

# Westlake Management Services, Inc.

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If you have questions or need additional information about any of the enclosed notices please email [benefits@westlake.com](mailto:benefits@westlake.com) or call the Westlake Total Rewards Department at (800) 284-0270

**Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Notice  
Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you’re eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren’t eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won’t be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren’t already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at [www.askebsa.dol.gov](http://www.askebsa.dol.gov) or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

**If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2019. Contact your State for more information on eligibility:**

ALABAMA – Medicaid	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: <a href="http://flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/">http://flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/</a> Phone: 1-877-357-3268
ALASKA – Medicaid	GEORGIA – Medicaid
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a> Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx</a>	Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp</a> Phone: 678-564-1162 ext 2131
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 Website: <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/</a> Phone: 1-877-438-4479 All other Medicaid Website: <a href="http://www.indianamedicaid.com">http://www.indianamedicaid.com</a> Phone 1-800-403-0864

<p><b>COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) &amp; Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)</b></p>	<p><b>IOWA – Medicaid</b></p>
<p>Health First Colorado Website:  <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a>  Health First Colorado Member Contact Center:  1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711  CHP+: <a href="https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus">https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/child-health-plan-plus</a>  CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki">http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki</a>  Phone: 1-800-257-8563</p>
<p><b>KANSAS – Medicaid</b></p>	<p><b>NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</b></p>
<p>Website: <a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/">http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/</a>  Phone: 1-785-296-3512</p>	<p>Website: <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/hipp.htm</a>  Phone: 603-271-5218  Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218</p>
<p><b>KENTUCKY – Medicaid</b></p>	<p><b>NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p>
<p>Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov">https://chfs.ky.gov</a>  Phone: 1-800-635-2570</p>	<p>Medicaid Website:  <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a>  Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392  CHIP Website: <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a>  CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710</p>
<p><b>LOUISIANA – Medicaid</b></p>	<p><b>NEW YORK – Medicaid</b></p>
<p>Website:  <a href="http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331">http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331</a>  Phone: 1-888-695-2447</p>	<p>Website: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a>  Phone: 1-800-541-2831</p>
<p><b>MAINE – Medicaid</b></p>	<p><b>NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b></p>
<p>Website: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html</a>  Phone: 1-800-442-6003  TTY: Maine relay 711</p>	<p>Website: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/</a>  Phone: 919-855-4100</p>
<p><b>MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p>	<p><b>NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b></p>
<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/">http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/</a>  Phone: 1-800-862-4840</p>	<p>Website:  <a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/">http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/</a>  Phone: 1-844-854-4825</p>

<b>MINNESOTA – Medicaid</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp">https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp</a> Phone: 1-800-657-3739	Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a> Phone: 1-888-365-3742
<b>MISSOURI – Medicaid</b>	<b>OREGON – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a> Phone: 573-751-2005	Website: <a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a> <a href="http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html">http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html</a> Phone: 1-800-699-9075
<b>MONTANA – Medicaid</b>	<b>PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a> Phone: 1-800-694-3084	Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm">http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm</a> Phone: 1-800-692-7462
<b>NEBRASKA – Medicaid</b>	<b>RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a> Phone: (855) 632-7633 Lincoln: (402) 473-7000 Omaha: (402) 595-1178	Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a> Phone: 855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct Rlte Share Line)
<b>NEVADA – Medicaid</b>	<b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="https://dhcfp.nv.gov">https://dhcfp.nv.gov</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: <a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-549-0820
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid</b>	<b>WASHINGTON – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Website: <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/">https://www.hca.wa.gov/</a> Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
<b>TEXAS – Medicaid</b>	<b>WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://gethipptexas.com/">http://gethipptexas.com/</a> Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Website: <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a> Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
<b>UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a> CHIP Website: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/chip">http://health.utah.gov/chip</a> Phone: 1-877-543-7669	Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf</a> Phone: 1-800-362-3002

VERMONT– Medicaid	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://www.greenmountaincare.org/">http://www.greenmountaincare.org/</a> Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Website: <a href="https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/">https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/</a> Phone: 307-777-7531
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP	
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm">http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: <a href="http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm">http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm</a> CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282	

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2019, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor  
 Employee Benefits Security Administration  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa)  
 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)  
 1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

