# Nice Healthcare

**SUMMARY OF BENEFITS** 

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#### INTRODUCTION

This summary describes the Nice Healthcare benefits provided by the employer for eligible employees and their eligible dependents. This document is intended to be a Summary Plan Description (SPD), as defined by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). Nice Healthcare is a primary care provider.

For additional information, regarding the benefits provided under the program, please contact Nice Healthcare by phone at 763-412-1993 or at <a href="https://www.nice.healthcare">www.nice.healthcare</a>.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS**

You are generally eligible for Nice Healthcare benefits if you are covered by your employer's group health insurance and your employer continues to pay Nice for your coverage. Members of your household, including your spouse, children and stepchildren may also be eligible.

#### Individuals not eligible for benefits

Individuals who are not legal residents and/or do not reside in a state in which Nice Healthcare is licensed to provide medical care are not eligible for Nice Healthcare benefits.

#### COVERAGE DURING LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### **FMLA Leave and Military Leave**

The federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) allows eligible employees to take a specific amount of unpaid leave for serious illness, the birth or adoption of a child, to care for a spouse, child, or parent who has a serious health condition, to care for family members wounded while on active duty in the Armed Forces, or to deal with any qualifying exigency that arises from a family member's active duty in the Armed Forces.

If you take an unpaid FMLA leave or if you take a military leave, whether for active duty or for training, coverage continues so long as you are on an approved FMLA leave.

### WHEN CAN COVERAGE BE CHANGED

Generally, you cannot change your benefit elections after the beginning of the Plan Year. However, there are certain limited situations when you can change your elections. You are permitted to change

elections if you have a "change in status" and you make an election change that is consistent with the change in status. Currently, Federal law considers the following events to be a change in status:

- -- Marriage, divorce, death of a spouse, legal separation or annulment;
- -- Change in the number of dependents, including birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or death of a dependent;
- -- Any of the following events for you, your spouse or dependent: termination or commencement of employment, a strike or lockout, commencement or return from an unpaid leave of absence, a change in worksite, or any other change in employment status that affects eligibility for benefits;
- -- One of your dependents satisfies or ceases to satisfy the requirements for coverage due to change in age, student status, or any similar circumstance; and
- -- A change in the place of residence of you, your spouse or dependent that would lead to a change in status, such as moving out of a coverage area for insurance.

There are detailed rules on when a change in election is deemed to be consistent with a change in status. In addition, there are laws that give you rights to change health coverage for you, your spouse, or your dependents. If you change coverage due to rights you have under the law, then you can make a corresponding change in your benefit elections. If any of these conditions apply to you, you should contact the employer.

If the coverage under a Benefit is significantly curtailed or ceases during a year, then you may revoke your elections and elect to receive on prospective basis coverage under another plan with similar coverage. In addition, if the employer adds a new coverage option or eliminate an existing option, you may elect the newly-added option (or elect another option if an option has been eliminated) and make corresponding election changes to other options providing similar coverage. If you are not a Participant, you may elect benefits. There are also certain situations when you may be able to change your elections on account of a change under the plan of your spouse's, former spouses or dependent's employer.

### WHEN COVERAGE ENDS

Your coverage will terminate on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date that your coverage is terminated by amendment of the program, termination of the contract or agreement, or by discontinuance of contributions by your employer;
- The date you cease to satisfy the eligibility requirements due to reduction in hours, death, or termination of active employment; or
- The date you report for active military service, unless coverage is continued through the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).

Coverage for your spouse and other dependents terminates when your coverage terminates.

#### COVERED AND NON-COVERED SERVICES

Nice Healthcare offers virtual visits, home visits, select prescriptions, virtual physical therapy, and in home labs and x-rays to employees and their family members. Refer to the Nice website <a href="https://www.nice.healthcare/">https://www.nice.healthcare/</a> for a specific listing of covered and non-covered services provided by Nice Healthcare.

#### **CLAIMS PROCESS**

#### Filing a Claim

Claims related to eligibility for benefits for you or your family members are handled by your employer.

Claims related to the types of services offered or issues arising from care, are handled by Nice Healthcare.

