# SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE

# CHIPPEWA FALLS AREA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

This Summary of Material Modifications ("SSM") amends certain provisions of your Summary Plan Description ("SPD") for the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District (the "Plan"). Please review this SMM carefully to familiarize yourself with the changes and please attach this SMM to the front of your SPD.

The following changes to the plan have been approved and are effective July 1, 2014 unless noted otherwise below:

1. **Schedule of Benefits – Standard Plan and HDHP** – <u>added</u> reference to copays for clarification as follows:

The following charges are excluded from the major medical deductible requirement or maximum out-of-pocket expense and are never paid at 100%:

- Ineligible Charges
- Charges in excess of the Plan maximums/limitations
- Charges over the Usual and Customary and Reasonable Fee
- Copays

#### Note:

- 1. Maximum out-of-pocket includes the major medical deductible;
- 2. Deductible and/or maximum out-of-pocket amounts are combined for Preferred Provider and non-Preferred Provider expenses;
- 3. Copay expense does not apply towards the major medical deductible requirement or maximum out-of-pocket expense.
- 2. **Schedule of Benefits Standard Plan and HDHP** <u>added</u> coverage of hearing aids to schedule.

BENEFIT DESCRIPTION	PREFERRED PROVIDER	NON-PREFERRED PROVIDER (Subject to Usual and Customary and Reasonable Charges)
Hearing Aids Children under 18 years of age – Limited to one aid per ear every 36 months. Also includes cochlear implants.	100% after Deductible	Not Covered

- 3. (Item F.) Coverage and Eligibility Dependent Termination of Coverage removed Item F.
  - F. the date the Retiree's spouse turns age 65 and is required to elect all Medicare entitled programs;

- 4. (Item LL. and Item MM.) **Covered Expenses** <u>added</u> the following covered expenses:
  - LL. Breast Feeding Equipment and Supplies Includes the purchase or rental of one standard (non-hospital grade) electric or manual breast pump per birth as ordered or prescribed by a Physician. Rental of a hospital grade pump is covered when Medically Necessary as a result of maternal-infant separation due to illness, prematurity, or hospitalization and only for the duration of the separation. If rented, the allowed rental cost will not exceed the purchase price. Coverage includes supplies for use of the pump, such as tubing and an adaptor. It does not include comfort and convenience items.
  - MM. charges for treatment, services or supplies for a surrogate mother or any pregnancy for a covered Participant's service as a surrogate mother.
- 5. (Item 49.) **Charges Not Covered** <u>amended</u> Item 49 for clarification of room and board charges as follows:
  - 49. incremental nursing charges which are in addition to the Hospital's standard charge for Room and Board. This exclusion will not apply in the event that Room and Board charges are appropriately modified when billed with documented extraordinary or non-routine nursing care services, also known as incremental nursing charges.
- 6. **Definitions** <u>amended</u> "Child" and <u>added</u> "Spouse" for clarification:

**CHILD** means, in addition to the Employee's own blood descendant of the first degree or lawfully adopted Child, a Child placed with a covered Employee in anticipation of adoption, a covered Employee's Child who is an Alternate Recipient under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as required by the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, any stepchild, a registered domestic partner's child, an "eligible foster Child," which is defined as an individual placed with the Employee by an authorized placement agency or by judgment, decree or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction or any other Child for whom the Employee has obtained legal guardianship.

**SPOUSE** means an Employee's lawfully married husband or wife (of the same or opposite sex) under a legal marriage (who is neither divorced nor legally separated).

7. **Subrogation/Reimbursement** – removed section in it's entirety and replaced as follows:

#### SUBROGATION/REIMBURSEMENT

### **Payment Condition**

1. The Plan in its sole discretion, may elect to conditionally advance payment of benefits in those situations where an Injury, Illness, disease or Disability is caused in whole or in part by, or results from the acts or omissions of Participants, and/or their dependents, beneficiaries, estate, heirs, guardian, personal representative, or assigns (collectively referred to hereinafter in this section as "Participant(s)") or a third party, where any party besides the Plan may be responsible for expenses arising from an incident, and/or other funds are available, including but not limited to no-fault, uninsured motorist, underinsured motorist, medical payment provisions, third party assets, third party insurance, and/or grantor(s) of a third party (collectively "Coverage").

