

Private Health Information

A portion of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) addresses the protection of confidential health information. It applies to all health benefit plans. In short, the idea is to make sure that confidential health information that identifies (or could be used to identify) you is kept completely confidential. This individually identifiable health information is known as “protected health information” (PHI), and it will not be used or disclosed without your written authorization, except as described in the Plans HIPAA Privacy Notice or as otherwise permitted by federal and state health information privacy laws. A copy of the Plan’s Notice of Privacy Practices that describes the Plan’s policies, practices and your rights with respect to your PHI under HIPAA is available by contacting Volvo People Services at **1-800-344-8339**.

Special Enrollment Notice

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents’ other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after your or your dependents’ other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

The Plan will also allow a HIPAA special enrollment for employees and dependents who are eligible but not enrolled if they lose Medicaid or CHIP coverage because they are no longer eligible, or they become eligible for a state’s premium assistance program. Employees have 60 days from the date of the Medicaid/CHIP event to request enrollment under the Plan. If you request this change, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. Specific restrictions may apply, depending on federal and state law.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, contact Volvo People Services.

Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA)

The Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 requires all group health plans that provide medical and surgical benefits for mastectomy to provide coverage for reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed; surgery reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and prostheses and treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedema. These services must be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient. This coverage may be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions applicable to other such medical and surgical benefits provided under the plan.

Special Rights for Mothers and Newborn Children

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, federal law generally does not prohibit the mother’s or newborn’s attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC)

The Affordable Care Act requires all health plan insurers and group health plans to provide eligible enrollees with a summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC). The SBC provides you information to better understand your plan and allows you to compare options. SBCs for all medical plans available to you are available on the Volvo Group's Employee Center. You may request a paper copy of an SBC at any time by contacting Volvo Group People Services.