Claims that are insured will be handled in accordance with procedures contained in the insurance policies. All other general requests should be directed to your employer. If a claim is denied in whole or in part, you or your beneficiary will receive written notification. The notification will include the reasons for the denial, with reference to the specific provisions of the health plan on which the denial was based, a description of any additional information needed to process the claim and an explanation of the claims review procedure. Within 60 days after denial, you or your beneficiary may submit a written request for reconsideration of the denial to employer.

Any such request should be accompanied by documents or records in support of your appeal. You or your beneficiary may review pertinent documents and submit issues and comments in writing. The administrator will review the claim and provide a written response to the appeal within 60 days. (This period may be extended an additional 60 days under certain circumstances.) In this response, the administrator will explain the reason for the decision, with specific reference to the provisions of the health plan on which the decision is based. The administrator has the exclusive right to interpret the appropriate plan provisions. Decisions of the administrator are conclusive and binding.

#### **AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION**

The employer reserves the right to amend the benefit in whole or in part or to completely discontinue the benefit at any time.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The employer is responsible for the general administration of the program, and will be the fiduciary to the extent not otherwise specified in this Summary or the contract. The employer has the discretionary authority to determine the rights or eligibility of employees and any other persons. Such determinations shall be conclusive and binding on all parties. A misstatement or other mistake of fact will be corrected when it becomes known, and the employer will make such adjustment on account of the mistake as it

considers equitable and practicable, in light of applicable law. The employer will not be liable in any manner for any determination made in good faith.

The employer will administer the benefit on a reasonable and nondiscriminatory basis and shall apply uniform rules to all persons similarly situated.

#### **ERISA**

You may be entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Internal Revenue Code. These laws provide that Participants, eligible employees and all other employees are entitled to:

- (a) examine, without charge, at the Administrator's office, all Plan documents, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor, and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration;
- (b) obtain copies of all Plan documents and other Plan information upon written request to the Administrator. The Administrator may charge a reasonable fee for the copies;
- (c) continue health coverage for a Participant, Spouse, or other dependents if there is a loss of coverage as a result of a qualifying event. Employees or dependents may have to pay for such coverage; and
- (d) review this summary plan description and the documents governing the plan on the rules governing COBRA continuation rights.

In addition to creating rights for Plan Participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of an employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the best interest of you and other Plan Participants.

No one, including your employer or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

If your claim for a benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a medical child support order, you may file suit in Federal court.

Under ERISA there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan and do not receive them within thirty (30) days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may request the Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court.

If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees; for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

If you have any questions about your group health plan, you should contact the administrator. If you have any questions about this statement, or about your rights under ERISA or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Administrator, you should contact either the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) or visit the EBSA website at www.dol.gov/ebsa/. (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.) You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

#### COBRA

COBRA coverage is temporary continuation of group health coverage under a Group Health Plan. You may be eligible for COBRA under your Employer provided health plan.

Under federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), certain employees and their families covered under group health benefits will be entitled to the opportunity to elect a temporary extension of health coverage (called "COBRA continuation coverage") where coverage a group health plan would otherwise end. This notice is intended to inform you, in summary fashion, of your rights and obligations under the continuation coverage provision s of COBRA, as amended and reflected in final and proposed regulations published by the Department of the Treasury. This notice is intended to reflect the law and does not grant or take away any rights under the law.

The administrator or its designee is responsible for administering COBRA continuation coverage. Complete instructions on COBRA, as well as election forms and other information, will be provided by the administrator or its designee to Plan Participants who become Qualified Beneficiaries under COBRA. While the Plan itself is not a group health plan, it does provide health benefits.

1. What is COBRA continuation coverage?

COBRA continuation coverage is the temporary extension of group health plan coverage that must be offered to certain Plan Participants and their eligible family members (called "Qualified Beneficiaries") at group rates. The right to COBRA continuation coverage is triggered by the occurrence of a life event that results in the loss of coverage under the terms of the Plan (the "Qualifying Event"). The coverage must be identical to the coverage that the Qualified Beneficiary had immediately before the Qualifying Event, or if the coverage has been changed, the coverage must be identical to the coverage provided to similarly situated active employees who have not experienced a Qualifying Event (in other words, similarly situated non-COBRA beneficiaries).