- 2. Participant(s), his or her attorney, and/or legal guardian of a minor or incapacitated individual agrees that acceptance of the Plan's conditional payment of medical benefits is constructive notice of these provisions in their entirety and agrees to maintain (100%) of the Plan's conditional payment of benefits or the full extent of payment from any one or combination of first and third party sources in trust, without disruption except for reimbursement to the Plan or the Plan's assignee. By accepting benefits the Participant(s) agrees the Plan shall have an equitable lien on any funds received by the Participant(s) and/or their attorney from any source and said funds shall be held in trust until such time as the obligations under this provision are fully satisfied. The Participant(s) agrees to include the Plan's name as a co-payee on any and all settlement drafts.
- 3. In the event a Participant(s) settles, recovers, or is reimbursed by any Coverage, the Participant(s) agrees to reimburse the Plan for all benefits paid or that will be paid by the Plan on behalf of the Participant(s). If the Participant(s) fails to reimburse the Plan out of any judgment or settlement received, the Participant(s) will be responsible for any and all expenses (fees and costs) associated with the Plan's attempt to recover such money.
- 4. If there is more than one party responsible for charges paid by the Plan, or may be responsible for charges paid by the Plan, the Plan will not be required to select a particular party from whom reimbursement is due. Furthermore, unallocated settlement funds meant to compensate multiple injured parties of which the Participant(s) is/are only one or a few, that unallocated settlement fund is considered designated as an "identifiable" fund from which the Plan may seek reimbursement.

## **Subrogation**

- 1. As a condition to participating in and receiving benefits under this Plan, the Participant(s) agrees to assign to the Plan the right to subrogate and pursue any and all claims, causes of action or rights that may arise against any person, corporation and/or entity and to any Coverage to which the Participant(s) is entitled, regardless of how classified or characterized, at the Plan's discretion.
- 2. If a Participant(s) receives or becomes entitled to receive benefits, an automatic equitable lien attaches in favor of the Plan to any claim, which any Participant(s) may have against any Coverage and/or party causing the Illness or Injury to the extent of such conditional payment by the Plan plus Reasonable costs of collection.
- 3. The Plan may, at its discretion, in its own name or in the name of the Participant(s) commence a proceeding or pursue a claim against any party or Coverage for the recovery of all damages to the full extent of the value of any such benefits or conditional payments advanced by the Plan.
- 4. If the Participant(s) fails to file a claim or pursue damages against:
  - a) the responsible party, its insurer, or any other source on behalf of that party;
  - b) any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal Injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage;
  - c) any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party;
  - d) worker's compensation or other liability insurance company; or
  - e) any other source, including but not limited to crime victim restitution funds, any medical, Disability or other benefit payments, and school insurance coverage;

the Participant(s) authorizes the Plan to pursue, sue, compromise and/or settle any such claims in the Participant(s) and/or the Plan's name and agrees to fully cooperate with the Plan in the prosecution of any such claims. The Participant(s) assigns all rights to the Plan or its assignee to pursue a claim and the recovery of all expenses from any and all sources listed above.

### Right of Reimbursement

- 1. The Plan shall be entitled to recover 100% of the benefits paid, without deduction for attorneys' fees and costs or application of the common fund doctrine, make whole doctrine, or any other similar legal theory, without regard to whether the Participant(s) is fully compensated by his/her recovery from all sources. The Plan shall have an equitable lien which supersedes all common law or statutory rules, doctrines, and laws of any State prohibiting assignment of rights which interferes with or compromises in any way the Plan's equitable lien and right to reimbursement. The obligation to reimburse the Plan in full exists regardless of how the judgment or settlement is classified and whether or not the judgment or settlement specifically designates the recovery or a portion of it as including medical, Disability, or other expenses. If the Participant(s)' recovery is less than the benefits paid, then the Plan is entitled to be paid all of the recovery achieved.
- 2. No court costs, experts' fees, attorneys' fees, filing fees, or other costs or expenses of litigation may be deducted from the Plan's recovery without the prior, expressed written consent of this Plan.
- 3. The Plan's right of subrogation and reimbursement will not be reduced or affected as a result of any fault or claim on the part of the Participant(s), whether under the doctrines or causation, comparative fault or contributory negligence, or other similar doctrine in law. Accordingly, any lien reduction status, which attempt to apply such laws and reduce a subrogating Plan's recovery will not be applicable to the Plan and will not reduce the Plan's reimbursement rights.
- 4. These rights of subrogation and reimbursement shall apply without regard to whether any separate written acknowledgment of these rights is required by the Plan and signed by the Participant(s).
- 5. This provision shall not limit any other remedies of the Plan provided by law. These rights of subrogation and reimbursement shall apply without regard to the location of the event that led to or caused the applicable Illness, Injury, disease or Disability.

