

# 2026

## Annual Notices

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**Benchling**

# Medicare Part D Notice

## Important Notice from Benchling, Inc. About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Benchling, Inc. and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
  2. Benchling, Inc. has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the Benchling, Inc. Employee Health and Welfare Benefits Plan, Kaiser HMO (CA) and UHC HMO (CA), EPO, PPO and HDHP is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.
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## When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

## What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your Benchling, Inc. coverage **will not** be affected. See below for more information about what happens to your current coverage if you join a Medicare drug plan.

Since the existing prescription drug coverage under Benchling, Inc. Employee Health and Welfare Benefits Plan is creditable (e.g., as good as Medicare coverage), you can retain your existing prescription drug coverage and choose not to enroll in a Part D plan; or you can enroll in a Part D plan as a supplement to, or in lieu of, your existing prescription drug coverage.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your Benchling, Inc. prescription drug coverage, be aware that you and your dependents can only get this coverage back at open enrollment or if you experience an event that gives rise to a HIPAA Special Enrollment Right.

## When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with Benchling, Inc. and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

## For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...

Contact the person listed below for further information. NOTE: You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through Benchling, Inc. changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

## For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov)
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). TTY users should call 877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at [socialsecurity.gov](https://www.socialsecurity.gov), or call them at 800-772-1213 (TTY 800-325-0778).

**Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).**

**Date:** January 1, 2026  
**Name of Entity/Sender:** Benchling, Inc.  
**Contact-Position/Office:** Chris Leonard, Total Rewards Manager  
**Address:** 680 Folsom Street, 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94107  
**Phone Number:** (415) 590-2798

## Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call your plan administrator (415) 590-2798.

## Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act

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 insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours). If you would like more information on maternity benefits, call your plan administrator at (415) 590-2798.

## HIPAA Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

If you decline enrollment in Benchling, Inc.'s health plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance or group health plan coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in Benchling, Inc.'s health plan without waiting for the next open enrollment period if you:

- Lose other health insurance or group health plan coverage. You must request enrollment within 30 days after the loss of other coverage.
- Gain a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption. You must request health plan enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.
- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible. You must request medical plan enrollment within 60 days after the loss of such coverage.

If you request a change due to a special enrollment event within the 30 day timeframe, coverage will be effective the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. For all other events, coverage will be effective the first of the month following your request for enrollment. In addition, you may enroll in Benchling, Inc.'s health plan if you become eligible for a state premium assistance program under

Medicaid or CHIP. You must request enrollment within 60 days after you gain eligibility for medical plan coverage. 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.

Note: If your dependent becomes eligible for a special enrollment right, you may add the dependent to your current coverage or change to another health plan.

## Availability of Privacy Practices Notice

We maintain the HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices for Benchling, Inc. describing how health information about you may be used and disclosed. You may obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by contacting (415) 590-2798.

## Notice of Choice of Providers

The Kaiser HMO (CA) generally allows and the UHC HMO (CA) generally requires the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members. Until you make this designation, Kaiser HMO (CA) and UHC HMO (CA) designates one for you. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact the Plan Administrator at (415) 590-2798.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from Kaiser HMO (CA) or UHC HMO (CA) or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the Plan Administrator at (415) 590-2798.

## Premium Assistance under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at [www.askebsa.dol.gov](http://www.askebsa.dol.gov) or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of July 31, 2025. Contact your State for more information on eligibility—

