IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MEDICARE

THIS NOTICE IS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MEDICARE. If you and/or your family members are not currently eligible for Medicare and will not be eligible during 2018 you may disregard this Notice. If, however, you and/or your family members are now eligible for Medicare or may become eligible for Medicare during 2018, you should read this Notice very carefully.

This Notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with the State of Kansas and about your options under Medicare’s prescription drug coverage.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND KEEP IT WHERE YOU CAN FIND IT.

This Notice is required by law whether the State of Kansas’ group health plan coverage is primary or secondary to Medicare. Because it is not possible for our Plan to always know when a Plan participant has, or will soon become eligible for Medicare, we send this Notice to all of our plan participants.

Medicare prescription drug coverage became available January 1, 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. This Notice also tells you where to find more information to help you make decisions about your prescription drug coverage.

If you have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, the Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage. Please read this Notice for important information.

If you are enrolled in a creditable plan, you can keep your prescription drug coverage and enroll in the Medicare prescription drug program for 2018 at a later time, without paying a late enrollment fee.
Which Plans are Creditable and Which Plans are Not Creditable?

The State of Kansas has determined that the following prescription drug coverage plans offered through the State are “creditable.” “Creditable” means that the value of this plan’s prescription drug benefit is, on average for all plan participants, as good as the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

The CREDITABLE plans that we currently offer in 2017 include:
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Kansas Plan A - (prescriptions administered by Caremark)
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Kansas Plan C - (prescriptions administered by Caremark)
- Aetna Plan A - (prescriptions administered by Caremark)
- Aetna Plan C - (prescriptions administered by Caremark)

For Medicare Eligible Members Only:
- Kansas Senior Plan C with Prescription Drug - (prescriptions administered by Aetna First Health Part D)
- Coventry Advanta Freedom PPO - (prescriptions administered by Coventry Part D)
- Coventry Advanta Freedom PPO - (prescriptions administered by Aetna First Health Part D)
- Coventry Advanta Liberty PPO - (prescriptions administered by Coventry Part D)
- Coventry Advanta Liberty PPO - (prescriptions administered by Aetna First Health Part D)

For more information about your current prescription drug coverage contact:
- Caremark at 1-800-294-6324
- Coventry Part D at 1-800-727-9712
- First Health Part D at 1-888-736-3133

REMEMBER TO KEEP THIS NOTICE.
If you enroll in one of the new Medicare-approved prescription drug plans you may need to give a copy of this notice when you join.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DID NOT ENROLL IN A MEDICARE DRUG PLAN?

You should know that if you drop or lose your coverage with the State of Kansas and don’t enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage after your current coverage ends, you may pay more to enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage later and that penalty grows the longer you wait to enroll in Medicare.

If you don’t join a Medicare drug plan when you are first eligible to join (during your Initial Enrollment Period), and there is a period of 63 continuous days or more during which you don’t have creditable prescription drug coverage, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty when you do join. This amount changes every year. You will have to pay a penalty as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPTIONS UNDER MEDICARE’S PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

More detailed information about Medicare prescription drug coverage plans is available in the
“Medicare & You 2017” handbook. A person enrolled in Medicare (a “beneficiary”) will get a copy of this handbook in the mail from Medicare each year. A Medicare beneficiary may also request this handbook to be sent electronically via e-mail instead of by mail. A Medicare beneficiary may also be contacted directly by Medicare prescription drug plans. For more information about Medicare:

- Visit www.medicare.gov for personalized help,
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see your copy of the Medicare & You handbook for their telephone number)
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

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For people with limited income and resources, extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan is available. Information about this extra help is available from the Social Security Administration (SSA).

For more information about this extra help:

- Visit SSA online at www.socialsecurity.gov, or
- Call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

NOTE: You may receive this Notice at other times in the future (such as before the next period you can enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage, and if this Plan’s prescription drug coverage changes). You also may request a copy of this Notice at any time.

Please contact our office at the address listed below:

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Division of Health Care Finance
State Employee Health Plan - Membership Services
Room 900-N, Landon State Office Building
900 SW Jackson Street
Topeka, KS  66612-1220

Phone:  785-296-1715 or
       866-541-7100 (Toll Free)
Email:  SEHPMembership@kdheks.gov
Fax:  785-368-7180

As in all cases, the State of Kansas reserves the right to modify benefits at any time, in accordance with applicable law. As required by law, this document (dated October 4, 2017) is intended to serve as your Medicare Notice of Creditable Coverage.