

CONNECTICUT'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE PORTABILITY PLAN

For Connecticut Residents



This Portability Plan is based on Connecticut Statute,
Chapter 700c, Section 38a-556 and is only
Available through HRA

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Established to Serve the Needs of Connecticut Residents

The Health Reinsurance Association (HRA) provides health insurance for eligible individuals. The HRA Special Health Care Plans provide comprehensive medical benefits for non-occupational injuries and diseases.

HRA is a non-profit association comprised of all private insurance companies and HMOs that provide health insurance in Connecticut.

Effective January 1, 1998, HRA offers Portability Plan options based on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) to qualified individuals.

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Who is Eligible?

- All Connecticut residents under the age of 65. Connecticut residents who are over the age of 65 and are not covered under Medicare Part A & Part B.
- You have had continuous creditable coverage for at least 18 months.
- Last day of coverage is at least one day of group coverage.
- You are not eligible for or have exhausted other group health insurance coverage including COBRA, if it was offered to you.
- Your application and premium are received in our office within 120 days of the end of your prior health insurance plan due to voluntary loss of coverage or 150 days of the end of your prior health insurance plan due to involuntary loss of coverage. The HRA plan will begin coverage the 1st of the month following receipt of a completed application.
- You are eligible for one of the Special Health Care plans depending on your adjusted gross income and the size of your family.
- To qualify for the Low Income Plan your adjusted gross income from the prior year must be less than 300% of the federal poverty level. (See page 7) These amounts will be updated annually. The insured's eligibility to qualify for the low income or non low income plan will be certified each year by your prior year Federal Tax return.
- You must submit the Federal Tax return with your application as verification of low-income eligibility.

Eligible Dependents Are:

- Your Spouse
- Your unmarried children (biological or adoptive) under nineteen years of age (twenty-three if a full time student attending an accredited institution of higher learning) who depends on you for support.
- Your disabled dependent children, regardless of age with proper documentation
- Any other unmarried child (biological or adoptive) under nineteen years of age (twenty-three if a full time student attending an accredited institution of higher learning) who depends on you for support and lives with you in a regular parent child relationship.

Pre-existing Conditions

A pre-existing condition is a medical condition for which medical advice or treatment was recommended or given within 6 months prior to coverage under this plan.

Portability Plans have no waiting period for any pre-existing medical conditions. Under the Health Reinsurance Association Portability plans, pregnancy is not considered a pre-existing condition.

If you don't qualify for the Portability Plan, you may still be eligible for a Conversion or Individual policy through HRA. The Conversion policies are guarantee issue and would still cover pre-existing conditions immediately. The Individual policies are guarantee issue with a 12-month waiting period for pre-existing medical conditions. Please contact HRA for more information.

Effective Date - The effective date will be the 1st of the month following receipt of a completed application.

Health Benefits - HRA's medical plan provides up to \$1,500,000 in benefits during each covered person's lifetime.

How The Special Health Care Plan Works

Benefit Amount

This plan will pay 75% of the Medicare Reimbursement Level (established for medical services) after the covered person pays the calendar year deductible. The Medicare Reimbursement Level is based on the amount that could be paid under the Federal Medicare Program.

For low-income individuals, health care providers in Connecticut must accept 75% of the Medicare Reimbursement Level as full payment. No balance can be billed to the covered person above the 75% benefit payment. The covered person is responsible for the payment of the calendar year deductible; only those expenses up to 75% of the Medicare Reimbursement Level of Covered Medical Expenses will be used toward satisfying the deductible.

<u>Calendar Year Deductible</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Family</u>
Low-Income	\$200	\$400
Non-Low Income	\$500	\$1000

Only those expenses up to 75% of the Medicare Reimbursement Level of Covered Medical Expenses will be used toward satisfying the deductible.

<u>Reimbursement Example</u>	<u>Low- Income</u>	<u>Non-Low Income</u>
1. Amount Billed by Medical Provider	\$1000	\$1000
2. Usual and Customary Charge	\$900	\$900
3. Medicare Reimbursement Level	\$800	\$800
4. 75% of Medicare Reimbursement Level	\$600	\$600
5. Calendar Year Deductible	\$200	\$500
6. Benefit Level	\$400	\$100
Line 4 minus Line 5		
7. Applied to Out of Pocket	\$200**	\$800*

*Represents Usual & Customary amount minus the Benefit amount.

