Consumer Health Insurance Plans 2018

For people in Northern Virginia who buy their own insurance
Applying for 2018 Coverage?

Open Enrollment is from November 1, 2018 through December 15, 2018. If you have experienced a qualifying life event (marriage, a new baby, loss of group insurance), you may be entitled to enroll in a qualified health plan with coverage starting in 2018. Please take a moment to review the following instructions to fill out the application in the 2018 book:

- Check Yes at the top of the enclosed application, section 6, Non-Open Enrollment Application Eligibility. Complete an application for the year in which your life event occurred.
- Check your specific qualifying life event.
- After you have submitted your application, a member of our enrollment team will contact you if additional information is needed—including supporting documentation of your recent life event. We must receive your first payment and supporting documentation before your health care coverage will begin.

I want to keep the same type of plan in 2019

Individual health insurance benefit plans change annually as a result of the Affordable Care Act. If you would like to continue with a plan most like your current CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield or CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (CareFirst) plan, then continue paying your monthly premium and you will be automatically enrolled into the new plan effective January 1, 2019. Review the chart to see which 2019 plan you will be enrolled in based on your 2018 plan selection.

During this time, plan expenses, including your deductible and out-of-pocket maximums, will reset and your premiums may change. You will receive your January premium payment bill this December.

I want a different type of plan in 2019

If you would like to enroll in a different CareFirst plan for 2019, you must complete a 2019 application and return it to us separately. Completion of a 2019 application only guarantees enrollment for 2019 insurance. In order to have health care coverage on January 1, 2019, we must receive your application by December 15, 2018.

The enrollment period for a 2019 insurance plan begins November 1, 2018. Review the enclosed book for 2019 plan options. For assistance, please call one of our product specialists at 800-544-8703, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to noon or contact your broker.
Welcome

Thank you for considering CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (CareFirst) for your health care coverage. As the largest health care insurer in the Mid-Atlantic region, we know how much you and your family depend on us for your health coverage. It’s a responsibility we take very seriously, as we have with your parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors.

We created this book to help you research and choose the plan that best suits your specific needs. For 2018, CareFirst offers the following plans:

- BlueChoice HMO Young Adult $7,350*
- BlueChoice HMO Silver $3,500
- BluePreferred PPO Silver $3,500
- HealthyBlue HMO Gold $1,000
- HealthyBlue PPO Gold $1,000

When you choose us as your health insurer, you are protected by the nation’s oldest and largest family of independent health benefits companies. For over 80 years, we have provided our community with health care coverage and are committed to being there when you need us for many years to come.

If you have any questions as you read through this book, visit us at carefirst.com/individual or give us a call at 800-544-8703, Monday–Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Sincerely,

Vickie S. Cosby
Vice President, Consumer Direct Sales Distribution and Communications

*Available to individuals under the age of 30. Also available to people who have received certification from an Exchange that they are exempt from the individual mandate because they do not have an affordable coverage option or because they qualify for a hardship exemption. Visit your state's Exchange for more details.
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Before You Choose a Plan

To choose the best plan for your needs, you should:

**Understand metal levels**

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) there are four categories of health coverage—Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum—called metal levels. All health plans fall into a metal level depending on the share of health care expenses they cover. For example, bronze plans have higher deductibles than other metal level plans.

In Northern Virginia, CareFirst offers plans in the following metal levels:

- Silver
- Gold

CareFirst also offers a Catastrophic plan (BlueChoice Young Adult) for individuals under age 30, or individuals with a hardship exemption.

**Look into financial assistance**

You may qualify for financial assistance (also called subsidies) from the government. There are two types of financial assistance available:

- **A tax credit to help pay your monthly premium**—This subsidy helps reduce your monthly premium. Once you qualify, your tax credit will be sent to CareFirst and applied to your bill, reducing your premium. If you qualify for this type of assistance, you can use it toward the purchase of any plan—Silver or Gold (excludes the BlueChoice Young Adult plan).

- **A subsidy to lower your out-of-pocket expenses**—This subsidy helps limit how much you spend on out-of-pocket expenses like copays, coinsurance and deductibles. By lowering these out-of-pocket costs, your health plan begins paying 100 percent of your costs sooner than it would have without the subsidy. If you qualify, and want to take advantage of this type of financial assistance, you must purchase a Silver metal level plan.

To see whether you qualify for assistance, check out our subsidy estimator at [carefirst.com/individual](http://carefirst.com/individual). If you do qualify, you must purchase your plan through the federal Marketplace at [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

*Note: If you are an existing member and you qualified for financial assistance in 2017 and did not elect automatic reassessment, you need to contact the Marketplace and be re-evaluated for financial assistance for 2018 during Open Enrollment from November 1–December 15, 2017.*

Individuals earning up to $48,240 and a family of four earning up to $98,400 can qualify for financial assistance to help pay for their health insurance premiums.

*Income based on 2017 federal poverty levels*
How Health Insurance Works

To help you understand your health plan options, it's important to understand a bit about health insurance. The graphic below explains how health insurance works and defines some key terms.

Here are some key things that you get at no charge:

- Adult physicals
- Well-child exams and immunizations
- OB/GYN visits and pap tests
- Mammograms
- Prostate and colorectal screenings
- Routine prenatal maternity services

Need additional care?

Meet your deductible

Your DEDUCTIBLE is the amount of money you must pay for covered services each year before the plan will start paying for all or part of the services.¹

YOU PAY 100% until you meet your deductible

Pay your share

After you meet your deductible, you’ll pay a COPAY or COINSURANCE for covered services.

YOU PAY | PLAN PAYS

Reach your annual out-of-pocket maximum

If you reach your OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM, you will pay nothing for your care for the remainder of the plan year. The plan will pay 100 percent of your covered medical expenses.

PLAN PAYS 100%

Commonly used insurance terms are BOLDED throughout this book and defined in the glossary on page 25.

¹ Certain charges, such as charges in excess of the allowed benefit, may not be used to satisfy the deductible. Please see your contract for more information.
Included with Every CareFirst Plan

CareFirst health plans are designed with your health in mind. All individual and family plans include:

- Prescription drug coverage
- Blue Rewards
- Vision examination for members over age 19
- Dental and vision coverage for members under age 19

Prescription drug coverage

As a CareFirst member, your prescription coverage includes:

- A nationwide network of more than 69,000 participating pharmacies.
- Approximately 5,000 covered prescription drugs on our formulary (drug list), divided into tiers. The price you pay for a drug is determined by the tier it falls into.

