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LANCASTER COUNTY
CLERK

Dear Group Leader:

Please take a few moments to review the enclosed documents. These endorsements reflect changes being made to all Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska group health plans using the same master contract, and should be retained for future reference.

EXTENSION OF COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENTS TO AGE 26

Effective date: June 1, 2010

Health care reform legislation signed on March 23, 2010 will make coverage available to dependent children up to age 26 for plan years beginning on and after September 23, 2010. Recognizing the time between March 23, 2010 and September 23, 2010 could result in many young adults losing their coverage prior to September 23, 2010 due to graduation and other factors, you have decided to implement contractual changes to close potential coverage gaps.

As a result of your decision to "opt in" for this extension of coverage, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska has suspended termination of aging out dependents effective June 1, 2010. As of May 1 we have stopped automatically notifying dependents that would otherwise lose coverage on or after June 1 due to attaining the plan's maximum age for dependents.

Please sign the enclosed amendment to your group master contract and return it to us at your earliest convenience in the postage paid envelope provided.

PROVIDER REQUEST FOR MEDICAL RECORDS RESPONSE TIMEFRAME CHANGE

Effective date: July 1, 2010

If we require additional information in order to process a claim, we request medical records from the member's provider. Currently, we allow 45 business days for the provider to submit the medical records before we deny the claim.

Effective July 1, 2010, the timeframe for the provider to send us the medical records so that we may review and process the member's claim in a timely fashion is being changed to 21 calendar days. This timeframe is consistent with current industry standards. If the provider does not submit the requested medical records within this 21-day time period and the claim is subsequently denied, we will reopen and process it once the necessary information is sent to us.

If you have any questions about either of these endorsements, please contact a member of your Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska account sales or service team.

Sincerely,

BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA



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Group Name: LANCASTER COUNTY

Group Number(s): 04643 00

Plan Administrator/Plan Sponsor: _____

Extension of Coverage for Eligible Dependents to Age 26 – Amendment to Master Group Contract

The Group agrees to the addition of Endorsement 9-2551, which allows for extension of coverage for Eligible Dependents to Age 26. It is understood that the change made by Endorsement 9-2551 will supersede any other provisions or limitations in the Master Group Contract applicable to such endorsement. By signing this amendment, I represent that I am authorized to agree to such changes on behalf of the Group.

Signature *Bernie Heier*

Title Bernie Heier - County Board Chair

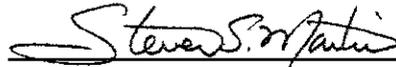
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ENDORSEMENT

This is an Endorsement. An Endorsement is used by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska to change your coverage. Please read it carefully. This Endorsement becomes a part of your Contract and should be attached to it.

This Endorsement applies to:

Continuation of Eligible Dependent Coverage to Age 26



Steven S. Martin, President
and Chief Executive Officer

The Contract to which this Endorsement is attached is amended to add the following provision to the definition of Eligible Dependent.

Children who were covered under this Contract as an Eligible Dependent on or after May 1, 2010, are allowed to continue coverage up to age 26, notwithstanding marriage, absence of student status, or financial dependency on the Subscriber. In addition, any Subscriber whose coverage is first effective June 1, 2010 or later may enroll his/her child who is under age 26 and who was not previously covered under this Contract, notwithstanding marriage, absence of student status, or financial dependency on the Subscriber.

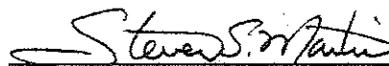
All other terms, conditions, exclusions, limitations and definitions set forth in the Contract to which this Endorsement is attached remain applicable.

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This Endorsement applies to:

Time Limit on Responding to a Request for Specified Information and Payment for Services



Steven S. Martin, President
and Chief Executive Officer

The Contract to which this Endorsement is attached is amended at the Part titled Claim and Appeal Procedure. The following provision is deleted:

An extension also may be given to allow the claimant/provider to submit specified information. The claimant/provider may be given not less than 45 calendar days from the receipt of notice to submit the specified information. A claim determination will be made within 15 calendar days of receipt of information or the end of the extension period.

and is replaced with the following provision:

An extension also may be given to allow the claimant to submit specified information. The claimant may be given not less than 45 calendar days from the receipt of notice to submit the specified information. A claim determination will be made within 15 calendar days of receipt of information or the end of the extension period.

The provider must submit specified information within the timeframe indicated in the provider contract.

In addition, the Part titled Payment for Services is amended to add the following provision:

Under certain circumstances, if Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska pays a Provider amounts that are the responsibility of the Covered Person under this Contract, BCBSNE may collect such amounts from the Covered Person.

Benefits provided according to this endorsement are subject to all other terms, conditions, exclusions, limitations and definitions of the Contract to which this endorsement is attached.