<b>ALABAMA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a>   Phone: 1-855-692-5447
<b>ALASKA – Medicaid</b>
The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program   Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a>   Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a>   Medicaid Eligibility: <a href="https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx">https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<b>ARKANSAS – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a>   Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)
<b>CALIFORNIA – Medicaid</b>
Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program website: <a href="http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp">http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</a> Phone: 916-445-8322   Fax: 916-440-5676   Email: <a href="mailto:hipp@dhcs.ca.gov">hipp@dhcs.ca.gov</a>
<b>COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) &amp; Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)</b>
Health First Colorado Website: <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a> Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943   State Relay 711 CHP+: <a href="https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus">https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus</a> CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991   State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): <a href="https://www.mycohibi.com/">https://www.mycohibi.com/</a>   HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442
<b>FLORIDA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/index.html">https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/hipp/index.html</a> Phone: 1-877-357-3268
<b>GEORGIA – Medicaid</b>
GA HIPP Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp</a> Phone: 678-564-1162, press 1 GA CHIPRA Website: <a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra</a>   Phone: 678-564-1162, press 2
<b>INDIANA – Medicaid</b>
Health Insurance Premium Payment Program All other Medicaid Website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a>   <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/</a>   Family and Social Services Administration Phone: (800) 403-0864   Member Services Phone: (800) 457-4584
<b>IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="#">Iowa Medicaid   Health &amp; Human Services</a>   Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Hawki Website: <a href="#">Hawki - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa   Health &amp; Human Services</a>   Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563 HIPP Website: <a href="#">Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)   Health &amp; Human Services (iowa.gov)</a> HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562
<b>KANSAS – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.kancare.ks.gov/">https://www.kancare.ks.gov/</a>   Phone: 1-800-792-4884   HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660

### **KENTUCKY – Medicaid**

Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP)

Website: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx> | Phone: 1-855-459-6328

Email: [KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov](mailto:KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov)

KCHIP Website: <https://kynect.ky.gov> | Phone: 1-877-524-4718

Kentucky Medicaid Website: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms>

### **LOUISIANA – Medicaid**

Website: [www.medicaid.la.gov](http://www.medicaid.la.gov) or [www.ldh.la.gov/la hipp](http://www.ldh.la.gov/la hipp)

Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)

### **MAINE – Medicaid**

Enrollment Website: [https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en\\_US](https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US)

Phone: 1-800-442-6003 | TTY: Maine relay 711

Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms>

Phone: 800-977-6740 | TTY: Maine relay 711

### **MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP**

Website: <https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa> | Phone: 1-800-862-4840 | TTY: 711

Email: [masspremassistance@accenture.com](mailto:masspremassistance@accenture.com)

### **MINNESOTA – Medicaid**

Website: <https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/> | Phone: 1-800-657-3672

### **MISSOURI – Medicaid**

Website: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm> | Phone: 573-751-2005

### **MONTANA – Medicaid**

Website: <http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP>

Phone: 1-800-694-3084 | email: [HHSHIPPProgram@mt.gov](mailto:HHSHIPPProgram@mt.gov)

### **NEBRASKA – Medicaid**

Website: <http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov>

Phone: 1-855-632-7633 | Lincoln: 402-473-7000 | Omaha: 402-595-1178

### **NEVADA – Medicaid**

Medicaid Website: <http://dhcfp.nv.gov> | Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid**

Website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program>

Phone: 603-271-5218 | Toll-free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext. 15218

Email: [DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov](mailto:DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov)

### **NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP**

Medicaid Website: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/> | Phone: 800-356-1561

CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: 609-631-2392 | CHIP Website: <http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html>

CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711)

### **NEW YORK – Medicaid**

Website: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/) | Phone: 1-800-541-2831

### **NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid**

Website: <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/> | Phone: 919-855-4100

### **NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid**

Website: <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare> | Phone: 1-866-614-6005

### **OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP**



Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a>   Phone: 1-888-365-3742
<b>OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a>   Phone: 1-800-699-9075
<b>PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html">https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html</a>   Phone: 1-800-692-7462
CHIP Website: <a href="#">Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov)</a>   CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)
<b>RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a>   Phone: 1-855-697-4347 or 401-462-0311 (Direct Rlte Share Line)
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a>   Phone: 1-888-549-0820
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a>   Phone: 1-888-828-0059
<b>TEXAS – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="#">Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Texas Health and Human Services</a> Phone: 1-800-440-0493
<b>UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP) Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:upp@utah.gov">upp@utah.gov</a>   Phone: 1-888-222-2542   Adult Expansion Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/expansion/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/expansion/</a> Utah Medicaid Buyout Program Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program/</a> CHIP Website: <a href="https://chip.utah.gov/">https://chip.utah.gov/</a>
<b>VERMONT – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="#">Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Department of Vermont Health Access</a> Phone: 1-800-250-8427
<b>VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select">https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select</a> or <a href="https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs">https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs</a> Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
<b>WASHINGTON – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.hca.wa.gov/">https://www.hca.wa.gov/</a>   Phone: 1-800-562-3022
<b>WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/</a> or <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a> Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700   CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)
<b>WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm</a>   Phone: 1-800-362-3002
<b>WYOMING – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/">https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/</a>   Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2025, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employee Benefits Security Administration  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa)

U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
Services



## Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) (PRA), no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The Department notes that a Federal agency cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it is approved by OMB under the PRA, and displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the public is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3507. Also, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a currently valid OMB control number. See 44 U.S.C. 3512.

