

New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options

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No action is required on your part.*

General Information

When key parts of the health care law take effect in 2014, there will be a new way to buy private individual 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 we offer to you. Please note that this notice is informational only.

What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

For Diocesan employees not covered by the Diocese of Rockford Health Care Plan, or dependents of Diocesan employees, there is the Marketplace (also called the Exchange) designed to help you find private individual 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.

How Can I Get More Information About the Health Insurance Marketplace?

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.

Information About Employer-Provided Health Plan Coverage

If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked for information about our health plan coverage. The information below can help you complete your application for coverage in the Marketplace.

1. General Employer Information:

Employer Name:	Catholic Diocese of Rockford
Employer Identification Number (EIN):	360879840
Employer address:	PO Box 7044 Rockford Illinois 61125
Employer phone number:	815/399-4300
Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job?:	Deb Sheley
Phone number (if different from above):	815-399-4300 ext. 338
Email address:	dsheley@rockforddiocese.org

2. You may be asked whether or not you are currently eligible for our health plan coverage or whether you will become eligible for coverage within the next three months. In addition, if you are or will become eligible, you may be required to list the names of your dependents that are eligible for coverage under our health plan.

If you would like information about the eligibility requirements for our health plan, please read the eligibility provisions described in the Summary Plan Description for our health plan. You can obtain a copy of the Summary Plan Description by contacting your Employer at the phone and/or email listed above.

3. If you are eligible for coverage under our health plan, you may be required to check a box indicating whether or not our health plan meets the minimum value standard. Our health plan coverage meets the minimum value standard.

4. If you are eligible for coverage under our health plan, you may be asked to provide the amount of premiums you must pay for self-only coverage under the lowest-cost health plan that meets the minimum value standard. If you had the opportunity to receive a premium discount for any tobacco cessation program, you must enter the premium you would pay if you received the maximum discount possible for a tobacco cessation program.

If you would like information about the premiums for self-only coverage under our lowest-cost health plan, please contact Employer at the phone and/or email listed above.

5. You may also be asked whether or not we will be making certain changes to our health plan coverage for the new plan year. As usual, we will notify you about changes to our health plan coverage after we approve any such changes and inform employees about those changes at the appropriate time. If you are not sure how to answer this question on your Marketplace application, please contact the Marketplace.