## OTHER IMPORTANT NOTICES

### SUMMARIES OF BENEFITS AND COVERAGE

As required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Summaries of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) for the Westlake Health Care Plan have been updated for 2020 and are available for your review and/or download from the Westlake Connect Total Rewards home page:

<http://connectone.westlake.com/Departments/Human-Resources/Pages/Total-Rewards.aspx>

### HIPAA NOTICE - SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS

Enrollment rights for coverage provided by the Plan as provided by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) are summarized below. HIPAA requires that we notify you about a provision in the Plan that may, in certain instances, allow you and/or your dependents special enrollment rights should you decline enrollment when initially eligible. Please note:

- If you are declining coverage for yourself and/or dependents because of other health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself and/or dependents in the Plan (or if the employer stops contributing towards your or your dependents' other coverage), provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after the

other coverage ends or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

- In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and/or dependents in the Plan, **provided that you request enrollment within 30 days** after the marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption.

Special enrollment rights also may exist in the following circumstances:

- If you or your dependents experience a loss of eligibility for Medicaid or a state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage and you request enrollment within 60 days after that coverage ends; or
- If you or your dependents become eligible for a state premium assistance subsidy through Medicaid or a state CHIP with respect to coverage under this plan and you request enrollment within 60 days or any longer period that applies under the plan] after the determination of eligibility for such assistance.

## **NEWBORNS' AND MOTHERS' HEALTH PROTECTION ACT**

The Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act provides special rights to newborns and mothers upon childbirth. Effective January 1, 1998, group health plans may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours, as applicable). In any case, the plan or insurance issuer may not require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours, as applicable). The Plan complies with these requirements.

## **WOMEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER RIGHTS ACT (WHCRA)**

The Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act requires group health care plans that provide medical and surgical benefits for mastectomies to also provide coverage for reconstructive surgery of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed, prostheses required in conjunction with the mastectomy, and/or surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance. The Bill also requires that physical complications related to all stages of the mastectomy, including lymphedema, determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, be covered under group health care plans. Such coverage will be subject to annual deductibles and co-insurance provisions in accordance with the health care plan. The Westlake Health Care Plan (the Plan) covers medical and surgical benefits for mastectomies, and is in compliance with these regulations.

If you would like more information WHCRA benefits, contact the Westlake Total Rewards at: (800) 284-0270 or [benefits@westlake.com](mailto:benefits@westlake.com).

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE AND MEDICARE**

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage under the Westlake Health Care Plan and about your options

under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is included in this notice.

### **There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:**

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. It has been determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the Westlake Health Care Plan is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can elect to keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

### **When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th through December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

### **What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, you will not be eligible to continue prescription drug coverage under the Westlake Health Care Plan.

If you are enrolled in Medicare Part A, B and/or D, you may make an irrevocable election to decline further coverage under the Westlake Health Care Plan. Your covered Dependents may retain coverage under the Westlake Health Care Plan if they are not eligible for benefits under the Medicare program.

**When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?**

You should also know that if you drop or lose your coverage under the Westlake Health Care Plan and you do not join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

**For More Information About This Notice Or Your Westlake Prescription Drug Coverage Contact:**

**Westlake Total Rewards Department  
at (800) 284-0270**

NOTE: You will receive this notice each year. You will also receive it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if your Westlake prescription drug coverage changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

**For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage:**

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the “Medicare & You” handbook. You’ll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare prescription drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the Medicare & You handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), or by phone at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

**Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).**

**Notice Date: October 2019**  
**Name of Entity/Sender: Westlake Management Services, Inc.**  
**Contact Office: Total Rewards Department**  
**Address: 2801 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 600, Houston, Texas 77056**  
**Phone Number: (800) 284-0270**

**NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

The Westlake Welfare Benefit Plan (incorporating the Westlake Health Care Plan) (collectively, the “Plan”) provides health benefits to eligible employees and their eligible dependents as described in the summary plan description(s). The Plan creates, receives, uses, maintains and discloses health information about participating employees and dependents in the course of providing these health benefits.

The Plan is required by law to take reasonable steps to protect your Protected Health Information from inappropriate use or disclosure.