2. Who can become a Qualified Beneficiary?

In general, a Qualified Beneficiary can be:

(a) Any individual who, on the day before a Qualifying Event, is covered under a Plan by virtue of being on that day either a covered Employee, the Spouse of a covered

Employee, or a Dependent child of a covered Employee. If, however, an individual who otherwise qualifies as a Qualified Beneficiary is denied or not offered coverage under a plan under circumstances in which the denial or failure to offer constitutes a violation of applicable law, then the individual will be considered to have had the coverage and will be considered a Qualified Beneficiary if that individual experiences a Qualifying Event.

(b) Any child who is born to or placed for adoption with a covered Employee during a period of COBRA continuation coverage, and any individual who is covered by the Plan as an alternate recipient under a qualified medical support order. If, however, an individual who otherwise qualifies as a Qualified Beneficiary is denied or not offered coverage under a plan under circumstances in which the denial or failure to offer constitutes a violation of applicable law, then the individual will be considered to have had the coverage and will be considered a Qualified Beneficiary if that individual experiences a Qualifying Event.

The term "covered Employee" includes any individual who is provided coverage under a plan due to his or her performance of services for the employer sponsoring the Plan. However, this provision does not establish eligibility of these individuals. Eligibility for Plan coverage shall be determined in accordance with Plan Eligibility provisions.

An individual is not a Qualified Beneficiary if the individual's status as a covered Employee is attributable to a period in which the individual was a nonresident alien who received from the individual's Employer no earned income that constituted income from sources within the United States. If, on account of the preceding reason, an individual is not a Qualified Beneficiary, then a Spouse or Dependent child of the individual will also not be considered a Qualified Beneficiary by virtue of the relationship to the individual. A domestic partner is not a Qualified Beneficiary.

Each Qualified Beneficiary (including a child who is born to or placed for adoption with a covered Employee during a period of COBRA continuation coverage) must be offered the opportunity to make an independent election to receive COBRA continuation coverage.

3. What is a Qualifying Event?

A Qualifying Event is any of the following if the Plan provided that the Plan participant would lose coverage (i.e., cease to be covered under the same terms and conditions as in effect immediately before the Qualifying Event) in the absence of COBRA continuation coverage:

- (a) The death of a covered Employee.
- (b) The termination (other than by reason of the Employee's gross misconduct), or reduction of hours, of a covered Employee's employment.
- (c) The divorce or legal separation of a covered Employee from the Employee's Spouse. If the Employee reduces or eliminates the Employee's Spouse's Plan coverage in anticipation of a divorce or legal separation, and a divorce or legal separation later occurs, then the divorce or legal separation may be considered a Qualifying Event even though the Spouse's coverage was reduced or eliminated before the divorce or legal separation.
- (d) A covered Employee's enrollment in any part of the Medicare program.
- (e) A Dependent child's ceasing to satisfy the Plan's requirements for a Dependent child (for example, attainment of the maximum age for dependency under the Plan).

If the Qualifying Event causes the covered Employee, or the covered Spouse or a Dependent child of the covered Employee, to cease to be covered under the Plan under the same terms and conditions as in effect immediately before the Qualifying Event, the persons losing such coverage become Qualified Beneficiaries under COBRA if all the other conditions of COBRA are also met. For example, any increase in contribution that must be paid by a covered Employee, or the Spouse, or a Dependent child of the covered Employee, for coverage under the Plan that results from the occurrence of one of the events listed above is a loss of coverage.

The taking of leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 ("FMLA") does not constitute a Qualifying Event. A Qualifying Event will occur, however, if an Employee does not return to employment at the end of the FMLA leave and all other COBRA continuation coverage conditions are present. If a Qualifying Event occurs, it occurs on the last day of FMLA leave and the applicable maximum coverage period is measured from this date (unless coverage is lost at a later date and the Plan provides for the extension of the required periods, in which case the maximum coverage date is measured from the date when the coverage is lost.) Note that the covered Employee and family members will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage even if they failed to pay the employee portion of premiums for coverage under the Plan during the FMLA leave.

