



## Notice Alert

### Affordable Care Act – Health Insurance Marketplaces MA Health Connector Open Enrollment Begins October 1st

#### What is the Affordable Care Act Notice (ACA)?

On January 1, 2014, the ACA will be implemented in Massachusetts and across the nation. The ACA will bring many benefits to Massachusetts and its residents, helping us expand coverage to more Massachusetts residents, making it more affordable for small businesses to offer their employees healthcare, and providing additional tools to help families, individuals and businesses find affordable coverage. **Please access and read the [Affordable Care Act Notice](#).**

#### Why am I receiving this notice about the ACA?

The federal ACA requires that all employees receive this notice to **help you understand health insurance Marketplaces**, which were set up to make it easier for consumers to compare health insurance plans and enroll in coverage. In Massachusetts, the state Marketplace is known as the Massachusetts Health Connector. While you may or may not qualify for health insurance through the Health Connector, it may still be helpful for you to read and understand the information included here.

#### How do I learn more about the ACA?

Click on the [Affordable Care Act Q&A](#) document to learn more.

#### What is the Massachusetts Health Connector?

**The Health Connector is our state's health insurance Marketplace.** The Health Connector offers “one-stop shopping” to easily find and compare private health insurance options for the state’s leading health and dental insurance companies.

#### What is the Massachusetts Health Connector Open Enrollment?

If you are not eligible to receive state-subsidized health insurance through the Group Insurance Commission (GIC), you may be eligible to purchase health insurance through the MA Health Connector on a pre-tax basis. You may be eligible to enroll in the Commonwealth’s Section 125 Plan that is administered through Mosaic, Inc.

#### When can I enroll in the Commonwealth’s Section 125 Plan through the MA Health Connector?

Open enrollment begins October 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

#### How do I learn more about the Massachusetts Health Connector?

- For Massachusetts residents, visit [MAhealthconnector.org](#) or call MA Health Connector at 877-623-6765, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- For non-Massachusetts residents, visit [Healthcare.gov](#) or call 800-318-2596.

**Is there other important information I need for enrollment?**

When you enroll in the Commonwealth's Section 125 Plan through the MA Health Connector, it will allow you to purchase health insurance on a pretax basis. You will be asked for the below information:

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employer ID # is 658500
- UMass Employer ID # is 658511

**Who can I contact for additional health insurance questions?**

Contact our Human Resources Service Center Team as follows:

- Phone - 508-856-5260; Press 1 for "Benefits"
- Email - [Benefits.UMMS@umassmed.edu](mailto:Benefits.UMMS@umassmed.edu)