- **Generic Drugs (Tier 1)**—Generic drugs cost up to 75 percent less than their brand-name counterparts and are made with the same active ingredients. Ask your doctor if your prescription medication can be filled with a generic alternative.

- **Preferred Brand-Name Drugs (Tier 2)**—The drugs on CareFirst’s Preferred Drug list have been reviewed for quality, effectiveness, safety and cost by an independent national committee of health care professionals. The CareFirst Preferred Drug List identifies generic and preferred brand-name drugs that may save you money.

- **Non-Preferred Brand-Name Drugs (Tier 3)**—These drugs are often available in less-expensive forms, either as generics or preferred brand drugs. You will pay more for drugs in this tier. If you choose a non-preferred drug when a generic is available, you will pay the non-preferred copay along with the difference in price between the generic and non-preferred drug.

- **Preferred Specialty Drugs (Tier 4)**—Consist of generic and brand-name drugs used to treat chronic, complex and/or rare health conditions. These drugs may have a lower cost-share than non-preferred specialty drugs.

- **Non-Preferred Specialty Drugs (Tier 5)**—These specialty drugs have a more cost-effective preferred generic or brand specialty drug alternative available.

- Mail Service Pharmacy, our convenient and fast mail order drug program.

- Save money on your maintenance medications—those drugs taken daily to treat a chronic condition like high cholesterol—by having them delivered right to your home. You can get up to a 90-day supply of your medications for the cost of two copays. Non-maintenance drugs are also available through the Mail Service Pharmacy.

- Coordinated medical and pharmacy programs to help improve your overall health and reduce costs.

- Personalized care management notices detailing cost savings opportunities, safety alerts and important drug information.

We’ve included more information on prescription benefits by health plan in the fold-out chart included with this book. Our drug list formulary can be found at carefirst.com/acarx.
Earn money with our Blue Rewards program

Blue Rewards is CareFirst’s exclusive incentive program that rewards you for taking steps to get and stay healthy. You and your covered spouse or domestic partner can each earn $150 for completing four steps within 120 days from the date your coverage started.

Once you’ve earned your reward, you will receive a CareFirst Blue Rewards Visa® Incentive Card that can be applied to your out-of-pocket costs like copays and eligible medical, prescription drug, dental and vision expenses under your CareFirst health plan. Please note, the incentive does not carryover. You must use the balance on your card by December 31, 2018.

You can visit your PCP or a CVS MinuteClinic to complete your health screening! For more information on the steps and the program, visit carefirst.com/bluerewards. To earn your reward, you must select a PCP who participates in our Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) program.

Vision coverage

Every CareFirst health plan includes an annual vision examination for everyone covered by your plan. In-network benefits are offered to you through Davis Vision,† our administrator for the plans. Out-of-network benefits are also available.

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<td>■ No copay for frames and basic lenses for glasses or contact lenses in the Davis Vision collection¹</td>
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<td>■ No claims to file when you use a provider who contracts with Davis Vision</td>
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<td>■ One no-charge in-network routine exam per calendar year</td>
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<td>■ Discounts² of approximately 30 percent on eyeglass lenses, frames and contacts, laser vision correction, scratch-resistant lens coating and progressive lenses</td>
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To locate a vision provider near you, call Davis Vision at 800-783-5602 or visit carefirst.com/doctor.

† Davis Vision is an independent company.

¹ For BlueChoice Young Adult plans, all pediatric vision services are subject to the medical deductible, except for the vision exam.

² As of April 1, 2014, some providers in Maryland and Virginia may no longer provide these discounts. Provider participation varies from year-to-year. Make sure to call in advance to confirm discounts.

CVS MinuteClinic is an independent company that provides medical services to CareFirst members.

The CareFirst Blue Rewards Visa® Incentive Card is issued by The Bancorp Bank, Member FDIC, pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. Cards may be used only at merchants in the U.S. and District of Columbia wherever Visa debit cards are accepted for eligible expenses. See Cardholder Agreement for details.
Dental coverage for children up to age 19

Did you know that comprehensive dental care can help detect other health problems before they become more serious? The health of your child's teeth also has a major impact on digestion, growth rate and many other aspects of overall health. That's why all CareFirst medical plans provide kids under age 19 with dental benefits at no extra charge.

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<td>Deductible</td>
<td>Not Subject to Deductible</td>
<td>Individual: $7,350</td>
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<td>Network</td>
<td>Over 5,000 providers in MD, DC and Northern VA; 123,000 dental providers nationally</td>
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<td>Preventive &amp; Diagnostic Services (Class I)—Exams (2 per year), cleanings (2 per year), fluoride treatments (2 per year), sealants, bitewing X-rays (2 per year), full mouth x-ray (one every 3 years)</td>
<td>No charge</td>
<td>20% of Allowed Pediatric Dental Benefit*</td>
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<td>Basic Services (Class II)—Fillings (amalgam or composite), simple extractions, non-surgical periodontics</td>
<td>20% of Allowed Pediatric Dental Benefit*</td>
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<td>Major Services—Surgical (Class III)—Surgical periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery</td>
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<td>Major Services—Restorative (Class IV)—Crowns, dentures, inlays and onlays</td>
<td>50% of Allowed Pediatric Dental Benefit*</td>
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<td>Orthodontic Services (Class V)—when medically necessary</td>
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Not all services and procedures are covered by your benefits contract. This plan summary is for comparison purposes only and does not create rights not given through the benefit plan.

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On the go? Download our mobile app. Using any mobile device, you can:

- Search for providers and urgent care centers
- Download ID cards to your device
- Save provider information directly to your contacts list
- Receive a notification when your new Explanation of Benefits (EOB) information is ready to view
- View claims and deductible information
Dental Plans for Adults

Three optional dental plans

All CareFirst medical plans provide pediatric dental benefits. To purchase dental coverage for adults age 19 and older, you can choose from three dental plans:

- BlueDental Preferred
- Dental HMO
- Preferred Dental

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<th>Preventive &amp; Diagnostic Services (Class I)</th>
<th>Basic Services (Class II) — Fillings, simple extractions, non-surgical periodontics</th>
<th>Major Services—Surgical (Class III) Surgical periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery</th>
<th>Major Services—Restorative (Class IV) Inlays, onlays, dentures, crowns</th>
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<td>BlueDental Preferred</td>
<td>Approximaty $1 per day*</td>
<td>Low Option $100 Individual/$300 Family (applies to Classes I-IV) per calendar year</td>
<td>High Option $60 Individual/$180 Family (applies to Classes II, III, IV) per calendar year</td>
<td>Plan pays $1,000 maximum (for members age 19 and older)</td>
<td>Over 5,000 providers in MD, DC and Northern VA; 123,000 dentists nationally</td>
<td>No charge after deductible 20% of Allowed Benefit** after deductible</td>
<td>No charge 20% of Allowed Benefit** after deductible</td>
<td>No charge 50% of Allowed Benefit** after deductible</td>
<td>50% of Allowed Benefit** (no deductible) when medically necessary</td>
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* Individual only cost per day in Northern Virginia, Low Option only.

