

Catasauqua Area School District
201 N. 14th Street
Catasauqua, PA 18032

This is to confirm that I have received the New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options Notification.

Please sign date and return to:

Mindy Redline

Administration Office

Signature

Print Name

Date



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ROBERT J. SPENGLER
SUPERINTENDENT

CHRISTINA LUTZ-DOEMLING
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM & ASSESSMENT

RE: New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options

Dear Employee,

In 2014, the health care reform law creates a new type of online marketplace for purchasing health insurance coverage. This marketplace is referred to as a Health Insurance Marketplace, or an Exchange. You are not required to purchase insurance coverage through the Marketplace. The Catasauqua Area School District is continuing to offer health coverage as explained below.

The Catasauqua Area School District is providing the enclosed notice to help you understand your health insurance coverage options that will be available to you starting in 2014. Beginning in October 2013, you will be able to find and compare health insurance plans through the Marketplace and your coverage may start as early as January 1, 2014.

If you purchase coverage through a Marketplace, you may be eligible for a federal subsidy that lowers your monthly premiums or reduces your cost sharing. However, to receive these federal savings, you cannot be eligible for health plan coverage through the Catasauqua Area School District that is affordable and provides "minimum value." This determination is made beginning January 1, 2014.

The availability of coverage through the Marketplace does not affect your eligibility for coverage through the Catasauqua Area School District's health plan. The enclosed notice provides information about the Catasauqua Area School District's health plan as it exists today. Information on the Catasauqua Area School District's health plan coverage for 2014 will be provided May 1, 2014. Please contact Mindy Redline for additional information on the plan's coverage.

More information on the health care reform law and the Marketplaces is available at www.healthcare.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mindy Redline".

Mindy Redline

Bookkeeper/Benefits Assistant

The mission of the Catasauqua Area School District, in partnership with our community, is to achieve educational excellence and promote life-long learning.

It is the policy of the Catasauqua Area School District that no person shall be subjected to unlawful discrimination on the ground of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex/gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, handicap/disability, familial status, genetic information, or any other legally protected classification with respect to any of its programs or activities or in the employment of any personnel. Sexual harassment or harassment relating to an individual's race, color, age, creed, religion, sex/gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, handicap/disability, familial status, genetic information, or any other legally protected classification is a form of unlawful discrimination and is expressly prohibited under the School District's policy. The School Board has adopted procedures for filing complaints of unlawful discrimination/harassment with the School District and the School District's investigation and disposition of those complaints. If you would like to obtain a copy of the complete nondiscrimination policy, including the complaint procedures, please contact the Superintendent, 201 N. 14th Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032, phone 610-264-5571. The Superintendent is the District's Compliance Officer for all nondiscrimination requirements (503/504-Title VI-Title VII-Title IX-ADA Coordinator). The nondiscrimination policy and complaint procedures are also available on the District's web site: www.cattysd.org



New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

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PART A: General Information

When key parts of the health care law take effect in 2014, there will be a new way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the new Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by your employer.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options. You may also be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly premium right away. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage through the Marketplace begins in October 2013 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2014.

Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that doesn't meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you're eligible for depends on your household income.

Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer's health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.5% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.¹

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, then you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution—as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage—is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about your coverage offered by your employer, please check your summary plan description or contact _____.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit HealthCare.gov for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

¹ An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs.

PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

3. Employer name Catasauqua Area School District		4. Employer Identification Number (EIN) 23-6005528	
5. Employer address 201 N. 14th Street		6. Employer phone number 610-264-5571	
7. City Catasauqua	8. State PA	9. ZIP code 18032	
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? Mindy Redline			
11. Phone number (if different from above) 610-264-5571 Ext 5		12. Email address redlinem@cattysd.org	

Here is some basic information about health coverage offered by this employer:

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to:
 - All employees.
 - Some employees. Eligible employees are:
 - Administration
 - Teachers
 - Secretaries
 - Custodians
 - With respect to dependents:
 - We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:
 - Spouse
 - Children
 - Step Children
 - We do not offer coverage.
 - If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.
- ** Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.

If you decide to shop for coverage in the Marketplace, HealthCare.gov will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit HealthCare.gov to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

The information below corresponds to the Marketplace Employer Coverage Tool. Completing this section is optional for employers, but will help ensure employees understand their coverage choices.

13. Is the employee currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will the employee be eligible in the next 3 months?

Yes (Continue)

13a. If the employee is not eligible today, including as a result of a waiting or probationary period, when is the employee eligible for coverage? _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) (Continue)

No (STOP and return this form to employee)

14. Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*?

Yes (Go to question 15) No (STOP and return form to employee)

15. For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard* offered **only to the employee (don't include family plans): If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if he/ she received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and didn't receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.**

a. How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? \$

b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Monthly Quarterly Yearly

If the plan year will end soon and you know that the health plans offered will change, go to question 16. If you don't know, STOP and return form to employee.

16. What change will the employer make for the new plan year?

Employer won't offer health coverage

Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard.* (Premium should reflect the discount for wellness programs. See question 15.)

a. How much will the employee have to pay in premiums for that plan? \$

b. How often? Weekly Every 2 weeks Twice a month Monthly Quarterly Yearly

Date of change (mm/dd/yyyy):

* An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)