

## Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act

An Employee who is absent from employment for more than 30 days by reason of service in the Uniformed Services may elect to continue Plan coverage for the Employee and the Employee's Dependents in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as amended (USERRA).

The terms "Uniformed Services" or "Military Service" mean the Armed Forces, the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard when engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty training, or full-time National Guard duty, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or national emergency.

If qualified pursuant to continue coverage pursuant to the USERRA, Employees may elect to continue coverage under the Plan by notifying the Plan Administrator in advance, and providing payment of any required contribution for the health coverage. This may include the amount the Plan Administrator normally pays on an Employee's behalf. If an Employee's Military Service is for a period of time less than 31 days, the Employee may not be required to pay more than the regular contribution amount, if any, for continuation of health coverage.

An Employee may continue Plan coverage under USERRA for up to the lesser of:

- The 24 month period beginning on the date of the Employee's absence from work; or
- The day after the date on which the Employee fails to apply for, or return to, a position of employment.

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Regardless of whether an Employee continues health coverage, if the Employee returns to a position of employment, the Employee's health coverage and that of the Employee's eligible Dependents will be reinstated under the Plan. No exclusions or waiting period may be imposed on an Employee or the Employee's eligible Dependents in connection with this reinstatement, unless a Sickness or Injury is determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to have been incurred in, or aggravated during, the performance of military service.

You should call the Plan Administrator if you have questions about your rights to continue health coverage under USERRA.

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