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<td>Preventive &amp; Diagnostic Services (Class I)</td>
<td>$20 copay per office visit</td>
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<td>Orthodontic Services (Class V) (up to age 19)</td>
<td>Child: $2,500 per member</td>
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<td>Adult: $2,700 per member</td>
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¹ The Dental HMO plan is underwritten by CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc., which is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

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Mail this card for more information

YES, please rush me more information about the plan(s) that I’ve checked below. I understand this information is free and I am under no obligation.

Dental Plan Options

- [ ] BlueDental Preferred
- [ ] Dental HMO
- [ ] Preferred Dental

NAME: ____________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________

CITY: ____________________________

STATE: ____________________________ ZIP: ____________________________

For more information, including an application, just mail in the postage-paid card attached here.

If you’d like to talk to a dental product consultant, please call 855-503-4862.
Know Before You Go

Knowing where to go when you need medical care is key to getting treatment with the lowest out-of-pocket costs.

Primary care provider (PCP)
Establishing a relationship with a primary care provider is the best way to receive consistent, quality care. Except for emergencies, your PCP should be your first call when you require medical attention. Your PCP may be able to provide advice over the phone or fit you in for a visit right away.

FirstHelp—free 24-hour nurse advice line
With our free nurse advice line, members can call anytime to speak with a registered nurse. Nurses will discuss your symptoms with you and recommend the most appropriate care.

CareFirst Video Visit
See a doctor 24/7/365 without an appointment! You can consult with a board-certified doctor on your smartphone, tablet or computer. Doctors can treat a number of common health issues like flu and pink eye. Visit carefirstvideovisit.com for more information.

Convenience care centers (retail health clinics)
These are typically located inside a pharmacy or retail store and offer accessible care with extended hours. Visit a convenience care center for help with minor concerns like cold symptoms and ear infections.

Urgent care centers
Urgent care centers have a doctor on staff and are another option when you need care on weekends or after hours.

Emergency room (ER)
An emergency room provides treatment for acute illnesses and trauma. You should call 911 or go straight to the ER if you have a life-threatening injury, illness or emergency. Prior authorization is not needed for emergency room services.

When your PCP isn’t available, being familiar with your options will help you locate the most appropriate and cost-effective medical care. This chart shows how costs* (copays) vary for a sample health plan depending on where you choose to get care. Visit carefirst.com/needcare for more information.

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<td>Urgent care</td>
<td>$60</td>
<td>Sprains, Cut requiring stitches, Minor burns</td>
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<td>Emergency room</td>
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<td>Chest pain, Difficulty breathing, Abdominal pain</td>
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* The costs in this chart are for illustrative purposes only and may not represent your specific benefits or costs.
Choosing Your Plan

Calculating your total monthly premium
Before you decide on the plan that best fits your needs, you’ll likely want to take a look at the cost.

Buying an individual plan
Using the chart, find the plan(s) you are considering and circle the dollar amount that corresponds with how old you will be when your coverage begins (i.e. your age on January 1, 2018). That’s your rate.

Buying a family plan
If you are interested in a family plan, each family member is rated individually and your rates are combined to calculate your family premium. To calculate your family premium:

- Circle the rate for you.
- Circle the rate for your spouse (if applicable).
- Circle the rates for your oldest three children under age 21.

If you have more than three children under age 21, all will be covered on your plan but only the three oldest count toward your overall premium.

- Circle the rate for each child age 21-25. Note: children over age 25 must purchase their own health insurance.
- Add all individual rates together to determine your family premium.
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* Only available for enrollment to people under the age of 30, unless they have received certification from the Marketplace that they are exempt from the individual mandate because they do not have an affordable coverage option or because they qualify for a hardship exemption. Visit healthcare.gov for more details.

** If you are age 65 or older, you can only apply if you are NOT eligible for Medicare.

Rates are valid January 1–December 31, 2018 only.

Please note rates vary if you apply through healthcare.gov.
Four Ways to Enroll

The 2018 open enrollment period has ended; however, you may be eligible to enroll in a health care plan if you have a qualifying life event. Refer to Section 6 of the enclosed application for the list. Once you decide on the CareFirst plan that works best for your needs, all that’s left to do is enroll. We offer four different ways to enroll in one of our health plans below:

1. Enroll online at carefirst.com/individual
   - Get instant confirmation
   - Have access to real-time help via:
     - Click-to-Call
     - Click-to-Chat

2. If you think you qualify for financial assistance, you must purchase a plan through healthcare.gov. See page 3 for more information on financial assistance.

3. Fill out and mail the enclosed paper application using the pre-paid envelope. We’ll mail you a confirmation and a bill.

4. Enroll through your broker, if you have one. A broker is an independent agent who represents you (the buyer) and works to find you the best health insurance policy for your needs.

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Health Care Reform: Understand and Avoid the Penalty!

Avoid the penalty and enroll during Open Enrollment, November 1—December 15, 2017.

If you can afford health insurance and choose not to buy it, you must have a health coverage exemption or pay a financial penalty. If you don’t have coverage in 2018, you’ll pay a tax penalty. Visit irs.gov to learn more.

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**When your coverage will start**

When you enroll through CareFirst, your effective date is the date your coverage begins.

If you are enrolling through the Marketplace, please be sure to contact them to confirm your effective date.

**Paying for your plan**

If you buy CareFirst coverage directly from us online, you can make an immediate payment using your checking account or credit/debit card.

If you buy CareFirst coverage through the Marketplace, or if you apply with the paper application included in this book, you will be mailed a bill after enrollment. Please wait for your bill before making a payment.

Learn more about payment options by visiting carefirst.com/paymentoptions.

