Title 22—MISSOURI CONSOLIDATED HEALTH CARE PLAN  
Division 10—Health Care Plan  
Chapter 2—State Membership

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

22 CSR 10-2.020 General Membership Provisions The Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan is amending sections (2) and (8).

PURPOSE: This amendment clarifies eligibility for retiree coverage for Public Higher Education Entities and retirees employed with a Public Entity and adds that retirees can cancel dental and vision coverage when voluntarily canceling medical coverage.

(2) Eligibility Requirements.

(B) Retiree Coverage.

1. An employee may participate in an MCHCP plan when s/he retires if s/he receives a monthly retirement benefit from either MOSERS or from Public School Retirement System (PSRS) for state employment, or if the employee is an employee of a Public Higher Education Entity (PHEE) and the PHEE offers coverage to retirees. The employee may elect coverage for him/herself and his/her spouse/child(ren), provided the employee and his/her spouse/child(ren) have been continuously covered for health care benefits—

   A. Through MCHCP since the effective date of the last open enrollment period;

   B. Through MCHCP since the initial date of eligibility; or

   C. Through group or individual medical coverage for the six (6) months immediately prior to retirement. Proof of prior group or individual coverage (letter from previous insurance carrier or former employer with dates of effective coverage and list of persons covered) is required.

2. An employee may enroll him/herself and his/her spouse/child(ren) in an MCHCP dental and/or vision plan when s/he retires if s/he receives a monthly retirement benefit from MOSERS and was employed by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

3. An employee may enroll him/herself and his/her spouse/child(ren) in an MCHCP dental and/or vision plan when s/he retires if s/he receives a monthly retirement benefit from MPERS.

4. If the retiree’s spouse is a state active employee or retiree and enrolled in MCHCP, both spouses may transfer to coverage under the plan in which his/her spouse is enrolled or from his/her spouse’s coverage to his/her coverage at any time as long as both spouses are eligible for MCHCP coverage and their coverage is continuous.

5. If a retiree who is eligible for coverage elects not to be continuously covered for him/herself and spouse/child(ren) with MCHCP from the date first eligible, or does not apply for coverage for him/herself and spouse/child(ren) within thirty-one (31) days of his/her eligibility date, the retiree and his/her spouse/child(ren) shall not thereafter be eligible for coverage unless specified elsewhere herein.

6. An individual enrolled in another non-MCHCP Medicare Advantage (Part C) and/or Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) is not eligible for medical coverage.

7. A retiree who is employed with a participating Public Entity may elect to return to state coverage as a retiree as long as coverage with MCHCP is continuous and retiree coverage was elected.

(8) Voluntary cancellation of coverage.
A subscriber may only cancel dental and/or vision coverage during the year for him/herself or his/her dependents for one (1) of the following reasons:

1. Upon retirement;
2. When beginning a leave of absence;
3. No longer eligible for coverage;
4. When new coverage is taken through other employment; [or]
5. When the member enrolls in Medicaid.; or
6. When a retiree cancels medical coverage.


PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars ($500) in the aggregate.
PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars ($500) in the aggregate.

NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, Judith Muck, PO Box 104355, Jefferson City, MO 65110. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the Missouri Register. No public hearing is scheduled.