



Wellmark BlueCross BlueShield of Iowa
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Amendment to Your Coverage Manual or Summary Plan Description

This amendment applies to your coverage manual or summary plan description, effective April 1, 2009. The headings refer to sections in the coverage manual or summary plan description. Please review and retain this amendment.

The federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, beginning April 1st, provides the right to enroll in a group health plan (if your dependent or you are otherwise eligible) following loss of eligibility under Medicaid or CHIP (*hawk-i* in Iowa) or upon qualifying for a new premium assistance plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days following these events. (You must meet certain income guidelines for these programs. Information on eligibility for premium assistance will be made available after official guidelines are issued.)

The following provisions are added to your coverage manual or summary plan description.

Coverage Changes and Termination

Coverage Change Events

The following events allow you as well as an affected spouse or eligible child to enroll for coverage:

- You lose eligibility for coverage under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (the *hawk-i* plan in Iowa).
- You become eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP.

Requirement to Notify Group Sponsor

Notify your employer or group sponsor within 60 days in case of the following events:

- You lose eligibility for coverage under Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (the *hawk-i* plan in Iowa).
- You become eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP.

All other terms and provisions of your coverage manual or summary plan description, including any amendments we may have issued previously, remain unaltered and in effect.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David N. Southwell".

David N. Southwell
Group Vice President, Financial Officer and Treasurer
Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa;
Treasurer, Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa, Inc.