oral agreement), or unilaterally by the Plan for health information created or received after you're notified that the Plan has removed the restrictions. The Plan may also disclose health information about you if you need emergency treatment, even if the Plan has agreed to a restriction.

An entity covered by these HIPAA rules (such as your health care provider) or its business associate must comply with your request that health information regarding a specific health care item or service not be disclosed to the Plan for purposes of payment or health care operations if you have paid out of pocket and in full for the item or service.

Right to receive confidential communications of your health information

If you think that disclosure of your health information by the usual means could endanger you in some way, the Plan will accommodate reasonable requests to receive communications of health information from the Plan by alternative means or at alternative locations.

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing and you must include a statement that disclosure of all or part of the information could endanger you.

Right to inspect and copy your health information

With certain exceptions, you have the right to inspect or obtain a copy of your health information in a “designated record set.” This may include medical and billing records maintained for a health care provider; enrollment, payment, claims adjudication, and case or medical management record systems maintained by a plan; or a group of records the Plan uses to make decisions about individuals. However, you do not have a right to inspect or obtain copies of psychotherapy notes or information compiled for civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings. The Plan may deny your right to access, although in certain circumstances, you may request a review of the denial.

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing. Within 30 days of receipt of your request (60 days if the health information is not accessible on site), the Plan will provide you with one of these responses:

- The access or copies you requested
- A written denial that explains why your request was denied and any rights you may have to have the denial reviewed or file a complaint
- A written statement that the time period for reviewing your request will be extended for no more than 30 more days, along with the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan expects to address your request

You may also request your health information be sent to another entity or person, so long as that request is clear, conspicuous and specific. The Plan may provide you with a summary or explanation of the information instead of access to or copies of your health information, if you agree in advance and pay any applicable fees. The Plan also may charge reasonable fees for copies or postage. If the Plan doesn’t maintain the health information but knows where it is maintained, you will be informed where to direct your request.

If the Plan keeps your records in an electronic format, you may request an electronic copy of your health information in a form and format readily producible by the Plan. You may also request that such electronic health information be sent to another entity or person, so long as that request is clear, conspicuous, and specific. Any charge that is assessed to you for these copies must be reasonable and based on the Plan’s cost.

Right to amend your health information that is inaccurate or incomplete

With certain exceptions, you have a right to request that the Plan amend your health information in a designated record set. The Plan may deny your request for a number of reasons. For example, your request may be denied if the health information is accurate and complete, was not created by the Plan (unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available), is not part of the designated record set, or is not available for inspection (e.g., psychotherapy notes or information compiled for civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings).

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing, and you must include a statement to support the requested amendment. Within 60 days of receipt of your request, the Plan will take one of these actions:

- Make the amendment as requested
- Provide a written denial that explains why your request was denied and any rights you may have to disagree or file a complaint
- Provide a written statement that the time period for reviewing your request will be extended for no more than 30 more days, along with the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan expects to address your request.

Right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health information

You have the right to a list of certain disclosures of your health information the Plan has made. This is often referred to as an “accounting of disclosures.” You generally may receive this accounting if the disclosure is required by law, in connection with public health activities, or in similar situations listed in the table earlier in this notice, unless otherwise indicated below.

You may receive information on disclosures of your health information for up to six years before the date of your request. You do not have a right to receive an accounting of any disclosures made in any of these circumstances:

- For treatment, payment, or health care operations
- To you about your own health information
- Incidental to other permitted or required disclosures
- Where authorization was provided
- To family members or friends involved in your care (where disclosure is permitted without authorization)
- For national security or intelligence purposes or to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials in certain circumstances
- As part of a “limited data set” (health information that excludes certain identifying information)

In addition, your right to an accounting of disclosures to a health oversight agency or law enforcement official may be suspended at the request of the agency or official.

