

Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

General Information

With the key parts of the health care law that took effect in 2014, there is 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 Vermont Law & Graduate School.

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.

The Open Enrollment period for 2023 plans is November 1st 2022 through January 15th 2023. Individuals may also qualify for Special Enrollment Periods outside of Open Enrollment if they experience certain events. (See [Special Enrollment Period](#) and [Qualifying Life Event](#)).

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 may not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace depending on the below factors and your household income. You may want 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 9.12% of your household income for the 2023 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. Beginning in 2021 with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and extended for tax years 2023-2026 by the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the federal poverty ceiling is no longer capped at 100%-400%, and the

applicable percentage of household income to qualify for a tax credit through the marketplace has been lowered to 8.5 %.

Note: If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by your employer, you may lose the employer contribution (if any) to the employer-offered coverage. Additionally, the employer contribution, as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage, are 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 your employer.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit www.HealthCare.gov for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area. Residents of the following states must use the state-run health exchange, and more information about the state-specific sites can be found at <https://www.healthcare.gov/marketplace-in-your-state/>

CA, CO, CT, DC, ID, KY, MA, MD, ME, MN, NJ, NM, NV, NY, PA, RI, VT, WA

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.

1. Employer Name: Vermont Law & Graduate School
2. Employer Identification Number (EIN): 23-7251952
3. Employer Address: 164 Chelsea Street
4. Employer phone number: (802) 831-1225
5. City: South Royalton
6. State: VT
7. ZIP code: 05068
8. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job: Kim Harris
9. Phone number for contact: (802) 831-1225
10. Email address: kharris@vermontlaw.edu

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

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to: Eligible Employees.
Eligible employees are: Faculty & Staff who work a minimum of 20 hours per week are eligible for this benefit on their date of hire.
- With respect to dependents: We do offer coverage to all eligible dependents.
Eligible dependents are: Employee's spouse, domestic partners, or children age 26 or younger of employee or domestic partner.

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.

* 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.