

## Your Anthem Blue Cross HMO Plan Amendment

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## Anthem Blue Cross

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## SELF-INSURED SCHOOLS OF CALIFORNIA

Anthem Blue Cross ("Anthem") agrees to modify your Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure (Evidence of Coverage) Form by this amendment. All other provisions of the Evidence of Coverage Form which are not inconsistent with this amendment remain in effect. Officers of Anthem have approved this amendment to become effective October 1, 2013.

The following change is made to the section called "What You Should Know About Your Coverage":

The description of domestic partner under the second bullet of the provision "You can enroll the following family members in Anthem Blue Cross HMO" is deleted and replaced by:

Your domestic partner, if your domestic partner is the same or opposite sex. Domestic partner does not include any person who is in active service in the armed forces. In order for you to include your domestic partner as a family member, you and your domestic partner must meet the following requirements:

## Requirements applicable to opposite sex relationships when both persons are under age 62:

- You are both at least 18 years of age and capable of consenting to the domestic partnership.
- You both consider each other to be, and hold yourselves out as engaged in a relationship of mutual caring and commitment.
- You both have a common residence and have been living together for at least the past six consecutive months.
- You both agree to be jointly responsible for each other's basic living expenses during your domestic partnership so that anyone who is owed such expenses can collect from either one of you.
- Neither of you has another Domestic Partner, and neither of you has had a Spouse or other Domestic Partner within the previous six months from the date of the execution of the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership.
- You are not related by blood so closely that you cannot be legally married in California.
- If you are living in a city or county providing such registration, both of you have registered as a domestic partner with a California city or county of the State of California and have provided SISC III with a copy of the Certificate of Domestic Partnership.

Requirements applicable to all same sex relationships and opposite sex relationships when one or both of the persons engaged in an opposite sex relationship are over the age of 62 and meet the criteria set forth below under the 7<sup>th</sup> bullet - ii.

• You are both at least 18 years of age and capable of consenting to the domestic partnership.

- You both consider each other to be, and hold yourselves out as engaged in a relationship of mutual caring and commitment.
- You both have a common residence.
- You both agree to be jointly responsible for each other's basic living expenses during your domestic partnership so that anyone who is owed such expenses can collect from either one of you.
- Neither of you is married to someone else nor a member of another domestic partnership.
- You are not related by blood so closely that you cannot be legally married in California.
- Either of the following:
  - i. You are both members of the same sex; or
  - ii. One or both of you meet the eligibility criteria under Title II of the Social Security Act as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 402(a) for old-age insurance benefits or Title XVI of the Social Security Act as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1381 for aged individuals. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, persons of opposite sexes may not constitute a domestic partnership unless one or both of you are over the age of 62.
- Neither of you has previously filed: (1) a Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the California Secretary of State, or a similar form with another governing jurisdiction, that has not been terminated pursuant to the laws of California, or of that other jurisdiction; or, if (1) does not apply, (2) an affidavit with SISC III declaring that you both are part of a domestic partnership that you both have not been terminated by giving SISC III written notice that it has.

- It has been at least six months since: (1) the date the Notice of Termination of Domestic Partnership was filed with the California Secretary of State, or similar form was filed with another governing authority; or, if (1) does not apply, (2) either of you has given written notice to SISC III that the domestic partnership declared in an affidavit, given to SISC III, has terminated. This item does not apply if the previous domestic partnership ended because one of the partners died or married.
- Both partners:
  - i. If you reside in the State of California, must file a Declaration of Domestic Partnership with the California Secretary of State pursuant to Division 2.5 of the California Family Code to establish both of your domestic partnership. You must provide SISC III with a certified copy of the Declaration of Domestic Partnership that was filed with the California Secretary of State;
  - ii. If you reside in another state or governing jurisdiction that registers domestic partnerships, you must register your domestic partnership with that state or governing jurisdiction. You must provide SISC III with a certified copy of the document that was filed with the governing jurisdiction registering your domestic partnership; or
  - iii. If you and your domestic partner do not reside in a city, county or state that allows you both to register as domestic partners, you must provide SISC III with a signed, notarized, affidavit certifying you both met all of the requirements from bullets 1 through 9 above.

**Note:** For the purposes of bullet 10 .i above, if you and your domestic partner registered your relationship prior to July 1, 2000, with a local governing jurisdiction in California, in lieu of supplying SISC III with a certified copy of the Declaration of Domestic Partnership (a State of California form), you may provide SISC III with a certified copy of the form filed with the local governing jurisdiction.

As used above, the following definitions apply:

"Have a common residence" means that both domestic partners share the same residence. It is not necessary that the legal right to possess the common residence be in both of their names. Two people have a common residence even if one or both have additional residences. Domestic partners do not cease to have a common residence if one leaves the common residence but intends to return.

"Basic living expenses" means shelter, utilities, and all other costs directly related to the maintenance of the common household of the common residence of the domestic partners. It also means any other cost, such as medical care, if some or all of the cost is paid as a benefit because a person is another person's domestic partner.

"Joint responsibility" means that each partner agrees to provide for the other partner's basic living expenses if the partner is unable to provide for herself or himself. Persons to whom these expenses are owed may enforce this responsibility if, in extending credit or providing goods or services, they relied on the existence of the domestic partnership and the agreement of both partners to be jointly responsible for those specific expenses.

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