“Protected Health Information” (PHI) is information about your past, present, or future physical or mental health condition, the provision of health care to you, or the past, present, or future payment for health care provided to you, but only if the information identifies you or there is a reasonable basis to believe that the information could be used to identify you. Protected health information includes information of a person living or deceased (for a period of fifty years after the date of death.)

The Plan is required by law to provide notice to you of the Plan’s duties and privacy practices with respect to your PHI, and is doing so through this Notice. This Notice describes the different ways in which the Plan uses and discloses PHI. It is not feasible in this Notice to describe in detail all of the specific uses and disclosures the Plan may make of PHI, so this Notice describes all of the categories of uses and disclosures of PHI that the Plan may make and, for most of those categories, gives examples of those uses and disclosures.

The Plan is required to abide by the terms of this Notice until it is replaced. The Plan may change its privacy practices at any time and, if any such change requires a change to the terms of this Notice, the Plan will revise and re-distribute this Notice according to the Plan’s distribution process. Accordingly, the Plan can change the terms of this Notice at any time. The Plan has the right to make any such change effective for all PHI that the Plan creates, receives or maintains, even if the Plan received or created that PHI before the effective date of the change.

The Plan is distributing this Notice, and will distribute any revisions to participating employees, retirees and COBRA qualified beneficiaries, if any. If you have coverage under the Plan as a dependent of an employee, retiree or COBRA qualified beneficiary, you

can get a copy of the Notice by requesting it from the contact named at the end of this Notice.

Please note that this Notice applies only to your PHI that the Plan maintains. It does not affect your doctor’s or other health care provider’s privacy practices with respect to your PHI that they maintain.

**Receipt of Your PHI by the Company and Business Associates**

The Plan may disclose your PHI to, and allow use and disclosure of your PHI by, the Company and Business Associates without obtaining your authorization.

**Plan Sponsor:** The Company is the Plan Sponsor and Plan Administrator. The Plan may disclose to the Company, in summary form, claims history and other information so that the Company may solicit premium bids for health benefits, or to modify, amend or terminate the Plan. This summary information omits your name and Social Security Number and certain other identifying information. The Plan may also disclose information about your participation and enrollment status in the Plan to the Company and receive similar information from the Company. If the Company agrees in writing that it will protect the information against inappropriate use or disclosure, the Plan also may disclose to the Company a limited data set that includes your PHI, but omits certain direct identifiers, as described later in this Notice.

The Plan may disclose your PHI to the Company for plan administration functions performed by the Company on behalf of the Plan, if the Company certifies to the Plan that it will protect your PHI against inappropriate use and disclosure.

**Example:** The Company reviews and decides appeals of claim denials under the Plan. The Claims Administrator provides PHI regarding an appealed claim to the Company for that review, and the Company uses PHI to make the decision on appeal.

**Business Associates:** The Plan and the Company hire third parties, such as a third party administrator (the “Claims Administrator”), to help the Plan provide health benefits. These third parties are known as the Plan’s “Business Associates.” The Plan may disclose



your PHI to Business Associates, like the Claims Administrator, who are hired by the Plan or the Company to assist or carry out the terms of the Plan. In addition, these Business Associates may receive PHI from third parties or create PHI about you in the course of carrying out the terms of the Plan. The Plan and the Company must require all Business Associates to agree in writing that they will protect your PHI against inappropriate use or disclosure, and will require their subcontractors and agents to do so, too.

For purposes of this Notice, all actions of the Company and the Business Associates that are taken on behalf of the Plan are considered actions of the Plan. For example, health information maintained in the files of the Claims Administrator is considered maintained by the Plan. So, when this Notice refers to the Plan taking various actions with respect to health information, those actions may be taken by the Company or a Business Associate on behalf of the Plan.

#### **How the Plan May Use or Disclose Your PHI**

The Plan may use and disclose your PHI for the following purposes without obtaining your authorization. And, with only limited exceptions, we will send all mail to you, the employee. This includes mail relating to your spouse and other family members who are covered under the Plan. If a person covered under the Plan has requested Restrictions or Confidential Communications, and if the Plan has agreed to the request, the Plan will send mail as provided by the request for Restrictions or Confidential Communications.

**Your Health Care Treatment:** The Plan may disclose your PHI for treatment (as defined in applicable federal rules) activities of a health care provider.

