

Michelle's Law Notice

Eligibility for Continued Coverage for Dependent Students on Medically Necessary Leave of Absence

The Pace University Health Plan (Plan) provides dependent coverage for the children of its participants until a child has attained age 26, regardless of the child's status as a student. For children covered under the Plan after attaining age 26, Michelle's Law provides continued coverage for dependent children who are covered as a student but lose their student status because they take a medically necessary leave of absence from school.

As a result, if your child has attained age 26 and is no longer a student, as defined in the Plan, because he/she is on a medically necessary leave of absence, your child may continue to be covered under the Plan for up to one year from the beginning of the leave of absence. This continued coverage applies if, immediately before the first day of the leave of absence, your child was (1) covered under the Plan and (2) enrolled as a student at a post-secondary educational institution (includes colleges and universities).

For purposes of this continued coverage, a "medically necessary leave of absence" means a leave of absence from a post-secondary educational institution, or any change in enrollment of the child at the institution, that:

1. begins while the child is suffering from a serious illness or injury,
2. is medically necessary, and
3. causes the child to lose student status for purposes of coverage under the plan.

The coverage provided to dependent children during any period of continued coverage:

1. is available for up to one year after the first day of the medically necessary leave of absence, but ends earlier if coverage under the plan would otherwise terminate, and
2. stays the same as if your child had continued to be a covered student and had not taken a medically necessary leave of absence.

If the coverage provided by the Plan is changed during this one-year period, the Plan must provide the changed coverage for the dependent child for the remainder of the medically necessary leave of absence unless, as a result of the change, the plan no longer provides coverage for dependent children.

If you believe your child is eligible for this continued coverage, the child's treating physician must provide a written certification to the Plan stating that your child is suffering from a serious illness or injury and that the leave of absence (or other change in enrollment) is medically necessary.

Coordination with COBRA Continuation Coverage

If your child is eligible for Michelle's Law's continued coverage and loses coverage under the Plan at the end of the continued coverage period, continuation coverage under COBRA will be available at the end of Michelle's Law's coverage period and a COBRA notice will be provided at that time.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the information in this notice or your child's right to Michelle's Law's continued coverage, or if you would like a copy of your Summary Plan Description (which contains important information about plan benefits, eligibility, exclusions, and limitations), you should contact the Pace University Benefits Team.

Important Notice from Pace University Regarding Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice contains information about your current prescription drug coverage with Pace University and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered and at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can receive assistance regarding prescription drug coverage is included at the end of this notice.

There are two important facts that 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 obtain 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. Pace University has determined that the prescription drug coverage

offered by the Pace University Health Benefits Plan 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 retain 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 and continue your current Pace University coverage, you have the option to do so.

- Your current medical and prescription drug coverage through Aetna remains unchanged for you and any enrolled dependents.
- Your employee contributions remain unchanged, even if you elect Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage – there is no reduction in your contribution.
- You are responsible for the entire cost of the Medicare Part D premium.
- Your current Pace University medical and prescription drug program will coordinate with your Medicare coverage in accordance with federal law.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and terminate your current Pace University coverage, you have the option to do so.

- When your coverage ends, coverage for your enrolled dependents will also end.
- You can re-enroll in the Pace University program in accordance with the Plan's procedures during an annual enrollment period, a special enrollment period, or if a qualified status change occurs that is consistent with the request for enrollment in accordance with Section 125.

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 Pace University 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 will receive this notice each year. You will also receive it prior to the next Medicare drug plan enrollment period and if this coverage through Pace University changes. You may also 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).

Note: 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: 11/13/2024
Name of Entity/Sender: Pace University
Contact—Position/Office: Goldstein Academic Center
Office Address: 861 Bedford Road
Pleasantville, New York 10570
Phone Number: 914-923-2828

Women’s Health & 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 medical and surgical benefits provided under the plan.

If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, please contact Pace University Benefits, at 914-923-2828 or reach out via email at benefits@pace.edu.

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

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, 2024. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – MEDICAID

Website: <http://myalhipp.com/>
Phone: 1-855-692-5447

ARKANSAS – MEDICAID

Website: <http://myalhipp.com/>
Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP 1-855-692-5447

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://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

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-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra> | Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 2

IOWA – MEDICAID AND CHIP (HAWKI)

Medicaid Website: [Iowa Medicaid | Health & Human Services](https://www.iowa.gov/health-human-services)
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366
Hawki Website: [Hawki – Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa | Health & Human Services](https://www.iowa.gov/health-human-services) | Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563
HIPP Website: [Health Insurance Premium Payment \(HIPP\) | Health & Human Services \(iowa.gov\)](https://www.iowa.gov/health-human-services) | HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562

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://kynect.ky.gov>
Phone: 1-877-524-4718
Kentucky Medicaid Website: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms>

ALASKA – MEDICAID

The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
Website: <http://myakhipp.com/>
Phone: 1-866-251-4861
Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com
Medicaid Eligibility: <https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx>

CALIFORNIA – MEDICAID

Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Website: <http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp> | Phone: 916-445-8322, Fax: 916-440-5676
Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov

FLORIDA – MEDICAID

Website: <https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html>
Phone: 1-877-357-3268

INDIANA – MEDICAID

Health Insurance Premium Payment Program | All other Medicaid
Website: <https://www.in.gov/medicaid/>
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/>
Family and Social Services Administration
Phone: 1-800-403-0864
Member Services Phone: 1-800-457-4584

KANSAS – MEDICAID

Website: <https://www.kancare.ks.gov/>
Phone: 1-800-792-4884
HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660

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:
https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/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: 1-800-977-6740 , TTY: Maine relay 711

MINNESOTA – MEDICAID

Website: <https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/>
Phone: 1-800-657-3672

MONTANA – MEDICAID

Website: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP>
Phone: 1-800-694-3084
Email: HSHIPPProgram@mt.gov

NEVADA – MEDICAID

Medicaid Website: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov>
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900

NEW JERSEY – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Medicaid Website: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/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)

NORTH CAROLINA – MEDICAID

Website: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/> Phone: 919-855-4100

OKLAHOMA – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Website: <http://www.insureoklahoma.org>
Phone: 1-888-365-3742

PENNSYLVANIA – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Website: <https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html>
Phone: 1-800-692-7462
CHIP Website: **Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov)**
CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)

MASSACHUSETTS – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Website: <https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa>
Phone: 1-800-862-4840
TTY: 711
Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com

MISSOURI – MEDICAID

Website: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm>
Phone: 573-751-2005

NEBRASKA – MEDICAID

Website: <http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov>
Phone: 1-855-632-7633, Lincoln: 402-473-7000
Omaha: 402-595-1178

NEW HAMPSHIRE – MEDICAID

Website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program>
Phone: 603-271-5218
Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext. 15218
Email: DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov

NEW YORK – MEDICAID

Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/
Phone: 1-800-541-2831

NORTH DAKOTA – MEDICAID

Website: <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare> Phone: 1-844-854-4825

OREGON – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Website: <http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>
Phone: 1-800-699-9075

RHODE ISLAND – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Website: <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/>
Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or
401-462-0311 (Direct Rlte Share Line)

SOUTH CAROLINA – MEDICAID

Website: <https://www.scdhhs.gov>
Phone: 1-888-549-0820

TEXAS – MEDICAID

Website: **Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program | Texas Health and Human Services**
Phone: 1-800-440-0493

VERMONT – MEDICAID

Website: **Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program | Department of Vermont Health Access**
Phone: 1-800-250-8427

WASHINGTON – MEDICAID

Website: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/>
Phone: 1-800-562-3022

WISCONSIN – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Website:
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm>
Phone: 1-800-362-3002

SOUTH DAKOTA – MEDICAID

Website: <http://dss.sd.gov>
Phone: 1-888-828-0059

UTAH – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP)
Website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/>
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/>

VIRGINIA – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Website: <https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select>
<https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs>
Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924

WEST VIRGINIA – MEDICAID AND CHIP

Website: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/http://mywvhipp.com/>
Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700
CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)

WYOMING – MEDICAID

Website:
<https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/>
Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2024, 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

Marketplace notice

New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

PART A: General Information

Even if you are offered health coverage through your employment, you may have other coverage options through the Health Insurance Marketplace ("Marketplace"). To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the Health Insurance Marketplace and health coverage offered through your employment.

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 in your geographic area.

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

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium and other out-of-pocket costs, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that is not considered affordable for you and doesn't meet certain minimum value standards (discussed below). The savings that you're eligible for depends on your household income. You may also be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your costs.

Does Employment-Based Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that is considered affordable for you and meets certain minimum value standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit, or advance payment of the tax credit, for your Marketplace coverage and may wish to enroll in your employment-based health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit, and advance payments of the 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 is considered affordable for you or meet minimum value standards. If your share of the premium cost of all plans offered to you through your employment is more than 9.12% of your annual household income, or if the coverage through your employment does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit, and advance payment of the credit, if you do not enroll in the employment-based health coverage. For family members of the employee, coverage is considered affordable if the employee's cost of premiums for the lowest-cost plan that would cover all family members does not exceed 9.12% of the employee's household income.^{1, 2}

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered through your employment, then you may lose access to whatever the employer contributes to the employment-based coverage. Also, this employer contribution –as well as your employee contribution to employment-based coverage– is generally 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 Pace University Benefits at 914-923-2828 or reach out via email at benefits@pace.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](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.

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: Pace University		4. Employer Identification Number (EIN): 13-5562314
5. Employer address: Pace University, Goldstein Academic Center, 861 Bedford Road		6. Employer phone number: 914-923-2828
7. City: Pleasantville	8. State: NY	9. ZIP code: 10570
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? Pace University Benefits		
11. Phone number (if different from above)	12. Email address: benefits@pace.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 working at least 28 hrs per week

- With respect to dependents:

We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:

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.



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The information is subject to change from time to time, and the University reserves the right to change or terminate these Plans at any time. The information contained in this guide is not intended to replace the plan documents, nor is the information in any way intended to imply a contract.