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IMPORTANT PLAN INFORMATION

HEALTH PLAN NOTICES

These notices must be provided to plan participants on an annual basis and are available in the Annual Notices in this guide:

- **Reminder of Availability of Privacy Notice:** Describes how health information about you may be used and disclosed
- **Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act:** Describes benefits available to those that will or have undergone a mastectomy
- **Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act:** Describes the rights of mother and newborn to stay in the hospital 48-96 hours after delivery
- **Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act:** Describes your right to continued participation in the plan during leaves of absence for active military duty is protected.
- **HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights:** Describes when you can enroll yourself and/or dependents in health coverage outside of open enrollment
- **Michelle's Law:** Describes right to extend dependent medical coverage during student leaves
- **Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):** Describes availability of premium assistance for Medicaid eligible dependents.
- **Medicare Part D Notice:** Describes options to access prescription drug coverage for Medicare eligible individuals

COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE

You and/or your dependents may have the right to continue coverage after you lose eligibility under the terms of our health plan. Upon enrollment, you and your dependents receive a COBRA Initial Notice that outlines the circumstances under which continued coverage is available and your obligations to notify the plan when you or your dependents experience a qualifying event. Please review this notice carefully to make sure you understand your rights and obligations.

DEADLINE FOR FILING LAWSUIT UNDER ERISA AFTER EXHAUSTION OF ALL CLAIMS PROCEDURES

Any lawsuit must be filed within 36 months of the final decision on the claim. Exhaustion of all claims and appeals procedure is required prior to filing suit. Please refer to the WRAP Summary Plan Description for the plan specific statute of limitations.

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About This Guide

This guide highlights your benefits. Official plan and insurance documents govern your rights and benefits under each plan. For more details about your benefits, including covered expenses, exclusions, and limitations, please refer to the individual Summary Plan Descriptions (SPDs), plan document, and/or certificate of coverage for each plan. If any discrepancy exists between this guide and the official documents, the official documents will prevail. Sacramento Municipal Utility District reserves the right to amend or terminate any of its plans or policies, make changes to the benefits, costs, and other provisions relative to benefits at any time with or without notice, subject to applicable law.

Reminder of Availability of Privacy Notice

This is to remind plan participants and beneficiaries of Sacramento Municipal Utility District Health and Welfare Plan (the "Plan") that the Plan has issued a Health Plan Privacy Notice that describes how the Plan uses and discloses protected health information (PHI). You can obtain a copy of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Health and Welfare Plan Privacy Notice upon your written request to the Human Resources Department, at the following address:

Sacramento Municipal Utility District Human Resources
6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95819

If you have any questions, please contact the Sacramento Municipal Utility District Human Resources Office at **916-732-6062**.

Women's Health and 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 this plan. Therefore, the medical plan deductibles and coinsurance apply. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, contact the carrier.

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

Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)

Your right to continued participation in the Plan during leaves of absence for active military duty is protected by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). Accordingly, if you are absent from work due to a period of active duty in the military for less than 31 days, your Plan participation will not be interrupted, and you will continue to pay the same amount as if you were not absent. If the absence is for more than 31 days and not more than 24 months, you may continue to maintain your coverage under the Plan by paying up to 102% of the full amount of premiums. You and your dependents may also have the opportunity to elect COBRA coverage. Contact Sacramento Municipal Utility District for more information. Also, if you elect not to continue your health plan coverage during your military service, you have the right to be reinstated in the Plan upon your return to work, generally without any waiting periods or pre-existing condition exclusions, except for service connected illnesses or injuries, as applicable.

HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

If you decline enrollment in Sacramento Municipal Utility District's health plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in Sacramento Municipal Utility District health plan without waiting for the next open enrollment period if you:

- Lose other health insurance or group health plan coverage. You must request enrollment within 30 days after the loss of other coverage.
- Gain a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. You must request health plan enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible. You must request medical plan enrollment within 60 days after the loss of such coverage.

If you request a change due to a special enrollment event within the 30 day timeframe, coverage will be effective the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. For all other events, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. In addition, you may enroll in Sacramento Municipal Utility District health plan if you become eligible for a state premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP. You must request enrollment within 60 days after you gain eligibility for medical plan coverage. If you request this change, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. Specific restrictions may apply, depending on federal and state law.