**Example:** If your doctor requested information from the Plan about previous claims under the Plan to assist in treating you, the Plan could disclose your PHI for that purpose.

**Example:** The Plan might disclose information about your prior prescriptions to a pharmacist for the

pharmacist's reference in determining whether a new prescription may be harmful to you.

**Making or Obtaining Payment for Health Care or Coverage:** The Plan may use or disclose your PHI for payment (as defined in applicable federal rules) activities, including making payment to or collecting payment from third parties, such as health care providers and other health plans.

**Example:** The Plan will receive bills from physicians for medical care provided to you that will contain your PHI. The Plan will use this PHI, and create PHI about you, in the course of determining whether to pay, and paying, benefits with respect to such a bill.

**Example:** The Plan may consider and discuss your medical history with a health care provider to determine whether a particular treatment for which Plan benefits are or will be claimed is medically necessary as defined in the Plan.

The Plan's use or disclosure of your PHI for payment purposes may include uses and disclosures for the following purposes, among others.

- Obtaining payments required for coverage under the Plan
- Determining or fulfilling its responsibility to provide coverage and/or benefits under the Plan, including eligibility determinations and claims adjudication
- Obtaining or providing reimbursement for the provision of health care (including coordination of benefits, subrogation, and determination of cost sharing amounts)
- Claims management, collection activities, obtaining payment under a stop-loss insurance policy, and related health care data processing
- Reviewing health care services to determine medical necessity, coverage under the Plan, appropriateness of care, or justification of charges
- Utilization review activities, including precertification and preauthorization of services, concurrent and retrospective review of services

The Plan also may disclose your PHI for purposes of assisting other health plans (including other health plans sponsored by the Company), health

care providers, and health care clearinghouses with their payment activities, including activities like those listed above with respect to the Plan.

**Health Care Operations:** The Plan may use and disclose your PHI for health care operations (as defined in applicable federal rules) which includes a variety of facilitating activities.

**Example:** If claims you submit to the Plan indicate that you have diabetes or another chronic condition, the Plan may use and disclose your PHI to refer you to a disease management program.

**Example:** If claims you submit to the Plan indicate that the stop-loss coverage that the Company has purchased in connection with the Plan may be triggered, the Plan may use or disclose your PHI to inform the stop-loss carrier of the potential claim and to make any claim that ultimately applies.

The Plan's use and disclosure of your PHI for health care operations purposes may include uses and disclosures for the following purposes.

- Quality assessment and improvement activities
- Disease management, case management and care coordination
- Activities designed to improve health or reduce health care costs
- Contacting health care providers and patients with information about treatment alternatives
- Accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities
- Fraud and abuse detection and compliance programs
- The Plan also may use or disclose your PHI for purposes of assisting other health plans (including other plans sponsored by the Company), health care providers and health care clearinghouses with their health care operations activities that are like those listed above, but only to the extent that both the Plan and the recipient of the disclosed information have a relationship with you and the PHI pertains to that relationship.
- The Plan's use and disclosure of your PHI for health care operations purposes may include uses

and disclosures for the following additional purposes, among others.

- Underwriting (with the exception of PHI that is genetic information) premium rating and performing related functions to create, renew or replace insurance related to the Plan
- Planning and development, such as cost-management analyses
- Conducting or arranging for medical review, legal services, and auditing functions
- Business management and general administrative activities, including implementation of, and compliance with, applicable laws, and creating de-identified health information or a limited data set

The Plan also may use or disclose your PHI for purposes of assisting other health plans for which the Company is the plan sponsor, and any insurers and/or HMOs with respect to those plans, with their health care operations activities similar to both categories listed above.

**Limited Data Set:** The Plan may disclose a limited data set to a recipient who agrees in writing that the recipient will protect the limited data set against inappropriate use or disclosure. A limited data set is health information about you and/or others that omits your name and Social Security Number and certain other identifying information.

**Legally Required:** The Plan will use or disclose your PHI to the extent required to do so by applicable law. This may include disclosing your PHI in compliance with a court order, or a subpoena or summons. In addition, the Plan must allow the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to audit Plan records.

**Health or Safety:** When consistent with applicable law and standards of ethical conduct, the Plan may disclose your PHI if the Plan, in good faith, believes that such disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to your health or the health and safety of others.

