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## Important Information about the American Rescue Plan and Cal-COBRA

From Health Net of California, Inc. and Health Net Life Insurance Company (Health Net)

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was designed to provide help to American families. Terms include help with premium costs for people who had a decline in work hours. These terms also include help with premium costs for those who lost their employment, through no fault of their own. We want you to know about this limited premium help and to give you information to learn if you qualify.

- Go to page 3 "Summary of the COBRA Premium Assistance Provisions under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" to find out if you qualify. This applies to state continuation health coverage, like Cal-COBRA.
- If you qualify, there is **no cost** for your Cal-COBRA coverage during April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.
- You will be disenrolled from your Cal-COBRA coverage once the premium assistance period ends September 30, 2021. If you want to keep Cal-COBRA coverage after September 30, 2021, you will pay the full premium amount starting October 1, 2021.

#### If you think you qualify and want to apply for Cal-COBRA:

- 1) Complete the "Request for Treatment as an Assistance Eligible Individual" form.
- 2) Complete the Cal-COBRA Continuation Election Form.
- 3) Return both forms to Health Net by July 30, 2021.

#### You may have other options

If you choose not to enroll in Cal-COBRA, you may be able to enroll in a Health Net Individual & Family Plan (IFP). Premium help is available through Covered California to those who qualify. Health Net IFP plan availability depends on where you live. It may also be subject to a special enrollment period. For more information about an IFP plan, go to **www.myhealthnetca.com** or call our sales team at 877-618-3870.

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We're here to help!

If you have any questions about this letter, call Health Net at 800-977-2207.

Sincerely, Cal-COBRA Membership Accounting and Eligibility

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# Summary of the COBRA Premium Assistance Provisions under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

President Biden signed H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), on March 11, 2021. This law subsidizes the full COBRA premium for "Assistance Eligible Individuals" for periods of coverage from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

To be eligible for the premium assistance, you:

- MUST have a COBRA qualifying event that is a reduction in hours or an involuntary termination of a covered employee's employment;
- > **MUST** elect COBRA continuation coverage;
- > **MUST NOT** be eligible for Medicare; AND
- MUST NOT be eligible for coverage under any other group health plan, such as a plan sponsored by a new employer or a spouse's employer.\*

#### ♦ IMPORTANT ♦

- If you do not elect to receive the premium assistance within 60 days of receipt of this form, you may be ineligible for the premium assistance.
- If you elect COBRA continuation coverage with premium assistance, and then become eligible for other group health plan coverage (not including coverage that is only excepted benefits (such as dental or vision coverage), a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement, or a health flexible spending arrangement), or if you become eligible for Medicare, you MUST notify Health Net in writing. If you fail to provide this notice, you may be subject to a penalty of \$250 (or if the failure is fraudulent, the greater of \$250 or 110% of the premium assistance provided after termination of eligibility). You won't be subject to the penalty if your failure to notify Health Net is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect.
- Employers that don't satisfy COBRA continuation coverage requirements may be investigated by the Department of Labor and may be subject to an excise tax under the Internal Revenue Code.
- If you elect COBRA continuation coverage and are eligible for the premium assistance, you cannot claim the Health Coverage Tax Credit. You also cannot qualify for a premium tax credit to help pay for coverage through a Health Insurance Marketplace<sup>®1</sup>, such as on HealthCare.gov, for any months that you are enrolled in COBRA continuation coverage with or without the premium assistance.

For specific information on Health Net's administration of the ARP premium assistance contact Health Net Customer Contact Center at (xxx)xxx-xxxx.

For more information regarding ARP premium assistance and eligibility questions, visit <u>https://www.dol.gov/cobra-subsidy</u> or contact the Department of Labor at askebsa.dol.gov or 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

<sup>\*</sup> This restriction does not include coverage under a plan that provides only excepted benefits, a qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangement, or coverage under a health flexible spending arrangement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Health Insurance Marketplace® is a registered service mark of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

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#### For Further Assistance, you may contact the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Administration at 1-866-444-3272, or online at https://www.askebsa.dol.gov/WebIntake.

#### **DEPENDENT INFORMATION** (Parent or guardian should sign for minor children.)

Relationship to Employee SSN (or other identifier) Name Date of Birth

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1. I elected (or am electing) COBRA continuation coverage.	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
2. I am NOT eligible for other group health plan coverage.	□ Yes □ No
3. I am NOT eligible for Medicare.	🗆 Yes 🗆 No
4. The qualifying event was an involuntary termination or a reduction in hours.	☐ Yes □ No
I make an election to exercise my right to ARP premium assistance. To the best of my knowledge and belief all of the provided on this form are true and correct.	answers I have
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This form is designed for plans to distribute to COBRA qualified beneficiaries who are not paying premiums pursuant to ARP so they can notify the plan if they become eligible for other group health plan coverage, or Medicare.

Use this form to notify your plan that you are eligible for other group health plan coverage or
Medicare and therefore not eligible for premium assistance under the ARP.

Health Net of California, Inc. Health Net Life Insurance Company (Health Net)	Participant Notific	ation	Attn: COBRA I MSC: CA4151 4151 East Con Sacramento, C	-03-235 nmerce Way
PERSONAL INFORMAT	ION			>
Name and mailing address		Telephone number E-mail address (optiona	al)	
PREMIUM ASSISTANCE	INELIGIBILITY INFORMATION	– Check one		
I am eligible for coverage under an If any dependents are also eligible Insert date you became eligible				
I am eligible for Medicare. Insert date you became eligible				

IMPORTANT

If you fail to notify your plan when you become eligible for other group health plan coverage or Medicare AND continue to receive COBRA premium assistance you may be subject to a penalty of \$250 dollars (or if the failure is fraudulent, the greater of \$250 or 110% of the amount of the premium assistance provided after termination of eligibility). You won't be subject to the penalty if your failure to notify the plan is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect.

Eligibility for other coverage is determined regardless of whether you take or decline the other coverage.

However, eligibility for coverage does not include any time spent in a waiting period.

To the best of my knowledge and belief all of the answers I have provided on this Form are true and correct.

Signature

Date \_\_\_\_

Type or print name

If you are eligible for coverage under another group health plan and that plan covers dependents you must also list their names here:



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### AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP) CAL-COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE ELECTION FORM

# To enroll in ARP Cal-COBRA coverage through Health Net, please complete this form and send it back to Health Net.

Email: RC\_SALES\_Rush@CENTENE.COM

Mail to: Attn: COBRA DP Unit 4151 East Commerce Way Sacramento CA, 9583 Mail Stop Code CA4151-03-235

Your information.			
Name:	Subscriber ID # or SSN:	Employer group #:	
Physical Address	Mailing Address		
Original CAL-COBRA Qualifying event date:			

Please list eligible qualified beneficiaries who are enrolling with you. The Request for Treatment as an Assistance Eligible Individual form must be completed for each eligible qualified beneficiaries.			
Qualified beneficiary/ies**	Social Security number:	Date of birth:	Mailing Address
First and Last Name:			

\*\*Only members who had coverage on the day prior to your Qualifying Event are eligible. You can't enroll new dependents at this time.

Signature (parent/guardian, if applicable):	Date:

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