



VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CERTIFICATED

DECLINATION OF COVERAGE FOR LESS THAN FULL-TIME (50% to 75%) ACTIVE CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

If you work less than full-time (75% or more) and work at least 50% FTE, you may decline coverage. If you decline coverage, you and your dependents will not be allowed to enroll until the Open Enrollment Period. Members who enroll during the Open Enrollment Period will become effective October 1 of the same year.

If you decline coverage and subsequently become a full-time (75% or more) employee or begin receiving the same contribution as a full-time employee, you must enroll in the plan the first of the month following the date of this event. If the number of hours worked increases or payment of coverage by your school district increases, you may choose to enroll the first of the month following the date of that occurrence.

If you are declining coverage for you and your dependent(s) because you and/or your dependents have coverage elsewhere and you subsequently lose coverage, you may enroll yourself or your dependents immediately provided you notify the district within 30 calendar days of loss of coverage. Effective April 1, 2009 loss of coverage under a Medicaid plan, loss of coverage under Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or eligibility to participate in a premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP gives rise to special enrollment rights. You must notify the district within 60 calendar days of loss of coverage or becoming eligible for premium assistance. You must submit a completed and signed enrollment or change form along with a copy of the Certificate of Coverage from the "coverage elsewhere" or evidence of loss of coverage elsewhere.

In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or placed in your home as a result of court ordered custody or guardianship, you may enroll yourself and your dependents, provided you request enrollment within 30 calendar days following the date of this event. Again, you must submit a completed and signed enrollment or change form.

If you fail to notify your employer that your dependent(s) is no longer eligible for coverage under your plan, they may not be eligible for continuation coverage under the COBRA or CalCOBRA law.

I have read and understand the above notification. I understand that, if I decline coverage, I will be not be able to enroll in coverage until the district's Open Enrollment period for an October 1 effective date or because of one or more of the events listed above.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Social Security Number or Employee ID: _____