**N/A in state, Out of State – Non Low Income Benefit Levels apply

<u>Out-Of-Pocket Maximum</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Family</u>
Applies to Non Low Income plan and Low Income outside of CT	\$2,500	\$5,000

Low-Income

1. Calendar Year Deductible
2. Out of Connecticut medical expenses above the benefit amount paid by the Special Health Care Plan, and less than the Usual & Customary Charge*, will be applied to the Out-Of-Pocket Maximum.

Non-Low Income

1. Calendar Year Deductible
2. Amount Paid by the covered person that is the difference between the Usual & Customary Charge*, and the benefit amount paid by the Special Health Care Plan.

*The Usual & Customary Charge is the usual charge made for services or supplies for individuals with similar medical conditions, living in the same area.

Non-Notification Cash Deductible

You must notify the Utilization Review Unit (Patient Advocate) each time hospitalization, certain surgical procedures or treatment plans are proposed. If the Utilization Review Unit is not notified, the lesser of \$200 or 50% of the scheduled benefit in the policy must be paid. This deductible is not included in the calculation of the Out-Of-Pocket maximum.

Covered Medical Expenses

- **Mental Health Benefits**- Same as any other illness
- **Alcohol/Substance Abuse Treatment** – Same as any other illness
- **Skilled Nursing Facility Care** – Policy covers up to 120 days per calendar year in a skilled nursing facility.
- **Hospital Services** – Semi- private room rate.
- **Physician Service** – Treatment due to illness, injury, or condition deemed medically necessary. Routine Annual Exams are also covered.
- **Routine Obstetric and Gynecological Exams** – including but not limited to Pap Smear Test.
- **Routine Mammograms**
 - One Baseline Mammogram for women between the ages of 35-39.
 - One annual mammogram for women age 40 or over.
- **Prostate Screening (PSA)** – Laboratory and diagnostics tests
- **Colorectal Cancer Screening** - Annual fecal occult blood test and colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy or radiological imaging.
- **Diabetic Supplies** – Paid at 100% after deductible
 - Prescription Drugs
 - Equipment- Example: Glucometer
 - Supplies – Testing Strips, Syringes, Hypodermic Needles, etc.
- **Diabetes Self-Management Training**
- **Lyme disease treatment** – No less than 30 days intravenous antibiotic therapy and/or 60 oral antibiotic therapy and further treatment if recommended by a board certified rheumatologist, infectious disease specialist or neurologist.
- **Home Health Care Services** - \$50 Annual Deductible – 80 visits per calendar year.
- **Physical, Speech, Occupational and Respiratory Therapy**
- **Hospice Care**
- **Maternity- Pre and Postnatal Care**
- **Birthing Center Care**
- **X-ray, Radium and Radioactive Isotope Therapy**
- **X-ray, Lab and Pathology Tests**

- **Outpatient Chemotherapy**
- **Tumors and Leukemia including removal of breast implant** – surgical removal of tumors and treatment of leukemia including: outpatient chemotherapy, reconstructive surgery, cost of any non-dental prosthesis including any maxillo-facial prosthesis used to replace anatomic structures lost during treatment for head and neck tumors. Also any additional appliances essential for the support of such prosthesis.
- **Mastectomy** – at least 48 hours inpatient following mastectomy or lymph node dissection, or longer if recommended by treating physician after conferring with the patient.
- **Anesthesia and Oxygen**
- **Ambulance Services** - Plan will not pay more than the maximum allowable rate established by the Department of Public Health.
- **Medical/Surgical Equipment**
- **Ostomy Appliances and Supplies** - \$1,000 annual limit
- **Artificial Limbs**
- **Diagnostic Tests**
- **Cancer Clinical Trials**
- **Protein Modified Foods**
- **Specialized Formulas** – for children up to age 8 when for treatment for disease or condition and when under the direction of a physician.
- **Hearing Aids** - \$1,000 benefit within a 24 month period for children age 12 or younger.
- **Pain Management**
- **Infertility Treatment** - medically necessary expenses of the diagnosis and treatment of infertility, including in-vitro fertilization procedures