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

Michelle's Law

The available plan may extend medical coverage for dependent children if they lose eligibility for coverage because of a medically necessary leave of absence from school. Coverage may continue for up to a year, unless your child's eligibility would end earlier for another reason. Extended coverage is available if a child's leave of absence from school – or change in school enrollment status (for example, switching from full-time to part-time status) – starts while the child has a serious illness or injury, is medically necessary and otherwise causes eligibility for student coverage under the plan to end. Written certification from the child's physician stating that the child suffers from a serious illness or injury and the leave of absence is medically necessary may be required.

If your child will lose eligibility for coverage because of a medically necessary leave of absence from school and you want his or her coverage to be extended, notify the benefits team in writing as soon as the need for the leave is recognized. In addition, contact your child's health plan to see if any state laws requiring extended coverage may apply to his or her benefits.

ACA Disclaimer

This offer of coverage may disqualify you from receiving government subsidies for an Exchange plan even if you choose not to enroll. To be subsidy eligible you would have to establish that this offer is unaffordable for you, meaning that the required contribution for employee only coverage under our base plan exceeds 9.02% in 2025 of your modified adjusted household income.

Premium Assistance under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov/.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2026. Contact your State for more information on eligibility.

Alabama - Medicaid

Website: myalhipp.com
Phone: (855) 692-5447

Alaska - Medicaid

The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
Website: myakhipp.com
Phone: (866) 251-4861
Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com
Medicaid eligibility:
health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx

Arkansas - Medicaid

Website: myarhipp.com
Phone: (855) MyARHIPP (692-7447)

California - Medicaid

Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program Website:
dhcs.ca.gov/services/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-cost-avoidance
Phone: (916) 445-8322 | Fax: (916) 440-5676
Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov

Colorado - Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)

Health First Colorado website:
healthfirstcolorado.com
Health First Colorado Member Contact Center:
(800) 221-3943 (TTY: 711)
CHP+: hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus
CHP+ Customer Service: (800) 359-1991 (TTY: 711)
Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI):
mycohibi.com
HIBI Customer Service: (855) 692-6442

Florida - Medicaid

Website:
flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp
Phone: (877) 357-3268

Georgia - Medicaid

GA HIPP Website: medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp
Phone: (678) 564-1162, press 1
GA CHIPRA Website:
medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra
Phone: (678) 564-1162, press 2

Illinois - Medicaid

Illinois Medicaid Premium Assistance Information
Medicaid application website: abe.illinois.gov
HIPP Hotline Number: (217) 524-8268
HIPP Email: mhfs.boc.hipp@illinois.gov

Indiana - Medicaid

Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
All other Medicaid
Website: in.gov/medicaid
Website: in.gov/fssa/dfr
Family and Social Services Administration
Phone: (800) 403-0864
Member Services phone: (800) 457-4584

Iowa - Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)

Medicaid website:
hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid
Medicaid phone: (800) 338-8366
Hawki website: hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-health-link/hawki
Hawki Phone: (800) 257-8563
HIPP website: hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/fee-service/hipp
HIPP Phone: (888) 346-9562

Kansas - Medicaid

Website: kancare.ks.gov
Phone: (800) 792-4884
HIPP Phone: (800) 967-4660

Kentucky - Medicaid

Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) website:
chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx
Phone: (855) 459-6328
Email: KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov
KCHIP website: kynect.ky.gov
Phone: (877) 524-4718
Medicaid website: chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms

Louisiana - Medicaid

Louisiana Medicaid website: ldh.la.gov/healthy-louisiana
Medicaid Customer Service Line: (888) 342-6207
Louisiana Medicaid email: healthy@la.gov
Louisiana Health Insurance Premium Program (LaHIPP) Website: ldh.la.gov/lahipp
LaHIPP phone: (877) 697-6703
LaHIPP email: La.HIPP@la.gov
LaHIPP fax: (888) 716-9787
LaHIPP mailing address: 100 Crescent Centre Parkway, Suite 1000, Tucker, GA 30084

Maine - Medicaid

Enrollment website:
mymaineconnection.gov/benefits
Phone: (800) 442-6003 (TTY: 711)
Private Health Insurance Premium webpage:
maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms
Phone: (800) 977-6740 (TTY: 711)

Massachusetts - Medicaid and CHIP

Website: mass.gov/masshealth/pa
Phone: (800) 862-4840 (TTY: 711)
Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com

Minnesota - Medicaid

Website: mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/
Phone: (800) 657-3672