**Convenient e-Billing**

If you set up automated monthly premium payments, your first payment and each remaining payment, will be withdrawn from your bank account and sent to CareFirst automatically. Once you become a member, you can set up recurring payments—using a smartphone, tablet or desktop computer—at carefirst.com/myaccount or with the CareFirst mobile app.
**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Please fill out all applicable spaces on this application. Print or type all information.
2. Sign and return this application in the postage-paid return envelope if provided, or mail to:
   **Mailroom Administrator**
   **P.O. Box 14651, Lexington, KY 40512**

Give careful attention to all questions in this application. Accurate, complete information is necessary before your application can be processed. **If incomplete, the application will be returned and your coverage will be delayed.**

**1. PRIMARY APPLICANT INFORMATION** (The primary applicant will be the Head of Household)

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**2. ENROLLING FAMILY MEMBER(S)** (Complete only if you are enrolling a Spouse, Partner or Dependent(s) to your plan)

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**Important Deductible Information:**

For all plans: Single party applications: the Individual Deductible must be met before full benefits will begin. Multi-party applications: if one member on the policy meets the Individual Deductible, full benefits will begin for that member. That member will not be able to contribute more than the Individual Deductible amount towards the Family Deductible. Once the Family Deductible has been met, full benefits will be available to all members on the policy.

Please Note: Coverage will begin immediately for preventive benefits as they are not subject to a deductible. Other benefits, as specified in the member contract, also may be covered without having to meet a deductible first. In-network and out-of-network (if applicable) deductible expenses will not be applied to each other.
4. PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

If you selected a BlueChoice or HealthyBlue HMO plan in Section 3, please select a Primary Care Physician from the CareFirst BlueChoice Directory available at [www.carefirst.com/doctor](http://www.carefirst.com/doctor). Indicate the PCP ID number for all enrolling applicants below:

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5. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO COORDINATE BENEFITS APPROPRIATELY WITH OTHER CARRIERS. IF YOU HAVE OTHER INSURANCE, FAILURE TO COMPLETE THIS SECTION MAY CAUSE DELAYS IN PROCESSING ANY CLAIMS SUBMITTED.

1. Is anyone listed on this application enrolled in, covered by or eligible for Medicare?  ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, please provide the following:

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<th>Name of family member(s)</th>
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2. Is anyone listed on this application covered by other health insurance, including other Blue Cross and Blue Shield coverage?  ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, please provide the following:

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3. Will your new CareFirst policy be replacing your existing policy? Please note a “Yes” response to this question is not sufficient as notification of policy termination.  ☐ Yes ☐ No
### 6. LIMITED OPEN ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

Do you qualify for a Limited Open Enrollment Period based on one of the triggering events listed below?
If YES, please select the triggering event to determine your eligibility. You will be required to provide documentation as proof of your triggering event. If NO, please skip to Section 7.

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<td>2. Within the last 60 days:</td>
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<td>Have you experienced an error in enrollment by the Health Insurance Marketplace in Virginia or by the Department of Health and Human Services?</td>
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<td>4. In the next 60 days or within the last 60 days: Will your coverage through an employer-sponsored or has your coverage through an employer-sponsored plan been: discontinued, no longer provide minimum value (plan covers less than 60% actuarial value), or is unaffordable (employee contribution to plan premium of self-only coverage exceeds 9.5% of employee's household income)?</td>
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<td>8. In the next 60 days or within the last 60 days, have you gained access to new Qualified Health Plans as a result of a permanent move to or within our Virginia service area or were you residing outside of the United States?</td>
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<td>9. Within the past 60 days, have you been the victim of domestic abuse or spousal abandonment and you are currently enrolled in other minimum essential coverage through the perpetrator of the abuse or abandonment?</td>
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7. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION CONSENT

CareFirst wants to help you manage your health care information and protect the environment by offering you the option of electronic communication.

Instead of paper delivery, you can receive electronic notices about your CareFirst health care coverage through email and/or text messaging by providing your email address and/or cell phone number and consent below.

Electronic notices regarding your CareFirst health care coverage include, but are not limited to:
- Explanation of Benefits Alerts
- Notice of HIPAA Privacy Practices
- Reminders
- Certification of Creditable Coverage

You may also receive information on programs related to your existing products and services along with new products and services that may be of interest to you.

Please note: This consent for electronic communications applies to the Primary Applicant only. Spouses, domestic partners and dependents 18 years of age and older can consent to electronic communications through www.carefirst.com/myaccount. Members can also change email and consent information anytime by logging into www.carefirst.com/myaccount or by calling the customer service phone number on your ID card. You can also request a paper copy of electronic notices at any time by calling the customer service phone number on your ID card.

I understand that to access the information provided electronically through email, I must have the following:
- Internet access;
- An email account that allows me to send and receive emails; and
- Microsoft Explorer 7.0 (or higher) or Firefox 3.0 (or higher), and Adobe Acrobat Reader 4 (or higher).

I understand that to receive notices through text messaging,
- A text messaging plan with my cell phone provider is required; and
- Standard text messaging rates will apply.

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By checking below, I hereby agree to electronic delivery of notices, instead of paper delivery by:
- ✔ Email only
- ✔ Cell phone text messaging only
- ✔ Email and cell phone text messaging

Signature: X

CareFirst will not sell your email or phone number to any third party and we do not share it with third parties except for CareFirst business associates that perform functions on our behalf or to comply with the law.
### 8. CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT — Please Read This Section Carefully

**IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT:**

A copy of this application is available to the Primary Applicant (or to a person authorized to act on his/her behalf) upon request from CareFirst.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all statements made on this application are complete, true and correctly recorded. They are representations that are made to induce the issuance of, and form part of the consideration for a CareFirst policy. CareFirst will provide 30-days advance written notice of any rescission of coverage and refund any premiums to the Primary Applicant. The Member is responsible for repayment of any claim payment made by CareFirst on the Member's behalf.

**If you have any questions concerning the benefits and services that are provided by or excluded under this Agreement, please contact a membership services representative before signing this application.**

**WARNING: ANY PERSON WHO, WITH THE INTENT TO DEFRAUD OR KNOWING THAT HE IS FACILITATING A FRAUD AGAINST AN INSURER, SUBMITS AN APPLICATION OR FILES A CLAIM CONTAINING A FALSE OR DECEPTIVE STATEMENT MAY HAVE VIOLATED VIRGINIA STATE LAW.**

| The undersigned applicant and agent certify that the applicant has read, or had read to him/her, the completed application and that the applicant realizes that any false statement or misrepresentation in the application may result in the loss of coverage under the policy. |
|---|---|
| Signature of Primary Applicant: | Date |
| Signature of Applicant 2: | Date |
| (Spouse or Domestic Partner) | |

**NOTE:** Applications submitted solely on behalf of applicants under the age of 18, where payment of premium is made by the parent or legal guardian, must be signed by the parent or legal guardian.

| Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: | Date |
| Signature of Agent: | Date |
9. RACE, ETHNICITY, LANGUAGE (This information is voluntary)

CareFirst is asking its members to voluntarily provide their race, ethnicity and language attributes. The information provided, while voluntary, will assist us to improve quality of care and access to care thereby reducing health care disparities and promote better health outcomes. The information you provide will not have a negative impact on any services we provide you. The information is kept strictly confidential and will not be shared unless required by law to disclose it.