Expenses Not Covered

- Outpatient Prescription Drugs*
- Private Duty Nursing
- Medical Treatment Before Coverage Begins, or while the person is not covered
- Unnecessary Medical Care
- Cosmetic Treatments
- Services provided by individuals not specifically covered
- Work Related Injuries or Diseases
- Injuries or Sickness Caused By War or Act of War
- Services The Covered Person is not required to pay
- Benefits covered by any government entity, state no-fault laws, or school
- Transportation (except by ambulance to the hospital, as medically necessary)
- Custodial care or care designed to assist in the activities or Daily Living.
- Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses, **Hearing Aids***, or the fitting of these, unless required by an accidental injury.
- Treatment of Teeth or Gums, unless required by an accidental injury which occurs while covered and certain surgical procedures.
- Services performed by a relative, or spouse's relative, or any caregiver that lives in the covered individuals' home.
- Immunizations and medical examinations not required to treat a covered injury or disease and routine Well Baby Care.
- Dietary Services if not medically necessary
- Sex change operations.
- Voluntary Sterilization or the Reversal of Voluntary Infertility.
- Acupuncture, **Except** as Anesthesia during a Covered Medical Procedure by a Physician or part of Pain Management.
- Marriage, Family and Child counseling except as Medically Necessary.
- Speech Therapy, except for treatment to restore Speech Lost as a result of injury or disease.
- Blood and Blood products
- Experimental or Investigational Services, Except Cancer Clinical Trials as described under "Covered Expenses"
- Routine foot care, except as Medically Necessary
- Services of Volunteers or persons who do not normally charge for their services.
- Private room accommodations in excess of the Semi-private room rate
- Services of Pastoral Counselors performing normal duties of a Pastor or Minister
- Care in Institutions in excess of the rate approved by The Commission on Hospital and Health Care.
- Expenses beyond the Scope of License of the Provider or Institution

***Except where specifically described under "Covered Expenses"**

Renewal and Termination

The Plan may be renewed except for one of the following reasons:

- The Association no longer issues policies based on Connecticut Statute, Chapter 700c, Section 38a-556 due to a change in state or federal law.
- Coverage for any person covered under the plan will terminate at the end of the term in which any of the following occur:
 1. The spouse of the Insured will terminate at the end of the term that divorce, annulment or legal separation is granted.
 2. A child will terminate at the end of the term in which the child is married, reaches the limiting age, or is no longer dependent on the Insured for support.
 3. A written request is received from the Insured.
 4. Non payment of premium.

Please send completed application and applicable premium to:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PLANS AVAILABLE THROUGH HRA CONTACT OUR OFFICE
AT 1-800-842-0004. HOURS OF OPERATION ARE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9:00AM TO
4:00PM.

2009 HRA PLAN RATES

Monthly Premium Rates per Individual
Special Low Income – Portability Plan

Attained Age	Male	Female	One Child	Children
<30	\$210.46	\$409.59	\$204.95	\$411.15
30-39	\$267.33	\$427.26		
40-49	\$370.09	\$460.71		
50-59	\$620.89	\$596.40		
60-64	\$914.12	\$774.37		
65+ Medicare Primary	\$630.74	\$534.31		

2009 HRA PLAN RATES

Monthly Premium Rates per Individual
Special Non-Low Income – Portability Plan

Attained Age	Male	Female	One Child	Children
<30	\$600.95	\$1,169.54	585.22	\$1,174.00
30-39	\$763.34	\$1,220.01		
40-49	\$1,056.75	\$1,315.50		
50-59	\$1,772.89	\$1,702.95		
60-64	\$2,610.18	\$2,211.12		
65+ Medicare Primary	\$1,801.03	\$1,525.67		

Please note: When you or any covered family member has a birthday that moves you to the next age bracket, the rate will change the month after the birthday occurs.

How to figure out your cost of coverage

1. Go to the above rate chart and get a rate for your coverage based on your age and gender.
2. Get rates for other family members to be covered based on their ages and genders.
3. Add together all the rates for your family members. This your total monthly cost of coverage

Low Income Guidelines

Family Members	1	2	3	4
Adjusted Gross Income (On last Federal Tax Return)	\$31,200	\$42,000	\$52,800	\$63,600
Family Members	5	6	7	8
Adjusted Gross Income (On last Federal Tax Return)	\$74,400	\$85,200	\$96,000	\$106,800

Add \$3,600 to the base for each additional family member.