Missouri - Medicaid

Website: mydss.mo.gov/mhd/healthcare
Phone: (573) 751-2005

Montana - Medicaid

Website:
dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP
Phone: (800) 694-3084
Email: HSHIPPPProgram@mt.gov

Nebraska - Medicaid

Website: accessnebraska.ne.gov
Phone: (855) 632-7633
Lincoln: (402) 473-7000
Omaha: (402) 595-1178

Nevada - Medicaid

Medicaid website: dhcfp.nv.gov
Medicaid phone: (800) 992-0900

New Hampshire - Medicaid

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

New Jersey - Medicaid and CHIP

Website:
nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/individuals-families/familycare
Phone: (800) 356-1561
CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: (609) 631-2392
CHIP phone: (800) 701-0710 (TTY: 711)

New York - Medicaid

Website: health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid
Phone: (800) 541-2831

North Carolina - Medicaid

Website: medicaid.ncdhhs.gov
Phone: (919) 855-4100

North Dakota - Medicaid

Website: hhs.nd.gov/healthcare
Phone: (866) 614-6005

Oklahoma - Medicaid and CHIP

Website: insureoklahoma.org
Phone: (888) 365-3742

Oregon - Medicaid

Website: healthcare.oregon.gov
Phone: (800) 699-9075

Pennsylvania - Medicaid and CHIP

Website: pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html
Phone: (800) 692-7462
CHIP website: dhs.pa.gov/CHIP/Pages/CHIP.aspx
CHIP phone: (800) 986-KIDS (5437)

Rhode Island - Medicaid and CHIP

Website: eohhs.ri.gov
Phone: (855) 697-4347 or (401) 462-0311 (Direct Rlte Share Line)

South Carolina - Medicaid

Website: scdhhs.gov
Phone: (888) 549-0820

South Dakota - Medicaid

Website: dss.sd.gov
Phone: (888) 828-0059

Texas - Medicaid

Website: hhs.texas.gov/services/financial/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-program
Phone: (800) 440-0493

Utah - Medicaid and CHIP

Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP) website: medicaid.utah.gov/upp
Phone: (888) 222-2542
Email: upp@utah.gov
Adult Expansion website: medicaid.utah.gov/expansion
Utah Medicaid Buyout Program website: medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program
CHIP website: chip.utah.gov

Vermont - Medicaid

Website: dvha.vermont.gov/members/medicaid/hipp-program
Phone: (800) 250-8427

Virginia - Medicaid and CHIP

Website: coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select
Website: coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs
Medicaid/CHIP phone: (800) 432-5924

Washington - Medicaid

Website: hca.wa.gov
Phone: (800) 562-3022

West Virginia - Medicaid and CHIP

Website: bms.wv.gov
Website: mywvhipp.com
Medicaid phone: (304) 558-1700
CHIP toll-free phone: (855) MyWVHIPP (699-8447)

Wisconsin - Medicaid and CHIP

Website: dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm
Phone: (800) 362-3002

Wyoming - Medicaid

Website: health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/
Phone: (800) 251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2026, 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

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Medicare Part D Notice

Important Notice from Sacramento Municipal Utility District About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Sacramento Municipal Utility District and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things 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 get 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. Sacramento Municipal Utility District has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the SMUD PPO plans 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 keep 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, your Sacramento Municipal Utility District coverage will not be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan. **Important Note for Retiree Plans:** Certain retiree plans will terminate RX coverage when an individual enrolls in Medicare Part D and individuals might not be able to re-enroll in that coverage. If completing this Notice for a retiree plan, review the plan provisions before completing this form and modify this section as needed.

Since the existing prescription drug coverage under Sacramento Municipal Utility District is creditable (e.g., as good as Medicare coverage), you can retain your existing prescription drug coverage and choose not to enroll in a Part D plan; or you can enroll in a Part D plan as a supplement to, or in lieu of, your existing prescription drug coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your Sacramento Municipal Utility District prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents can only get this coverage back at open enrollment or if you experience an event that gives rise to a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right.

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 Sacramento Municipal Utility District 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 Human Resources listed below for further information. NOTE: You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through Sacramento Municipal Utility District changes. You also may 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 [medicare.gov](https://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 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). TTY users should call 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 [socialsecurity.gov](https://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

Remember: 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:	January 1, 2027
Name of Entity/Sender:	Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Contact-Position/Office:	Human Resources
Address:	6201 S Street, Mail Stop B201, Sacramento, CA 95817
Phone Number:	(916) 732-6062