**Law Enforcement:** The Plan may disclose your PHI to a law enforcement official if the Plan believes in good faith that your PHI constitutes evidence of criminal conduct that occurred on the premises of the Plan.

The Plan also may disclose your PHI for limited law enforcement purposes.

**Lawsuits and Disputes:** In addition to disclosures required by law in response to court orders, the Plan may disclose your PHI in response to a subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process, but only if certain efforts have been made to notify you of the subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process or to obtain an order protecting the information to be disclosed.

**Workers' Compensation:** The Plan may use and disclose your PHI when authorized by and to the extent necessary to comply with laws related to workers' compensation or other similar programs.

**Emergency Situation:** The Plan may disclose your PHI to a family member, friend, or other person, for the purpose of helping you with your health care or payment for your health care, if you are in an emergency medical situation and you cannot give your agreement to the Plan to do this.

**Personal Representatives:** The Plan will disclose your PHI to your personal representatives appointed by you or designated by applicable law (a parent acting for a minor child, or a guardian appointed for an incapacitated adult, for example) to the same extent that the Plan would disclose that information to you. The Plan may choose not to disclose information to a personal representative if it has reasonable belief that: 1) you have been or may be a victim of domestic abuse by your personal representative; or 2) recognizing such person as your personal representative may result in harm to you; or 3) it is not in your best interest to treat such person as your personal representative.

**Public Health:** To the extent that other applicable law does not prohibit such disclosures, the Plan may disclose your PHI for purposes of certain public health activities, including, for example, reporting information related to an FDA-regulated product's quality, safety or effectiveness to a person subject to FDA jurisdiction.

**Health Oversight Activities:** The Plan may disclose your PHI to a public health oversight agency for authorized activities, including audits, civil, administrative or criminal investigations; inspections; licensure or disciplinary actions.

**Coroner, Medical Examiner, or Funeral Director:** The Plan may disclose your PHI to a coroner or medical examiner for the purposes of identifying a deceased person, determining a cause of death or other duties as authorized by law. Also, the Plan may disclose your PHI to a funeral director, consistent with applicable law, as necessary to carry out the funeral director's duties.

**Organ Donation.** The Plan may use or disclose your PHI to assist entities engaged in the procurement, banking, or transplantation of cadaver organs, eyes, or tissue.

**Specified Government Functions:** In specified circumstances, federal regulations may require the Plan to use or disclose your PHI to facilitate specified government functions related to the military and veterans, national security and intelligence activities, protective services for the president and others, and correctional institutions and inmates.

**Research:** The Plan may disclose your PHI to researchers when your individual identifiers have been removed or when an institutional review board or privacy board has reviewed the research proposal and established a process to ensure the privacy of the requested information and approves the research.

**Disclosures to You:** When you make a request for your PHI, the Plan is required to disclose to you your medical records, billing records, and any other records used to make decisions regarding your health care benefits. The Plan must also, when requested by you, provide you with an accounting of disclosures of your PHI if such disclosures were for any reason other than Treatment, Payment, or Health Care Operations (and if you did not authorize the disclosure).

**Authorization to Use or Disclose Your PHI**

Except as stated above, the Plan will not use or disclose your PHI unless it first receives written

authorization from you. If you authorize the Plan to use or disclose your PHI, you may revoke that authorization in writing at any time, by sending notice of your revocation to the contact person named at the end of this Notice. To the extent that the Plan has taken action in reliance on your authorization (entered into an agreement to provide your PHI to a third party, for example) you cannot revoke your authorization.

Furthermore, we will not: (1) supply confidential information to another company for its marketing purposes (unless it is for certain limited Health Care Operations); (2) sell your confidential information (unless under strict legal restrictions) (to sell means to receive direct or indirect remuneration); (3) provide your confidential information to a potential employer with whom you are seeking employment without your signed authorization; or (4) use or disclose psychotherapy notes unless required by law.

Additionally, if a state or other law requires disclosure of immunization records to a school, written authorization is no longer required. However, a covered entity still must obtain and document an agreement which may be oral and over the phone.

### **The Plan May Contact You**

The Plan may contact you for various reasons, usually in connection with claims and payments and usually by mail.

