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Dependents to Age 26

Your Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, MEA Choice Plus, MEA Standard Plan, MEA Choice Plus (Retiree), MEA Standard Plan (Retiree), MEA Group Companion Plan Certificate of Coverage is changed as stated in this amendment.

The “Eligibility, Termination and Continuation of Coverage” section is changed by deleting the “Who is an Eligible Group Member?” provision and replacing it with the following:

Who is an Eligible Group Member?

1. The subscriber;
2. The subscriber’s legal spouse or domestic partner;
3. The subscriber’s/spouse’s/domestic partner’s children:
 - Under age 26
 - Dependent children aged 26 years of age or older when the dependent is mentally or physically disabled. The disability must have begun before the child’s 26th birthday, and the child must have been covered by us on and continuously since his or her 26th birthday.

Please note: Spouses of married dependent children are not eligible for coverage.

4. The subscriber’s grandchild under age 26, living with the subscriber in a parent-child relationship and primarily supported by the subscriber. The subscriber may not enroll a child and grandchild at the same time under the same identification/policy number. The eligible child or grandchild may be covered under a separate identification/policy number;

5. The subscriber’s legal spouse and eligible dependent children if they were covered as dependents at the time of the subscriber’s death.

We will determine the effective date of coverage for the subscriber and other eligible family members. If your coverage has changed or you are unsure of your effective date, please call us.

We reserve the right to verify continued eligibility for all members.

The “Termination of Coverage” subsection is changed by deleting the following provisions in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

Deletion from Membership If you have been deleted from membership, your coverage will be canceled. The subscriber must delete a member from coverage if the member is no longer eligible for reasons such as the subscriber’s divorce or legal separation, or a member’s death. The subscriber must notify us of these events and complete a form to remove a member. If you do not promptly disenroll your dependents when they are no longer eligible, you will be fully responsible for all claims they incurred and for which benefits have been paid after they were no longer eligible.

Covered Children Your coverage will be canceled if you are a covered child and you cease to meet the definition of an eligible dependent.

The “Definitions” section is changed by deleting the definition of “Dependent” and replacing it with the following:

Dependent The eligible subscriber’s lawful spouse, domestic partner, children up to 26 (including biological children, adopted children or children placed for adoption, the Subscriber’s grandchildren provided they are living with the subscriber in a parent-child relationship and are primarily supported by the Subscriber, stepchildren, legally placed foster children who live with the Subscriber or children for which the Subscriber is a legal guardian). Coverage may continue for dependent children beyond age 26 if they are mentally or physically disabled. The disability must have begun before the child’s 26th birthday, and the child must have been covered by us on and continuously since his or her 26th birthday.

Please see the “Eligibility, Termination and Continuation of Coverage” section for additional information.

All other terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions of your Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield MEA Choice Plus, MEA Standard Plan, MEA Choice Plus (Retiree), MEA Standard Plan (Retiree), MEA Group Companion Plan Certificate of Coverage apply to this amendment.



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