#### **Excess Insurance**

- 1. If at the time of Injury, Illness, disease or Disability there is available or potentially available any Coverage (including but not limited to Coverage resulting from a judgment at law or settlement(s), the benefits under this Plan shall apply only as an excess over such other sources of Coverage, except as otherwise provided for under the Plan's Coordination of Benefits section. The Plan's benefits shall be excess to:
  - a) the responsible party, its insurer, or any other source on behalf of that party;
  - b) any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal Injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage;
  - c) any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party;
  - d) worker's compensation or other liability insurance company; or
  - e) any other source, including but not limited to crime victim restitution funds, any medical, Disability or other benefit payments, and school insurance coverage.

#### **Separation of Funds**

Benefits paid by the Plan, funds recovered by the Participant(s), and funds held in trust over which the Plan has an equitable lien exist separately from the property and estate of the Participant(s), such that the death of the Participant(s), or filing of bankruptcy by the Participant(s), will not affect the Plan's equitable lien, the funds over which the Plan has a lien, or the Plan's right to subrogation and reimbursement.

## **Wrongful Death**

In the event that the Participant(s) dies as a result of his or her injuries and a wrongful death or survivor claim is asserted against a third party or any Coverage, the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement right shall still apply, and the entity pursuing said claim shall honor and enforce these Plan rights and terms by which benefits are paid on behalf of the Participant(s) and all others that benefit from such payment.

# **Obligations**

- 1. It is the Participant(s)' obligation at all times, both prior to and after payment of medical benefits by the Plan:
  - a) to cooperate with the Plan, or any representatives of the Plan, in protecting its rights, including discovery, attending depositions, and/or cooperating in trial to preserve the Plan's rights;
  - b) to provide the Plan with pertinent information regarding the Illness, disease, Disability, or Injury, including accident reports, settlement information and any other requested additional information;
  - c) to take such action and execute such documents as the Plan may require to facilitate enforcement of its subrogation and reimbursement rights;
  - d) to do nothing to prejudice the Plan's rights of subrogation and reimbursement;
  - e) to promptly reimburse the Plan when a recovery through settlement, judgment, award or other payment is received; and
  - f) to not settle or release, without the prior consent of the Plan, any claim to the extent that the Participant may have against any responsible party or Coverage.
- 2. If the Participant(s) and/or his or her attorney fails to reimburse the Plan for all benefits paid or to be paid, as a result of said Injury or condition, out of any proceeds, judgment or settlement received, the Participant(s) will be responsible for any and all expenses (whether fees or costs) associated with the Plan's attempt to recover such money from the Participant(s).
- 3. The Plan's rights to reimbursement and/or subrogation are in no way dependent upon the Participant(s)' cooperation or adherence to these terms.

#### Offset

If timely repayment is not made, or the Participant and/or his/her attorney fails to comply with any of the requirements of the Plan, the Plan has the right, in addition to any other lawful means of recovery, to deduct the value of the Participant's amount owed to the Plan. To do this, the Plan may refuse payment of any future medical benefits and any funds or payments due under the Plan on behalf of the Participant(s) in an amount equivalent to any outstanding amounts owed by the Participant to the Plan.

#### **Minor Status**

- 1. In the event the Participant(s) is a minor as that term is defined by applicable law, the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian shall cooperate in any and all actions by the Plan to seek and obtain requisite court approval to bind the minor and his or her estate insofar as these subrogation and reimbursement provisions are concerned.
- 2. If the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian fail to take such action, the Plan shall have no obligation to advance payment of medical benefits on behalf of the minor. Any court costs or legal fees associated with obtaining such approval shall be paid by the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian.

## **Language Interpretation**

The Plan Administrator retains sole, full and final discretionary authority to construe and interpret the language of this provision, to determine all questions of fact, and law arising under this provision, and to administer the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights. The Plan Administrator may amend the Plan at any time without notice.

## Severability

In the event that any section of this provision is considered invalid or illegal for any reason, said invalidity or illegality shall not affect the remaining sections of this provision and Plan. The section shall be fully severable. The Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid or illegal sections had never been inserted in the Plan.