The Plan may contact you about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

### **Your Rights With Respect to Your PHI**

**Confidential Communication by Alternative Means:** If you feel that disclosure of your PHI could endanger you, the Plan will accommodate a reasonable request to communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations. For example, you might request the Plan to communicate with you only at a particular address. If you wish to request confidential communications, you must make your request in writing to the contact person named at the end of this

Notice. You do not need to state the specific reason that you feel disclosure of your PHI might endanger you in making the request, but you do need to state whether that is the case. Your request also must specify how or where you wish to be contacted. The Plan will notify you if it agrees to your request for confidential communication. You should not assume that the Plan has accepted your request until the Plan confirms its agreement to that request in writing.

### **Request Restriction on Certain Uses and Disclosures:**

You may request the Plan to restrict the uses and disclosures it makes of your PHI. This request will restrict or limit the PHI that is disclosed for Treatment, Payment, or Health Care Operations, and this restriction may limit the information that the Plan discloses to someone who is involved in your care or the payment for your care. The Plan is not required to agree to a requested restriction, but if it does agree to your requested restriction, the Plan is bound by that agreement, unless the information is needed in an emergency situation. There are some restrictions, however, that are not permitted even with the Plan's agreement. To request a restriction, please submit your written request to the contact person identified at the end of this Notice. In the request please specify: (1) what information you want to restrict; (2) whether you want to limit the Plan's use of that information, its disclosure of that information, or both; and (3) to whom you want the limits to apply (a particular physician, for example). The Plan will notify you if it agrees to a requested restriction on how your PHI is used or disclosed. You should not assume that the Plan has accepted a requested restriction until the Plan confirms its agreement to that restriction in writing. You may request restrictions on our use and disclosure of your confidential information for the treatment, payment and health care operations purposes explained in this Notice. Notwithstanding this policy, the plan will comply with any restriction request if (1) except as otherwise required by law, the disclosure is to the health plan for purposes of carrying out payment or health care operations (and it is not for purposes of carrying out treatment); and (2) the PHI pertains solely to a health care item or service for which the health care provider has been paid out-of-pocket in full.

**Right to Be Notified of a Breach:** You have the right to be notified in the event that the plan (or a Business

Associate) discovers a breach of unsecured protected health information.

**Electronic Health Records:** You may also request and receive an accounting of disclosures of electronic health records made for treatment, payment, or health care operations during the prior three years for disclosures made on or after (1) January 1, 2014 for electronic health records acquired before January 1, 2009; or (2) January 1, 2011 for electronic health records acquired on or after January 1, 2009.

The first list you request within a 12-month period will be free. You may be charged for providing any additional lists within a 12-month period.

**Paper Copy of This Notice:** You have a right to request and receive a paper copy of this Notice at any time, even if you received this Notice previously, or have agreed to receive this Notice electronically. To obtain a paper copy please call or write the contact person named at the end of this Notice.

**Right to Access Your PHI:** You have a right to access your PHI in the Plan's enrollment, payment, claims adjudication and case management records, or in other records used by the Plan to make decisions about you, in order to inspect it and obtain a copy of it. Your request for access to this PHI should be made in writing to the contact person named at the end of this Notice. The Plan may deny your request for access, for example, if you request information compiled in anticipation of a legal proceeding. If access is denied, you will be provided with a written notice of the denial, a description of how you may exercise any review rights you might have, and a description of how you may complain to Plan or the Secretary of Health and Human Services. If you request a copy of your PHI, the Plan may charge a reasonable fee for copying and, if applicable, postage associated with your request.

**Right to Amend:** You have the right to request amendments to your PHI in the Plan's records if you believe that it is incomplete or inaccurate. A request for amendment of PHI in the Plan's records should be made in writing to the contact person named at the end of this Notice. The Plan may deny the request if it

does not include a reason to support the amendment. The request also may be denied if, for example, your PHI in the Plan's records was not created by the Plan, if the PHI you are requesting to amend is not part of the Plan's records, or if the Plan determines the records containing your health information are accurate and complete. If the Plan denies your request for an amendment to your PHI, it will notify you of its decision in writing, providing the basis for the denial, information about how you can include information on your requested amendment in the Plan's records, and a description of how you may complain to Plan or the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**Accounting:** You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures made of your health information. Most of the disclosures that the Plan makes of your PHI are not subject to this accounting requirement because routine disclosures (those related to payment of your claims, for example) generally are excluded from this requirement. Also, disclosures that you authorize, or that occurred more than six years before the date of your request, are not subject to this requirement. To request an accounting of disclosures of your PHI, you must submit your request in writing to the contact person named at the end of this Notice. Your request must state a time period which may not include dates more than six years before the date of your request. Your request should indicate in what form you want the accounting to be provided (for example on paper or electronically). The first list you request within a 12-month period will be free. If you request more than one accounting within a 12-month period, the Plan will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for each subsequent accounting.