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately seven minutes per respondent. Interested parties are encouraged to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Office of Policy and Research, Attention: PRA Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-5718, Washington, DC 20210 or email [ebsa.opr@dol.gov](mailto:ebsa.opr@dol.gov) and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0137.

## ACA Disclaimer

This offer of coverage may disqualify you from receiving government subsidies for an Exchange plan even if you choose not to enroll. To be subsidy eligible you would have to establish that this offer is unaffordable for you, meaning that the required contribution for employee only coverage under our base plan exceeds 9.02% in 2025 (9.96% in 2026) of your modified adjusted household income.

# Illinois Consumer Coverage Disclosure Act

The Consumer Coverage Disclosure Act requires employers to notify Illinois employees which of the Essential Health Benefits listed below are and are not covered by their employer-provided group health insurance coverage. Refer to the [Access to Care and Treatment Benchmark Plan](#) and the [Pediatric Dental Plan](#) to reference the pages listed below.

<b>Employer Name:</b>	Benchling, Inc.
<b>Employer State of Situs:</b>	California
<b>Name of Issuer:</b>	United Healthcare
<b>Plan Marketing Name:</b>	EPO, PPO, HDHP
<b>Plan Year:</b>	1/1/2026- 12/31/2026

## Ten (10) Essential Health Benefit (EHB) Categories:

- Ambulatory patient services (outpatient care you get without being admitted to a hospital)
- Emergency services
- Hospitalization (like surgery and overnight stays)
- Laboratory services
- Mental health and substance use disorder (MH/SUD) services, including behavioral health treatment (this includes counseling and psychotherapy)
- Pediatric services, including oral and vision care (but adult dental and vision coverage aren't essential health benefits)
- Pregnancy, maternity, and newborn care (both before and after birth)
- Prescription drugs
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices (services and devices to help people with injuries, disabilities, or chronic conditions gain or recover mental and physical skills)

2020-2025 Illinois Essential Health Benefit (EHB) Listing (P.A. 102-0630)				Employer Plan Covered Benefit?
Item	EHB Benefit	EHB Category	Benchmark Page # Reference	
1	Accidental Injury—Dental	Ambulatory	Pgs. 10 & 17	Yes
2	Allergy Injections and Testing	Ambulatory	Pg. 11	Yes
3	Bone anchored hearing aids	Ambulatory	Pgs. 17 & 35	No
4	Durable Medical Equipment	Ambulatory	Pg. 13	Yes
5	Hospice	Ambulatory	Pg. 28	Yes
6	Infertility (Fertility) Treatment	Ambulatory	Pgs. 23–24	Yes
7	Outpatient Facility Fee (e.g., Ambulatory Surgery Center)	Ambulatory	Pg. 21	Yes
8	Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgical Services (Ambulatory Patient Services)	Ambulatory	Pgs. 15–16	Yes
9	Private-Duty Nursing	Ambulatory	Pgs. 17 & 34	No
10	Prosthetics/Orthotics	Ambulatory	Pg. 13	Yes
11	Sterilization (vasectomy men)	Ambulatory	Pg. 10	Yes
12	Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ)	Ambulatory	Pgs. 13 & 24	Yes
13	Emergency Room Services (Includes MH/SUD Emergency)	Emergency services	Pg. 7	Yes
14	Emergency Transportation/ Ambulance	Emergency services	Pgs. 4 & 17	Yes
15	Bariatric Surgery (Obesity)	Hospitalization	Pg. 21	Yes
16	Breast Reconstruction After Mastectomy	Hospitalization	Pgs. 24–25	Yes
17	Reconstructive Surgery	Hospitalization	Pgs. 25–26 & 35	Yes
18	Inpatient Hospital Services (e.g., Hospital Stay)	Hospitalization	Pg. 15	Yes

