Thank you for taking the time to review the New Employee Orientation video and accompanying resource packet. These were designed to be a “one-stop-shop” for new employees enrolling in the State Group Insurance Program.

This packet will serve as a helpful addition to the information given in the New Employee Orientation video. While the video does a good job of discussing all relevant aspects of enrolling in benefits, there is plenty of information that can be easily forgotten.

We hope the packet will highlight those pieces of information, so they remain fresh in your mind.

Through a combination of dedicated sections on each page of the packet, the note-taking portion at the end, and the helpful links provided at the top, you will be able to follow along with the video.

More importantly, this packet will help you leave the video feeling fully-equipped to make the best benefits choices that work for you and your family.
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KEY TERMS

**Coinsurance** – A payment amount expressed as a fixed percentage of a cost. This amount varies by plan, so pay close attention to this when we look at the comparison charts.

**Copayment (Copay)** - A fixed dollar amount you pay for certain services, such as a visit to your primary care doctor for an illness. Copayments apply toward your out-of-pocket maximum but do not apply toward your deductible.

**Deductible** - The amount you pay each year before insurance will begin paying for services that require coinsurance. This amount goes toward your out of pocket maximum.

**Network** - A group of doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers who have an agreement with a carrier to provide services at set fees.

**Out-of-Pocket Maximum** - The most you will pay during the plan year.

**Premium** - The amount you pay monthly to have coverage. The premium will be deducted from your end-of-the-month paycheck. All health insurance premiums are automatically paid.

THREE NETWORKS

Choice between the following networks of providers (doctors, hospitals, facilities) when you enroll in a health insurance option:

1. Blue Cross Blue Shield Network S
2. Cigna Local Plus
3. Cigna Open Access Plus*

All three networks have providers available across Tennessee and the country. Doctors and facilities in the networks can change during the year. Check the networks carefully for your preferred doctor or hospital when making your selection.

*$40/$80 monthly surcharge applies

PHARMACY

All medical plans include Pharmacy benefits by CVS/Caremark.
HEALTH BENEFITS, continued

**PREMIER PPO**
- Higher monthly premium
- Lower financial risk when you receive care
- Lower deductibles & copays
- Lower coinsurance percentages

**STANDARD PPO**
- Lower monthly premium
- Higher financial risk when you receive care
- Higher deductibles & copays
- Higher coinsurance percentages

**CONSUMER DRIVEN HEALTH PLAN WITH A HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

When you get care or need a prescription, you pay for those expenses until you meet your deductible, then you pay coinsurance for your medical and pharmacy costs. This plan has the lowest monthly premium.

Money saved on monthly premiums can be placed into the Health Savings Account (HSA) for future healthcare expenses.

The CDHP/HSA can also help you save money for retirement. When you leave or retire, you take the money in the account with you. If you enroll in the CDHP, the State of Tennessee automatically adds $250 for individuals and $500 for families (Note: no contribution will be made if coverage starts on or after Sept. 2 - Dec. 31).

An HSA is a tax-exempt account that individuals can use to save money or pay for qualified expenses on a tax-free basis. The money in the account earns interest. Balances over $1,000 can be invested.

**TELEHEALTH**

24/7, non-emergency Virtual Visits

You can talk to a doctor by phone, computer or tablet from anywhere at any time for minor illnesses like colds, flu, allergies, fever, and more. The cost is less than a typical office visit.

The PPO plan member pays $15 dollar copay.

**PARTNERS EAP**

All state employees have access to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Enrolled members have access to Behavioral Health benefits.

Administered by **Optum**

Services are offered at no cost—employees can get five EAP visits, per problem, per year at no cost to you.

**WELLNESS**

Active Health is our wellness program vendor.

Health plan members will receive information about the program, and cash incentives you can earn by participating.

Enrolled members also have access to our Diabetes Prevention Programs and there is more information on the website under Wellness.