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Glossary

Here’s a quick reference guide to many of the terms used in this book. For more glossary terms, visit our YouTube channel videos at youtube.com/carefirst.

Allowed benefit—The maximum dollar amount an insurer will pay for a covered health service, regardless of the provider’s actual charge. A provider who participates in the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield or BlueChoice network cannot charge members more than the allowed benefit amount for any covered service.

Coinsurance—the percentage you pay after you’ve met your deductible. For example, if your health care plan has a 30 percent coinsurance and the allowed benefit is $100 (the amount a provider can charge a CareFirst member for that service), then your cost would be $30. CareFirst would pay the remaining $70.

Convenience care centers/retail health clinics— tend to be located inside a pharmacy or retail store and offer fast access to treatment for non-emergency care. These centers/clinics offer extended weekend hours and can often see you quickly.

Copay—a fixed dollar amount you pay when you visit a doctor or other provider. For example, you might pay $40 each time you visit a specialist or $300 when you visit the emergency room.

Deductible—the amount of money you must pay each year before CareFirst begins to pay its portion of your claims. For example, if your deductible is $1,000, you’ll pay the first $1,000 for health care services covered by your plan and subject to the deductible. CareFirst will start paying for part or all of the services after that. Your deductible will start over each year on January 1. Please note—many of our plans include a variety of services that do not require you to meet the deductible before CareFirst begins paying.

Effective date—the date your coverage begins. If you purchase a plan during the annual open enrollment period, your new plan starts on January 1.

Generic drugs—prescription drugs that work the same as brand-name drugs but cost much less. To learn more about generics and how you can save money, visit carefirst.com/acarx.

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)—BlueChoice HMO plans offer the flexibility to see any of the nearly 37,000 participating providers in the BlueChoice network. Outside of our network, only emergency medical services are covered.

Non-preferred brand drugs—drugs that are often available in less expensive forms, either as generic or preferred brand drugs. You will pay more for this category of drugs.

Non-preferred specialty drugs—specialty drugs that are likely to have a more cost-effective generic or preferred brand alternative available. This tier has the highest copayment for specialty drugs.

Out-of-pocket maximum—the most you will have to pay for medical expenses and prescriptions in a calendar year. Your out-of-pocket maximum will start over every January 1. Please note: your monthly premium payments do not count toward your out-of-pocket maximum.

Preferred brand drugs—drugs not yet available in generic form, chosen for their effectiveness and affordability compared to alternatives. They cost more than generics but less than non-preferred brand drugs.

Preferred specialty drugs—consists of generic and brand-name specialty drugs used to treat chronic, complex and/or rare health conditions. These drugs are generally more cost-effective than other specialty drugs.
Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)—
BluePreferred PPO plans offer the most flexibility. Care can be accessed from the PPO network of approximately 42,000 providers locally and thousands nationally. Costs will be higher if you see a doctor who does not participate with a Blue Cross Blue Shield plan.

**Premium**—the amount you pay each month for your plan, based on the number and ages of covered family members and the plan you choose.

**Primary care provider (PCP)**—the doctor you select as your health care partner. They know and understand you and your health care needs.

**Specialty drugs**—the highest priced drugs that may require special handling, administration or monitoring. These drugs may be oral or injectable and are used to treat serious or chronic conditions.
Our Commitment to You

CareFirst’s privacy practices

The following statement applies to CareFirst of Maryland, Inc. and Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. doing business as CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, and to CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc., and their affiliates (collectively, CareFirst).

When you apply for any type of insurance, you disclose information about yourself and/or members of your family. The collection, use and disclosure of this information is regulated by law. Safeguarding your personal information is something that we take very seriously at CareFirst. CareFirst is providing this notice to inform you of what we do with the information you provide to us.

Categories of personal information we may collect

We may collect personal, financial and medical information about you from various sources, including:

- Information you provide on applications or other forms, such as your name, address, social security number, salary, age and gender.
- Information pertaining to your relationship with CareFirst, its affiliates or others, such as your policy coverage, premiums and claims payment history.
- Information (as described in preceding paragraphs) that we obtain from any of our affiliates.
- Information we receive about you from other sources, such as your employer, your provider and other third parties.

How your information is used

We use the information we collect about you in connection with underwriting or administration of an insurance policy or claim or for other purposes allowed by law. At no time do we disclose your personal, financial and medical information to anyone outside of CareFirst unless we have proper authorization from you or we are permitted or required to do so by law. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards in accordance with federal and state standards that protect your information.

In addition, we limit access to your personal, financial and medical information to those CareFirst employees, brokers, benefit plan administrators, consultants, business partners, providers and agents who need to know this information to conduct CareFirst business or to provide products or services to you.

Disclosure of your information

In order to protect your privacy, affiliated and nonaffiliated third parties of CareFirst are subject to strict confidentiality laws. Affiliated entities are companies that are a part of the CareFirst corporate family and include health maintenance organizations, third party administrators, health insurers, long-term care insurers and insurance agencies. In certain situations related to our insurance transactions involving you, we disclose your personal, financial and medical information to a nonaffiliated third party that assists us in providing services to you. When we disclose information to these critical business partners, we require these business partners to agree to safeguard your personal, financial and medical information and to use the information only for the intended purpose and to abide by the applicable law. The information CareFirst provides to these business partners can only be used to provide services we have asked them to perform for us or for you and/or your benefit plan.

Changes in our privacy policy

CareFirst periodically reviews its policies and reserves the right to change them. If we change the substance of our privacy policy, we will continue our commitment to keep your personal, financial and medical information secure it is our highest priority. Even if you are no longer a CareFirst customer, our privacy policy will continue to apply to your records. You can always review our current privacy policy online at carefirst.com.
Rights and Responsibilities

Notice of privacy practices
CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (collectively, CareFirst) are committed to keeping the confidential information of members private. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), we are required to send our Notice of Privacy Practices to members of fully insured groups only. The notice outlines the uses and disclosures of protected health information, the individual’s rights and CareFirst’s responsibility for protecting the member’s health information.

To obtain a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, go to carefirst.com and click on Privacy Statement at the bottom of the page, click on Health Information then click on Notice of Privacy Practices.