**Personal Representatives:** You may exercise your rights through a personal representative. Your personal representative will be required to produce evidence of his/her authority to act on your behalf before that person will be given access to your PHI or allowed to take any action for you. The Plan retains discretion to deny a personal representative access to

your PHI to the extent permissible under applicable law.

### **Complaints**

If you believe that your privacy rights have been violated, you have the right to express complaints to the Plan and to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. Any complaints to the Plan should be filed with the Privacy Official, by phone (713) 960-9111 or by email to [benefits@westlake.com](mailto:benefits@westlake.com). The Plan encourages you to express any concerns you may have regarding the privacy of your information. You will not be penalized or retaliated against in any way for filing a complaint.

### **CONSOLIDATED OMNIBUS BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1985 (COBRA)**

This notice has important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan.

This notice explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to get it. When you become eligible for COBRA, you may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage.

The right to COBRA continuation coverage was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you and other members of your family when group health coverage would otherwise end. For more information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should review the Plan's Summary Plan Description or contact the Plan Administrator, Westlake Management Services, Inc. at (800) 284-0270.

You may have other options available to you when you lose group health coverage. For example, you may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, you may qualify for lower costs on your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, you may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse's plan), even if that plan generally doesn't accept late enrollees.

### **What is COBRA continuation coverage?**

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when it would otherwise end because of a life event. This is also called a "qualifying event." Specific qualifying events are listed later in this notice. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse, and your dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage must pay for COBRA continuation coverage.

### **Qualifying Events for a Covered Employee**

If you are an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

### **Qualifying Events for a Covered Spouse**

If you are the spouse of an employee, you'll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

### **Qualifying Events for Covered Dependent Children**

Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- Your death;
- Your hours of employment are reduced;
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct;
- You become entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- You become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a "dependent child."

### **Qualifying Event For Retiree Health Coverage**

Certain employees who meet eligibility standards may be covered by health coverage as a retiree of

Westlake. For this coverage, sometimes filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code can be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to Westlake, and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage of any retired employee covered under the Plan, the retired employee will become a qualified beneficiary. The retired employee's spouse, surviving spouse, and/or dependent children will also become qualifying beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under the Plan.

#### **When is COBRA continuation coverage available?**

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred.

The employer is responsible for notification of the following qualifying events:

- The end of employment or reduction of hours of employment;
- Death of the employee;
- Commencement of a proceeding in bankruptcy with respect to the employer; or
- The employee's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both).

**For all other qualifying events (divorce, legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs.**

**A covered dependent may also notify the Total Rewards Department directly or on behalf of any covered children affected by the qualifying event. Procedures for making this proper and timely notice are as follows:**

- The notice may be oral or written and should provide the following information: the name of the covered employee, the type of qualifying event, the covered dependents affected by the qualifying event, and the current address of the employee and/or covered dependents affected by the qualifying event.
- Notice must be given to the Total Rewards Department. Notice given to a co-worker or supervisor will not constitute proper notification of a qualifying event.

If this notification is not completed according to the procedure listed above within the required 60-day notification period, the individual will forfeit their group health continuation coverage rights. For a complete description on the plan eligibility rules regarding a spouse and/or children, please read your summary plan description.

#### **How is COBRA continuation coverage provided?**

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered employees may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage that generally lasts for 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.

There are also ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended:

#### **Disability extension of 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage**

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by Social Security to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to get up to an additional 11 months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 29 months. The disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage. It is the qualified beneficiary's responsibility to obtain this disability determination from the Social Security Administration and provide a copy of the determination to the Total Rewards Department within 60 days after the date of determination and before the original 18 months expire.

