

# AFFORDABLE CARE ACT UPDATES

The Board of Education of

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Charles County

## WAIVER OF COVERAGE

Having met the eligibility requirements, you are being offered the opportunity to enroll in health coverage offered by *the Board of Education of Charles County*. You have the right to decline or waive coverage. If you do waive coverage for yourself, you may not cover dependents under the Employer's health plan.

Note that if you waive coverage considered affordable and minimum essential under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), you will not qualify for government credits and subsidies to purchase individual health insurance on the Marketplace.

The decision to waive coverage has consequences for you. For example:

- If you waive this coverage and do not obtain coverage on your own, you will be subject to a penalty under the individual responsibility requirement of the ACA.
- If you waive coverage, you cannot enroll in the board sponsored health plans until the next open enrollment, unless you experience a qualified change in status. Examples include if you are covered under another plan, but that coverage is lost, or if you gain a new dependent through birth, adoption, or marriage. However, you must request to enroll in your plan within 30 days of the qualified change in status. If you miss the 30day enrollment deadline, you must wait until open enrollment.

I acknowledge that the Employer has offered me affordable minimum essential coverage, as defined under the ACA, for the period from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. I have read the above and I understand the consequences of my waiver of coverage.

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Name of Employee

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Signature of Employee

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Date

As a representative of the Employer, I received this Waiver of Coverage from the above employee on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date).

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Signature of the Employer Representative