Member satisfaction
CareFirst wants to hear your concerns and/or complaints so that they may be resolved. We have procedures that address medical and non-medical issues. If a situation should occur for which there is any question or difficulty, here’s what you can do:

- If your comment or concern is regarding the quality of service received from a CareFirst representative or related to administrative problems (e.g., enrollment, claims, bills, etc.) you should contact Member Services. If you send your comments to us in writing, please include your member ID number and provide us with as much detail as possible regarding any events. Please include your daytime telephone number so that we may contact you directly if we need additional information.

- If your concern or complaint is about the quality of care or quality of service received from a specific provider, contact Member Services. A representative will record your concerns and may request a written summary of the issues. To write to us directly with a quality of care or service concern, you can:
  - Send an email to: quality.care.complaints@carefirst.com
  - Fax a written complaint to: 301-470-5866
  - Write to: CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Quality of Care Department P.O. Box 17636 Baltimore, MD 21297

If you send your comments to us in writing, please include your member ID number and provide us with as much detail as possible regarding the event or incident. Please include your daytime telephone number so that we may contact you directly if we need additional information. Our Quality of Care Department will investigate your concerns, share those issues with the provider involved and request a response. We will then provide you with a summary of our findings. CareFirst member complaints are retained in our provider files and are reviewed when providers are considered for continuing participation with CareFirst.

If you wish, you may also contact the appropriate regulatory department regarding your concern:

VIRGINIA:
Virginia Bureau of Insurance
P.O. Box 1157
Richmond, VA 23218
Phone: 804-371-9691

Complaint Intake
Office of Licensure and Certification
Virginia Department of Health
9960 Maryland Drive, Suite 401
Henrico, VA 23233-1463
Toll-free: 800-955-1819
Richmond metropolitan area: 804-367-2106
Fax: 804-527-4503
Email:mchip@vdh.virginia.gov
For assistance in resolving a billing or payment dispute with the health plan or a health care provider, contact the Health Education and Advocacy Unit of the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General at:

Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman
Bureau of Insurance
P.O. Box 1157
Richmond, VA 23218
Toll free: 877-310-6560
Phone: 804-371-9032
Email: ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov

Hearing impaired
To contact a Member Services representative, please choose the appropriate hearing impaired assistance number below, based on the region in which your coverage originates.

Virginia Relay Program: 711
Please have your Member Services number ready.

Language assistance
Interpreter services are available through Member Services. When calling Member Services, inform the representative that you need language assistance.

Please note: CareFirst appreciates the opportunity to improve the level of quality of care and services available for you. As a member, you will not be subject to disenrollment or otherwise penalized as a result of filing a complaint or appeal.

Confidentiality of subscriber/member information
All health plans and providers must provide information to members and patients regarding how their information is protected. You will receive a Notice of Privacy Practices from CareFirst or your health plan, and from your providers as well, when you visit their office.

CareFirst has policies and procedures in place to protect the confidentiality of member information. Your confidential information includes protected health information (PHI), whether oral, written or electronic, and other nonpublic financial information. Because we are responsible for your insurance coverage, making sure your claims are paid, and that you can obtain any important services related to your health care, we are permitted to use and disclose (give out) your information for these purposes. Sometimes we are even required by law to disclose your information in certain situations. You also have certain rights to your own protected health information on your behalf.

Our responsibilities
We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your PHI, and to have appropriate procedures in place to do so. In accordance with the federal and state privacy laws, we have the right to use and disclose your PHI for treatment, payment activities and health care operations as explained in the Notice of Privacy Practices. We may disclose your protected health information to the plan sponsor/employer to perform plan administration function. The notice is sent to all policy holders upon enrollment.

Your rights
You have the following rights regarding your own protected health information. You have the right to:

- Request that we restrict the PHI we use or disclose about you for payment or health care operations.
- Request that we communicate with you regarding your information in an alternative manner or at an alternative location if you believe that a disclosure of all or part of your PHI may endanger you.
- Inspect and copy your PHI that is contained in a designated record set including your medical record.
- Request that we amend your information if you believe that your PHI is incorrect or incomplete.
- An accounting of certain disclosures of your PHI that are for some reasons other than treatment, payment, or health care operations.
- Give us written authorization to use your protected health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose not listed in this notice.

Inquiries and complaints
If you have a privacy-related inquiry, please contact the CareFirst Privacy Office at 800-853-9236 or send an email to privacy.office@carefirst.com.
Members’ rights and responsibilities statement

Members have the right to:

- Be treated with respect and recognition of their dignity and right to privacy.
- Receive information about the health plan, its services, its practitioners and providers and members’ rights and responsibilities.
- Participate with practitioners in decision-making regarding their health care.
- Participate in a candid discussion of appropriate or medically necessary treatment options for their conditions, regardless of cost or benefit coverage.
- Make recommendations regarding the organization’s members’ rights and responsibilities.
- Voice complaints or file appeals about the health plan or the care provided.

Members have a responsibility to:

- Provide, to the extent possible, information that the health plan, its practitioners and providers need in order to care for them.
- Understand their health problems and participate in developing mutually agreed upon treatment goals to the degree possible.
- Follow the plans and instructions for care that they have agreed on with their practitioners.
- Pay copayments or coinsurance at the time of service.
- Be on time for appointments and to notify practitioners/providers when an appointment must be canceled.

Eligible individuals’ rights statement

wellness and health promotion services

Eligible individuals have a right to:

- Receive information about the organization, including wellness and health promotion services provided on behalf of the employer or plan sponsors; organization staff and staff qualifications; and any contractual relationships.
- Decline participation or disenroll from wellness and health promotion services offered by the organization.
- Be treated courteously and respectfully by the organization’s staff.

- Communicate complaints to the organization and receive instructions on how to use the complaint process that includes the organization’s standards of timeliness for responding to and resolving complaints and quality issues.

Experimental/investigational services

Experimental/investigational means services that are not recognized as efficacious as that term is defined in the edition of the Institute of Medicine Report on Assessing Medical Technologies that is current when the care is rendered. Experimental/investigational services do not include controlled clinical trials.

Compensation and premium disclosure statement

Our compensation to providers who offer health care services and behavioral health care services to our insured members or enrollees may be based on a variety of payment mechanisms such as fee-for-service payments, salary, or capitation. Bonuses may be used with these various types of payment methods.

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If you desire additional information about our methods of paying providers, or if you want to know which method(s) apply to your physician, please call our Member Services Department at the number listed on your member ID card, or write to:

For plans underwritten by CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc.
and Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc.