4. What factors should be considered when determining to elect COBRA continuation coverage?

You should take into account that a failure to continue your group health coverage will affect your rights under federal law. If you do not elect COBRA continuation coverage and pay the appropriate premiums for the maximum time available to you, you will lose the right to convert to an individual health insurance policy, which does not impose such pre-existing condition exclusions. Finally, you should take into account that you have special enrollment rights under federal law (HIPAA). You have the right to request special enrollment in another group health plan for which you are otherwise eligible (such as a plan sponsored by your Spouse's employer) within 30 days after Plan coverage ends due to a Qualifying Event listed above. You will also have the same special right at the end of COBRA continuation coverage if you get COBRA continuation coverage for the maximum time available to you.

5. What is the procedure for obtaining COBRA continuation coverage?

The availability of COBRA continuation coverage is contingent upon the timely election of such coverage. An election is timely if it is made during the election period.

6. What is the election period and how long must it last?

The election period is the time period within which the Qualified Beneficiary must elect COBRA continuation coverage under the Plan. The election period must begin no later than the date the Qualified Beneficiary would lose coverage on account of the Qualifying Event and ends 60 days after the later of the date the Qualified Beneficiary would lose coverage on account of the Qualifying Event or the date notice is provided to the Qualified Beneficiary of her or his right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If coverage is not elected within the 60 day period, all rights to elect COBRA continuation coverage are forfeited.

Note: If a covered Employee who has been terminated or experienced a reduction of hours qualifies for a trade readjustment allowance or alternative trade adjustment assistance under a federal law called the Trade Act of 2002, and the employee and his or her covered dependents have not elected COBRA coverage within the normal election period, a second opportunity to elect COBRA coverage will be made available for themselves and certain family members, but only within a limited period of 60 days

or less and only during the six months immediately after their group health plan coverage ended. Any person who qualifies or thinks that he or she and/or his or her family members may qualify for assistance under this special provision should contact the administrator or its designee for further information.

The Trade Act of 2002 also created a tax credit for certain TAA-eligible individuals and for certain retired employees who are receiving pension payments from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) (eligible individuals). Under the new tax provisions, eligible individuals can either take a tax credit or get advance payment of a part of the premiums paid for qualified health insurance, including continuation coverage. If you have questions about these new tax provisions, you may call the Health Coverage Tax Credit Consumer Contact Center toll-free at 1-866-628-4282. TTD/TTY callers may call toll-free at 1-866-626-4282. More information about the Trade Act is also available at www.doleta.gov/tradeact.

7. Is a covered Employee or Qualified Beneficiary responsible for informing the administrator of the occurrence of a Qualifying Event?

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to Qualified Beneficiaries only after the administrator or its designee has been timely notified that a Qualifying Event has occurred. The Employer (if the Employer is not the administrator) will notify the administrator or its designee of the Qualifying Event within 30 days following the date coverage ends when the Qualifying Event is:

- (a) the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment,
- (b) the death of the employee,
- (c) the commencement of a proceeding in bankruptcy with respect to the Employer, or
- (d) the entitlement of the employee to any part of Medicare.

#### IMPORTANT:

For the other Qualifying Events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you or someone on your behalf must notify the administrator or its designee in writing within 60 days after the Qualifying Event occurs, using the procedures specified below. If these procedures are not followed or if the notice is not provided in writing to the administrator or its designee during the 60-day notice period, any spouse or dependent child who loses coverage will not be offered the option to elect continuation coverage. You must send this notice to the administrator or its designee.

If you have questions about your COBRA continuation coverage, you should contact the administrator or its designee. For more information about your rights under ERISA, including COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA). Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website at www.dol.gov/ebsa.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Below is key information you need to know about your benefits:

Benefit Provider	Nice Healthcare www.nice.healthcare
Employer	Macalester College
Agent for Service of Legal Process	Macalester College
Benefit Type	ERISA benefit program providing medical benefits
Source of Contributions	The cost of the benefits offered are paid by contributions from the Employer. No employee contributions are required or allowed.