#### **Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage**

If your family experiences another qualifying event during the 18 months of COBRA continuation

coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if the Plan is properly notified about the second qualifying event. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children getting COBRA continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies; becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); gets divorced or legally separated; or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child. This extension is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred. It will be the qualified beneficiary's responsibility to notify the Plan Administrator of a second event.

### **Are there other coverage options besides COBRA Continuation Coverage?**

Yes. Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

### **Eligibility and Premiums**

A qualified beneficiary must have been actually covered by the plan on the day before the event to be eligible for continuation coverage. In addition, a qualified beneficiary is responsible for the payment of the applicable premium plus a 2% administration fee during the continuation coverage period. Should coverage and/or premiums change or be modified for non-COBRA participants, then the change and/or modification will be made to your coverage as well.

### **Notification of Address Changes**

To protect your family's rights, let the Plan Administrator know about any changes in the addresses for you or your family members. Failure on your part to do so will result in delayed notifications or a loss of continuation coverage options. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

### **Questions?**

Questions concerning your Plan or your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to

the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 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) in your area or visit [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.) For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

### **Plan Contact Information**

Remember, this notice is a summary of your potential future continuation coverage options only and not a description of your actual health plan or full COBRA rights. For any health plan questions, you should either review the Plan's Summary Plan Description or get a copy of the Plan Document from the Plan Administrator, Westlake Management Services, Inc. Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this or any future notice regarding the Westlake Health Care Plan, contact the Total Rewards Department at (800) 284-0270 or by mail at 2801 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77056.

### **WESTLAKE HEALTH CARE PLAN NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE**

Westlake Management Services, Inc. complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Westlake Management Services, Inc. does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Westlake Management Services, Inc.:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact the Westlake Total



Rewards Department at (800) 284-0270.

If you believe that Westlake Management Services, Inc. has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with: Director, Total Rewards, 2801 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77056, phone: (713) 960-9111, fax: (713) 355-9089 or [benefits@westlake.com](mailto:benefits@westlake.com). You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Director, Total Rewards is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf> or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at  
<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>

## **HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE COVERAGE PART A: General Information**

When key parts of the health care law took effect in 2014, there was 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 2019 for coverage starting as early as January 1, 2020.

### **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<sup>1</sup>.

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 your Human Resources Department or the Total Rewards Department at (800) 284-0270.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) for more information, including an online application for health insurance

coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

### **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.

Employer name <b>Westlake Management Services, Inc.</b>	Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>76-0321065</b>	
Employer address <b>2801 Post Oak Blvd., Ste 600</b>	Employer phone number <b>(713) 960-9111</b>	
City <b>Houston</b>	State <b>Texas</b>	ZIP Code <b>77056</b>
Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? <b>Westlake Total Rewards Department</b>		
Phone number (if different from above) <b>(800) 284-0270</b>	Email address <b>benefits@westlake.com</b>	

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

As your employer, we offer a health plan to:

- All employees.
- Some employees. Eligible employees are: all regular, full-time employees

With respect to dependents:

- We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are:

Your legal spouse from whom you are neither divorced nor legally separated;

Your natural son or daughter, stepchild, legally adopted child or a child to whom a court of competent jurisdiction has entered an interlocutory order of adoption, a child under your legal guardianship (including a foster child). Your child's eligibility may continue up to age 26.

We do not offer coverage.

- If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard<sup>1</sup>, 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. Enter the employer information shown on the previous page when you visit HealthCare.gov to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

### **NOTICE REGARDING WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

Westlake may offer various voluntary wellness programs to all employees. The programs are administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. If you choose to participate in the wellness programs you may be asked to complete a voluntary health risk assessment or "HRA" that asks a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors and whether you have or had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, or heart disease). You may also be asked to complete a biometric screening, which will include a blood test for cholesterol and glucose levels. You are not required to complete the HRA or to participate in the blood test or other medical examinations.

## **Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information**

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. Although the wellness programs and Westlake Management Services, Inc. may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, your personal information will not be disclosed either publicly or to the employer, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness programs, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness programs. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness programs, such as a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, a doctor, or a health coach will abide by the same confidentiality requirements.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness programs will be maintained separate from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness programs will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness programs, we will notify you immediately.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact the Westlake Total Rewards Department at (800) 284-0270 or by email to [benefits@westlake.com](mailto:benefits@westlake.com).