If you want to exercise this right, your request to the Plan must be in writing. Within 60 days of the request, the Plan will provide you with the list of disclosures or a written statement that the time period for providing this list will be extended for no more than 30 more days, along with the reasons for the delay and the date by which the Plan expects to address your request. You may make one request in any 12-month period at no cost to you, but the Plan may charge a fee for subsequent requests. You'll be notified of the fee in advance and have the opportunity to change or revoke your request.

Right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from the Plan upon request

You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this privacy notice upon request. Even individuals who agreed to receive this notice electronically may request a paper copy at any time.

To obtain a paper copy of the privacy notice, contact Tina Knight, HIPAA Privacy Officer, at 714 234-8726.

Changes to the information in this notice

The Plan must abide by the terms of the privacy notice currently in effect. This notice takes effect on 1/1/2023. However, the Plan reserves the right to change the terms of its privacy policies, as described in this notice, at any time and to make new provisions effective for all health information that the Plan maintains. This includes health information that was previously created or received, not just health information created or received after the policy is changed. If changes are made to the Plan's privacy policies described in this notice, you will be provided with a revised privacy notice mailed to home address or e-mailed.

Complaints

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated or your Plan has not followed its legal obligations under HIPAA, you may complain to the Plan and to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. You won't be retaliated against for filing a complaint. To file a complaint, contact Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. Privacy Officer at 714-234-8726.

Contact

For more information on the Plan's privacy policies or your rights under HIPAA, contact the Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. Privacy Officer at 714-234-8726.

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 July 31, 2021. Contact your State for more information on eligibility.

State	Website	Telephone
Alabama - Medicaid	https://myalhipp.com/	1-855-692-5447
Alaska - Medicaid	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program: https://myakhipp.com/ Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: https://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx	1-866-251-4861
Arkansas - Medicaid	https://myarhipp.com/	1-855-692-7447
California - Medicaid	https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx	916-440-5676
Colorado - Medicaid & CHIP	Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ CHP+: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus HIBI: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/health-insurance-buy-program	HFC: 1-800-221-3943 / State Relay 711 CHP+: 1-800-359-1991 / State Relay 711 HIBI: 1-855-692-6442
Florida - Medicaid	https://www.flmedicaidtplecovery.com/flmedicaidtplecovery.com/hipp/index.html	1-877-357-3268
Georgia - Medicaid	https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp	678-564-1162 ext 2131
Indiana - Medicaid	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/ All other Medicaid: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/	1-877-438-4479 1-800-457-4584
Iowa - Medicaid & CHIP (Hawki)	Medicaid Website: https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members Hawki Website: http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki	Medicaid: 1-800-338-8366 Hawki: 1-800-257-8563
Kansas - Medicaid	http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/default.htm	1-800-792-4884
Kentucky - Medicaid	KI-HIPP Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx Email: KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov KCHIP Website: https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov	1-855-459-6328 1-877-524-4718
Louisiana - Medicaid	www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp	Medicaid hotline 1-888-342-6207 LaHIPP 1-855-618-5488