** If you did not file a Federal Tax Return, please call the Treasury Dept. at 1-800-829-1040 and request letter # 1722(ICP) or Form 4506T to verify income

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Income Status Based Upon the Adjusted Gross Income on Prior Year's Federal Tax Return			
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Income (Prior year's Federal Tax Return must accompany application)		<input type="checkbox"/> Non Low Income	
Please enter the Adjusted Gross Income amount from last years tax return \$_____. If you did not file a Federal Tax Return, please call the Treasury Department at 1-800-829-1040 and request form #1722(ICP) or Form 4506T to verify income and attach it to your application.			
Applicant's Name		Social Security Number	Date of Birth
Home Address (Street)		Town	State & Zip Code
Billing Address (if different from Home Address)		Town	State & Zip Code
Applicant's Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Home Phone Number	Work Phone Number	Email Address

List Names of All Eligible Family Members

Spouse's Name	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Connecticut Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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For dependent child(ren) between the ages of 19 & 23, full time student verification must accompany application. For disabled dependent child(ren) over age 19, a letter from Social Security or court papers verifying disability must accompany application.

Child's Name	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Full Time Student <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	CT Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Child's Name	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Full Time Student <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	CT Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Child's Name	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Full Time Student <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	CT Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Section II Please answer the following questions.

1. Have you had at least 18 months of continuous coverage with at least the last day being group coverage?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Have you exhausted all group insurance options including COBRA, if it was offered to you? If yes, please attach verification of coverage.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Are you submitting this application within 120 days (due to voluntary loss of coverage) of the termination date of your previous plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. If you answered "No" to #3, are you submitting this application within 150 days (due to involuntary loss of coverage) of the termination of your previous plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Are you eligible for coverage under a group health plan, Medicaid or Medicare Part A and/or Part B?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If you have answered "No" to questions 1, 2 and/or 4, you do not qualify for our Portability plans. If you have answered "Yes" to question 5, you are not eligible for our Portability plans. Please contact our office for our Conversion and/or Individual plan options.

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I hereby represent that all of the above answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and shall form the basis upon which an individual policy may be issued.

Applicant's Signature	Date
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If application is being signed by an Executor or Power of Attorney, please provide appropriate documentation

Please Note: Policy will be made effective the first day of the month following receipt of the completed application and the first monthly premium.

Effective Date of Coverage	By	Date
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Endorsed By Health Reinsurance Association (Connecticut)

Please provide us with the following information, if a licensed insurance agent assisted in the completion of this application

Agency or Agent's Name	License Number
Address	Tax Id Number

Please send completed application, applicable monthly premium, Certificate of Coverage, and Tax Return to:

**Health Reinsurance Association
100 Great Meadow Road, Suite 704
Wethersfield, CT 06109**

Check or money order should be made payable to "Health Reinsurance Association"

Check List for Submitting Application

In order for an application to be processed, you must include all of the required documentation. It is your responsibility to submit a completed application and obtain all necessary documentation. If two or more of the items are missing, your application will be returned.

A complete application consists of the following four items:

1. APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE

- ❖ Complete entire application. Do not leave any areas blank. If section does not apply, write “NA” in that section.
- ❖ Information will not be transferred from supporting documentation to application
- ❖ Original signature of applicant is required.

2. PREMIUM PAYMENT

- ❖ You must include premium for the first month with your application.
- ❖ Make checks payable to “Health Reinsurance Association”

3. PROOF OF PRIOR COVERAGE: Applicants must provide a Certificate of Creditable Coverage or other proof of coverage if they have lost insurance within the last 120 days if health insurance was voluntarily terminated or 150 days if health insurance was involuntarily terminated.

- ❖ Certificate of Creditable Coverage which documents an effective date and a termination date.
- ❖ If you do not have a Certificate, you can provide a letter from the following to verify coverage.
 1. Former Employer if coverage was group insurance, or
 2. COBRA Administrator

Please note with the alternative methods for verification of coverage effective **and** termination dates must be included.

4. VERIFICATION OF INCOME – to qualify for the Low Income Plan, the applicant must provide one of the following forms of documentation.

- ❖ Copy of your Federal Tax Return – If you have filed on a standard 1040 form we only need the 1st page of the tax return.
- ❖ 1722 (ICP) Letter or Form 4506T from the Treasury Department – To obtain this form call the Treasury Department at 1-800-829-1040.
- ❖ Letter from a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) to verify that you were not required to file a tax return. - The letter must include the accountant’s name, address, phone number and license number.

Mail this application and all required documentation to: Health Reinsurance Association
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