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc.
840 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20065
Attention: Member Services

For plans underwritten by CareFirst of Maryland, Inc.

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
10455 Mill Run Circle
Owings Mills, MD 2117-5559
Attention: Member Services
A. Methods of paying physicians

The following definitions explain how insurance carriers may pay physicians (or other providers) for your health care services.

The examples show how Dr. Jones, an obstetrician/gynecologist, would be compensated under each method of payment.

Salary: A physician (or other provider) is an employee of the HMO and is paid compensation (monetary wages) for providing specific health care services.

Since Dr. Jones is an employee of an HMO, she receives her usual bi-weekly salary regardless of how many patients she sees or the number of services she provides. During the months of providing prenatal care to Mrs. Smith, who is a member of the HMO, Dr. Jones’ salary is unchanged. Although Mrs. Smith’s baby is delivered by Cesarean section, a more complicated procedure than a vaginal delivery, the method of delivery will not have an effect upon Dr. Jones’ salary.

Capitation: A physician (or group of physicians) is paid a fixed amount of money per month by an HMO for each patient who chooses the physician(s) to be his or her doctor. Payment is fixed without regard to the volume of services that an individual patient requires.

Under this type of contractual arrangement, Dr. Jones participates in an HMO network. She is not employed by the HMO. Her contract with the HMO stipulates that she is paid a certain amount each month for patients who select her as their doctor. Since Mrs. Smith is a member of the HMO, Dr. Jones monthly payment does not change as a result of her providing ongoing care to Mrs. Smith. The capitation amount paid to Dr. Jones is the same whether or not Mrs. Smith requires obstetric services.

Fee-for-service: A physician (or other provider) charges a fee for each patient visit, medical procedure, or medical service provided. An HMO pays the entire fee for physicians it has under contract and an insurer pays all or part of that fee, depending on the type of coverage. The patient is expected to pay the remainder.

Dr. Jones’ contract with the insurer or HMO states that Dr. Jones will be paid a fee for each patient visit and each service she provides. The amount of payment Dr. Jones receives will depend upon the number, types, and complexity of services, and the time she spends providing services to Mrs. Smith. Because Cesarean deliveries are more complicated than vaginal deliveries, Dr. Jones is paid more to deliver Mrs. Smith’s baby than she would be paid for a vaginal delivery. Mrs. Smith may be responsible for paying some portion of Dr. Jones’ bill.

Discounted fee-for-service: Payment is less than the rate usually received by the physician (or other provider) for each patient visit, medical procedure, or service. This arrangement is the result of an agreement between the payer, who gets lower costs and the physician (or other provider), who usually gets an increased volume of patients.

Like fee-for-service, this type of contractual arrangement involves the insurer or HMO paying Dr. Jones for each patient visit and each delivery; but under this arrangement, the rate, agreed upon in advance, is less than Dr. Jones’ usual fee. Dr. Jones expects that in exchange for agreeing to accept a reduced rate, she will serve a certain number of patients. For each procedure that she performs, Dr. Jones will be paid a discounted rate by the insurer or HMO.

Bonus: A physician (or other provider) is paid an additional amount over what he or she is paid under salary, capitation, fee-for-service, or other type of payment arrangement. Bonuses may be based on many factors, including member satisfaction, quality of care, control of costs and use of services.

An HMO rewards its physician staff or contracted physicians who have demonstrated higher than average quality and productivity. Because Dr. Jones has delivered so many babies and she has been rated highly by her patients and fellow physicians, Dr. Jones will receive a monetary award in addition to her usual payment.

Case rate: The HMO or insurer and the physician (or other provider) agree in advance that payment will cover a combination of services provided by both the physician (or other provider) and the hospital for an episode of care.

This type of arrangement stipulates how much an insurer or HMO will pay for a patient’s obstetric services. All office visits for prenatal and postnatal care, as well as the delivery, and hospital-related
charges are covered by one fee. Dr. Jones, the hospital, and other providers (such as an anesthesiologist) will divide payment from the insurer or HMO for the care provided to Mrs. Smith.

B. Percentage of provider payment methods
CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. is a network model HMO and contracts directly with the primary care and specialty care providers. According to this type of arrangement, CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. reimburses providers primarily on a discounted fee-for-service payment method. The provider payment method percentages for CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. are approximately 99 percent discounted fee-for-service with less than 1 percent capitated.

For its Indemnity and Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans, CareFirst of Maryland, Inc. and CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield contract directly with physicians. All physicians are reimbursed on a discounted fee-for-service basis.

C. Distribution of premium dollars
The bar graph at right illustrates the proportion of every $100 in premium used by CareFirst to pay physicians (or other providers) for medical care expenses and the proportion used to pay for plan administration.

Chart A represents an average for all CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. HMO accounts based on our annual statement. The ratio of direct medical care expenses to plan administration will vary by account.

Chart B represents an average for all Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. indemnity accounts based on our annual statement. The ratio of direct medical care expenses to plan administration will vary by account.
Notice of Nondiscrimination and Availability of Language Assistance Services

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. and all of their corporate affiliates (CareFirst) comply with applicable federal civil rights laws and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. CareFirst does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

CareFirst:
- Provides free aid and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, please call 855-258-6518.

If you believe CareFirst has failed to provide these services, or discriminated in another way, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance with our CareFirst Civil Rights Coordinator by mail, fax or email. If you need help filing a grievance, our CareFirst Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

To file a grievance regarding a violation of federal civil rights, please contact the Civil Rights Coordinator as indicated below. Please do not send payments, claims issues, or other documentation to this office.

Civil Rights Coordinator, Corporate Office of Civil Rights

Mailing Address  P.O. Box 8894
                 Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Email Address    civilrightscoordinator@carefirst.com

Telephone Number 410-528-7820

Fax Number       410-505-2011

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)


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Foreign Language Assistance

Attention (English): This notice contains information about your insurance coverage. It may contain key dates and you may need to take action by certain deadlines. You have the right to get this information and assistance in your language at no cost. Members should call the phone number on the back of their member identification card. All others may call 855-258-6518 and wait through the dialogue until prompted to push 0. When an agent answers, state the language you need and you will be connected to an interpreter.

Labels:
- Russian (Russian)
- Tagalog
- Atención (English)
- Español (Spanish)
- Русский (Russian)
توجه: این اعلامیه حاوی اطلاعاتی درباره پوشش بیمه شما است. ممکن است حاوی تاریخ‌های مهمی باشد و لازم است تا تاریخ‌ها را مورد بررسی قرار دهید. این اطلاعات به شما اجازه می‌دهد تا به طور رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید.