**THE PARTNERS HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER**

Located in downtown Nashville, on the 3rd floor of the WRS TN Tower. It welcomes all state employees enrolled in the State Group Health Insurance Plan.

The center provides non-emergency primary care services at no cost to PPO members and CDHP members pay for services until they meet their deductible, then they are provided at no cost.
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PREPAID (DHMO) PLAN

Managed by Cigna
Low monthly premium and restricted to an established network of general dentists
If you choose this dental plan, you would first call Cigna to select a general dentist
This would be your assigned dentist and you would be responsible for the pre-set copays associated with dental services
There is no waiting period for services

DENTAL PREFERRED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION (DPPO) PLAN

Managed by MetLife
Higher monthly premium
Provides a larger network of participating dentists that you can choose from
You or your dentist will file claims for covered services
Some services require a waiting period

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DAVIS VISION

Choose from the following plans:

Basic Plan
Offers discounted rates and allowances

Expanded Plan
Combination of copays, greater allowances and discounted rates than the Basic Plan

BOTH PLANS OFFER THE SAME SERVICES

Routine eye exam once every calendar year
Frames once every two calendar years
Choice of eyeglass lenses or contact lenses once every calendar year
Discount on LASIK/refractive surgery
Discount on Hearing Aids (includes Free Hearing Exam) through Your Hearing Network (YHN)
LIFE INSURANCE

What is it?

Basic-term Life Insurance and Basic AD&D are mandatory for all benefit-eligible employees.

The monthly premium is employer paid when the medical insurance is waived.

If you choose to enroll in medical insurance, the monthly premium is determined by coverage level and salary and employees pay the monthly premium for this coverage through payroll deduction.

For Voluntary Term Life-you must enroll within the first 31 days of employment for Guaranteed Issue coverage and you enroll on the Securian website.

Minnesota Life/Securian Financial is our vendor for Life Insurance Policies.

DISABLED INSURANCE

What is it?

Helps cover living expenses by protecting your pre-disability income lost due to sickness or accidental injury. It pays a PORTION of your salary.

Two Options

Long Term Disability
Replaces a portion of your income during a disability that is expected to last longer than 90 to 180 days.
You must use all of your accumulated leave (sick, annual, and comp time) before disability payments begin.

Short Term Disability
Replaces a portion of your income during a disability, which could last up to 26 weeks.
You must use all of your accumulated leave (sick, annual, and comp time) before disability payments begin.

NOTE!

You have 31 days after your eligibility date to enroll without being required to answer health questions.

To enroll after 31 days, you must wait until AE or until an SQE occurs. If enrolling during this time, you will answer health questions & MetLife will determine if you qualify.
FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS

WHAT ARE THEY?

Allows you to pay for eligible healthcare and dependent care with pre-tax dollars. This lowers the amount of taxes you pay. Please keep in mind that the IRS establishes contribution limits each year.

MEDICAL FSA
Used to cover medical, dental, vision, and prescription cost not covered by insurance.

You do not qualify if you are enrolled in a CDHP/HSA.

Annual limit-$ 2,700. Carry over limit- $ 500.

LIMITED PURPOSE FSA (L-FSA)
May only be used to cover certain dental and vision cost that are not covered by insurance.

For employees enrolled in the CDHP/HSA, the L-FSA is a great way to save tax-free on eligible vision and dental expenses while continuing to grow your HSA balance.

Your entire election (up to $2,700) is available for use at the beginning of the year. Carryover limit- $500.

TRANSPORTATION/ PARKING FSA
Maximum contribution to transportation FSA and/or the parking FSA is $265 per month.

Used to pay for certain work-related commuting and/or parking expenses.

DEPENDENT CARE FSA
Used to pay for certain dependent-care costs, such as after school care, baby-sitting fees, adult or child daycare and preschool.

DEADLINE & ENROLLMENT

You have ONLY 31 days from your hire date to enroll using Employee Self-Service, located within Edison.

Dependent Verification is due at the time of elections.
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