

Tamaqua Area School District
Notice of Opportunity to Enroll in Connection with
Extension of Dependent Coverage to Age 26

Individuals whose coverage ended, or who were denied coverage (or were not eligible for coverage), because the availability of dependent coverage of children ended before attainment of age 26 are eligible to enroll in their health plan (but not dental and vision plans) at the Tamaqua Area School District as administered by the Tamaqua School Employee's Health and Welfare Trust, unless the child is eligible to enroll in an employer-sponsored health plan. If a child who has not attained 26 years of age is eligible to enroll in an employer-sponsored health plan, the child is **not** eligible to enroll in this plan. Individuals may request coverage for eligible children during a special enrollment period from June 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011. If you wish to enroll a child that is eligible, please complete the application (attached) and return it to Kathy Gill at the Administration Office. Enrollment will be effective for coverage as of July 1, 2011. For more information contact the Business Manager at 570-668-2570.

Date: May 24th, 2011

Tamaqua School Employees Health and Welfare Trust

Extension of Coverage for Dependents to Age 26-Enrollment Form

Employee Name: _____

Employee Signature: _____

Dependent Name: _____

DOB: _____

SSN: _____

Gender: _____

By signing this form I am certifying that my child meets all eligibility requirements for extension of coverage to age 26 and that he/she does not have an option for employment-based health insurance. I will inform the district if my child's status changes and is offered coverage in the form an employment-based health insurance plan before reaching age 26.

PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

GRANDFATHER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Tamaqua Area School District believes this plan is a “grandfathered health plan” under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventative health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the Business Manager for the

District at 570-668-2570. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at www.healthreform.gov.

**PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT NOTICE
THAT LIFETIME LIMITS OF THE HEALTH PLAN(S) OF THE
TAMAQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT DO NOT APPLY AS OF JULY
1, 2011 AND NOTICE OF ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITY**

As of July 1, 2011, the lifetime limit on the dollar value of benefits under the health plan(s) of the District no longer applies. Individuals whose coverage ended by reason of reaching a lifetime limit under the plan are eligible to enroll in the plan. Individuals have 30 days from the date of this notice to request enrollment. For more information contact the Business Manager at 570-668-2570.