State	Website	Telephone
Maine – Medicaid	Enrollment Website: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms	1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711 1-800-977-6740 TTY: Maine relay 711
Massachusetts – Medicaid & CHIP	Website: http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/	1-800-862-4840
Minnesota – Medicaid	https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp	1-800-657-3739
Missouri – Medicaid	http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm	573-751-2005
Montana – Medicaid	http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP	1-800-694-3084
Nebraska – Medicaid	http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov	Phone: 1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 402-473-7000 Omaha: 402-595-1178
Nevada – Medicaid	http://dhcfp.nv.gov	1-800-992-0900
New Hampshire – Medicaid	https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm	603-271-5218 Toll-Free: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218
New Jersey – Medicaid & CHIP	Medicaid: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ CHIP: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html	Medicaid: 609-631-2392 CHIP: 1-800-701-0710
New York – Medicaid	https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/	1-800-541-2831
North Carolina – Medicaid	https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/	919-855-4100
North Dakota – Medicaid	http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/	1-844-854-4825
Oklahoma – Medicaid & CHIP	http://www.insureoklahoma.org	1-888-365-3742
Oregon – Medicaid	http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html	1-800-699-9075
Pennsylvania – Medicaid	https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Medical/HIPP-Program.aspx	1-800-692-7462
Rhode Island – Medicaid & CHIP	http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/	1-855-697-4347, or Direct Rite Share Line 401-462-0311
South Carolina – Medicaid	https://www.scdhhs.gov	1-888-549-0820
South Dakota – Medicaid	http://dss.sd.gov	1-888-828-0059
Texas – Medicaid	http://gethipptexas.com/	1-800-440-0493
Utah – Medicaid & CHIP	Medicaid: https://medicaid.utah.gov/ CHIP: http://health.utah.gov/chip	1-877-543-7669
Vermont – Medicaid	http://www.greenmountaincare.org/	1-800-250-8427
Virginia – Medicaid & CHIP	https://www.coverva.org/hipp/	Medicaid: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP: 1-855-242-8282
Washington – Medicaid	https://www.hca.wa.gov/	1-800-562-3022
West Virginia – Medicaid	https://mywvhipp.com/	Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
Wisconsin – Medicaid & CHIP	https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm	1-800-362-3002
Wyoming – Medicaid	https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/	1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2021, 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

Notice Regarding Exchange Coverage Under the Affordable Care Act

Key parts of the Affordable Care Act, also known as the Health Care Reform Law, went into effect January 1, 2014. As a result, there are new ways to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace (the Marketplace). To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc.

What Is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help individuals find health insurance that meets their needs and fits their budget. It offers “one-stop shopping” to find and compare private health insurance options. All U.S. citizens and legal residents will have access to individual health insurance policies through the Marketplace in their state for plan years starting January 1, 2014.

Individuals may also be eligible for a tax credit that lowers their monthly premium right away. Open enrollment for 2023 health insurance coverage through the Marketplace runs from November 1, 2022 through January 15, 2023.

Can Individuals Save Money on Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?

Some people who do not have access to affordable, minimum value health care coverage through their employer may be eligible for a federal subsidy in order to make buying insurance through the Marketplace more affordable. The savings these individuals would be eligible for depends on household income.

It's important to know that because Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. health plans meet the government's standards for minimum value and affordability, you will not qualify for a federal subsidy if you are eligible for Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. benefits. You will likely find more affordable coverage through our health plans, or if available, through your spouse's employer plan, or through your parent's employer plan (if you are under the age of 26).

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

Yes. Individuals who have an offer of health coverage from their employer that meets certain standards (as does Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. health coverage) are not eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in their company's health plan. Some people may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers their monthly premiums or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if their employer does not offer coverage at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from an employer for employee-only coverage is more than 9.78 percent of an employee's household income for the year, or if the coverage the employer provides does not meet the “minimum value” standard set by the health care reform law, an employee may be eligible for a tax credit.

What If I’m Not Eligible for a Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. Medical Plan?

If you are not eligible for a Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. health plan, you should consider other options available to you, such as coverage through your spouse’s employer plan, your parent’s employer plan, Medicaid, Medicare or your state’s Marketplace. If you decide to enroll through the Marketplace, you will need to provide the Marketplace with the following information about Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc. and our plan:

Employer name:
Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc.

Employer Identification Number EIN:
33-0479906

Employer address:
654 Richland Hills Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78245

Employer telephone number:
858-453-7845

Contact:
Tanya Ruyle
858-453-7845 x269150

Email address of contact:
benefits@petco.com

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc., then you will lose Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc., contribution to the company-offered coverage. Also, this contribution — as well as your employee contribution to Petco Animal Supplies Stores, Inc.- offered coverage — is excluded from income for federal and state income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

Why Are We Sending This Information?

Most U.S. employers are required to send this notice to employees to raise awareness of the Marketplace and to help them understand how having access to their employer’s health care plan may limit their eligibility for tax credits in the Marketplace.

How Can I Get More Information?

Contact the Petco Benefits Service Center at 855-847-6067.