19	Skilled Nursing Facility	Hospitalization	Pg. 21	Yes
20	Transplants—Human Organ Transplants (Including transportation & lodging)	Hospitalization	Pgs. 18 & 31	Yes
21	Diagnostic Services	Laboratory services	Pgs. 6 & 12	Yes
22	Intranasal opioid reversal agent associated with opioid prescriptions	MH/SUD	Pg. 32	Yes
23	Mental (Behavioral) Health Treatment (Including Inpatient Treatment)	MH/SUD	Pgs. 8–9, 21	Yes
24	Opioid Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT)	MH/SUD	Pg. 21	Yes
25	Substance Use Disorders (Including Inpatient Treatment)	MH/SUD	Pgs. 9 & 21	Yes
26	Tele-Psychiatry	MH/SUD	Pg. 11	Yes
27	Topical Anti-Inflammatory acute and chronic pain medication	MH/SUD	Pg. 32	No
28	Pediatric Dental Care	Pediatric Oral and Vision Care	See AllKids Pediatric Dental Document	No
29	Pediatric Vision Coverage	Pediatric Oral and Vision Care	Pgs. 26–27	Yes
30	Maternity Service	Pregnancy, Maternity, and Newborn Care	Pgs. 8 & 22	Yes
31	Outpatient Prescription Drugs	Prescription drugs	Pgs. 29–34	Yes
32	Colorectal Cancer Examination and Screening	Preventive and Wellness Services	Pgs. 12 & 16	Yes
33	Contraceptive/Birth Control Services	Preventive and Wellness Services	Pgs. 13 & 16	Yes
34	Diabetes Self-Management Training and Education	Preventive and Wellness Services	Pgs. 11 & 35	Yes
35	Diabetic Supplies for Treatment of Diabetes	Preventive and Wellness Services	Pgs. 31–32	Yes
36	Mammography—Screening	Preventive and Wellness Services	Pgs. 12, 15 & 24	Yes
37	Osteoporosis—Bone Mass Measurement	Preventive and Wellness Services	Pgs. 12 & 16	Yes
38	Pap Tests/ Prostate—Specific Antigen Tests/ Ovarian Cancer Surveillance Test	Preventive and Wellness Services	Pg. 16	Yes
39	Preventive Care Services	Preventive and Wellness Services	Pg. 18	Yes
40	Sterilization (women)	Preventive and Wellness Services	Pgs. 10 & 19	Yes
41	Chiropractic & Osteopathic Manipulation	Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services and Devices	Pgs. 12–13	Yes limited visits
42	Habilitative and Rehabilitative Services	Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services and Devices	Pgs. 8, 9, 11, 12, 22 & 35	Yes

*Special Note: Under Pub. Act 102-0104, eff. July 22, 2021, any EHBs listed above that are clinically appropriate and medically necessary to deliver via telehealth services must be covered in the same manner as when those EHBs are delivered in person.*

# The ‘No Surprises’ Rules

The “No Surprises” rules protect you from surprise medical bills in situations where you can’t easily choose a provider who’s in your health plan network. This is especially common in an emergency situation, when you may get care from out-of-network providers. Out-of-network providers or emergency facilities may ask you to sign a notice and consent form before providing certain services after you’re no longer in need of emergency care. These are called “post-stabilization services.” You shouldn’t get this notice and consent form if you’re getting emergency services other than post-stabilization services. You may also be asked to sign a notice and consent form if you schedule certain non-emergency services with an out-of-network provider at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

The notice and consent form informs you about your protections from unexpected medical bills, gives you the option to give up those protections and pay more for out-of-network care, and provides an estimate of what your out-of-network care might cost. You aren’t required to sign the form and shouldn’t sign the form if you didn’t have a choice of health care provider or facility before scheduling care. If you don’t sign, you may have to reschedule your care with a provider or facility in your health plan’s network.

[View a sample notice and consent form](#) (PDF).

This applies to you if you’re a participant, beneficiary, enrollee, or covered individual in a group health plan or group or individual health insurance coverage, including a Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) plan.



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