বাংলা (Bengali) লক্ষ্য করুনঃ এই নোটিশ আপনার বিমা কভারেজে সম্পর্কে তথ্য রয়েছে। এর মধ্যে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তারিখ থাকতে পারে এবং নিদিষ্ট তারিখের মধ্যে আপনাকে পদক্ষেপ নিতে হবে পারে। বিনা খরচে নিজের ভাষায় এই তথ্য পাওয়া এবং সহায়তা পাওয়ার অধিকার আপনার আছে। সমস্যার ক্ষেত্রে পরিস্থিতিপর সিদ্ধির ধারন করার জন্য কোন সংস্থা করা হবে। আপনার সংস্থা 855-258-6518 নম্বরে কল করে এটি নিয়ে বা এই পর্যালোচনা করার জন্য পারেন। যখন কলের অন্তর্গত ভাষায় আপনার নিজের ভাষার নাম বলুন এবং আপনাকে পদাতিকের সাথে সংযুক্ত করা হবে।

فارسی (Farsi) توجه: این اعلامیه اطلاعاتی درباره بیمه شما است. ممکن است حاوی تاریخ‌های مهمی باشد و لازم است تا تاریخ‌ها را مورد بررسی قرار دهید.

لغة العربية (Arabic) التنبية: يحتوي هذا الإخطار على معلومات بشأن تغطيات التأمينية، وقد تحتاج إلى تواريخ مهمة، وقد تحتاج إلى تحديد إجراءات بحلول مواعيد محددة. يحق لك الحصول على هذه المعلومات والمعلومات المتعلق بها عن طريق الاتصال بمAdvisor. 855-258-6518. ملاحظة: إذا كانت هناك أي اختلافات، فإن اللغة التي تحتاج إلى التواصل بها وسنتم توصلتك بأحد الترجمين المتوفرين.

中文繁体 (Traditional Chinese) 注意：本聲明包含關於您的保險給付相關資訊。本聲明可能包含重要日期及您在特定期間之前需要採取的行動。您有權利免費獲得這份資訊，以及透過您的母語提供的協助服務。會員請撥打在身分識別卡背面的電話號碼。其他所有人士可撥打電話 855-258-6518，並等候直到對話提示按下按鍵 0。當接線生回答時，請說出您需要使用的語言，這樣您就能與口譯人員連線。
Igbo (Igbo) Nrúbama: Ọkwa a nwere ozi gbasara mkpuchi nchekwa onwe gi. Ọ nwere ike ụbọchị ndị mkpa, i nwere ike ime ihe tupu ufọду ụbọchị njedebe. Ị nwere ike ọnụta ozi na enyemaka a n'asụsụ gi na akwughị ụgwọ ọ bula. Ndi otu kwesịrị ikpo akara ekwenti ị n’azụ nke kaad niirimara ha. Ndi ọzọ niile nwere ike ikpo 855-258-6518 wee chere ụbọchị ahụ rо mgbe amanyere ịpị 0. Mgbe onye nnọchite anya zara, kwuo asusu i chọrọ, a ga-eji ọ ọ gi na onye ọkụwa okwu.


Français (French) Attention: cet avis contient des informations sur votre couverture d'assurance. Des dates importantes peuvent y figurer et il se peut que vous deviez entreprendre des démarches avant certaines échéances. Vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement ces informations et de l'aide dans votre langue. Les membres doivent appeler le numéro de téléphone figurant à l'arrière de leur carte d'identification. Tous les autres peuvent appeler le 855-258-6518 et, après avoir écouté le message, appuyer sur le 0 lorsqu'ils seront invités à le faire. Lorsqu'un(e) employé(e) répondra, indiquez la langue que vous souhaitez et vous serez mis(e) en relation avec un interprète.

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Diné Bizaad (Navajo) Ge’i: Díí bee i hane’ígíí bií dahóló bee éédahéózin béeso ách’áah naanil ník’ist’íígíí bá. Bií dahólóq doo iyisíí yoolkálíígíí dóó táádoob leé ádadoolyíígíí da yókeedgo t’áá doo bee e’e’aaahí ájííl’íízh. Bee ná ahóóti’í dií bee i hane’ dóó niká’ádoowol t’áá nínizaad bee t’áá jiik’é. Atah danilíníígíí béésh bee hane’é bee wólta’íígíí nit’íízgo bee nee hódolziníígíí bikéédég’ bikáá’ bích’í’ hodonoihjí’. Aadóó náánála’ éi kojj dahóodoolnih 855-258-6518 dóó yii diits’ííjí yait’íígíí t’áá niléjíí ááddóó éi bikéédóó naasbqas bił addiilchí. Áká’ándaawó’íígíí neidiitáágo, saad bee yáníilt’íígíí yii diikił dóó ata’ halne’é lá niká’ádooolwol.
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BlueChoice HMO Young Adult $7,350
VA/CFBC/DB/2018 AMEND (1/18) • VA/CFBC/DB/HMO (1/17) • VA/CFBC/DB/HMO/INCENT (R. 1/18) • VA/CFBC/EXC/HMO/YA SOB (1/18) • MVAAP (4.17)

BlueChoice HMO Silver $3,500
VA/CFBC/DB/2018 AMEND (1/18) • VA/CFBC/DB/HMO (1/17) • VA/CFBC/DB/HMO/INCENT (R. 1/18) • VA/CFBC/EXC/HMO/SIL 3500 (1/18) • VA/CFBC/DB/HMO/INCENT (R. 1/18) • MVAAP (4.17)

BluePreferred PPO Silver $3,500
VA/CF/DB/BP (1/17) • VA/CF/CD/2018 AMEND (1/18) • VA/CF/DB/PPO/INCENT (R. 1/18) • VA/CF/EXC/BP PPO/SIL 3500 (1/18) • MVAAP (4.17)

HealthyBlue HMO Gold $1,000
VA/CFBC/DB/2018 AMEND (1/18) • VA/CFBC/DB/HMO (1/17) • VA/CFBC/DB/HMO/INCENT (R. 1/18) • VA/CFBC/EXC/HB HMO/GOLD 1000 (1/18) • MVAAP (4.17)

HealthyBlue PPO Gold $1,000
VA/CF/CD/2018 AMEND (1/18) • VA/CF/DB/BP (1/17) • VA/CF/DB/PPO/INCENT (R. 1/18) • VA/CF/EXC/HB PPO/GOLD 1000 (1/18) • MVAAP (4.17)

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