

## Important notice to employees from Ross about creditable prescription drug coverage and Medicare

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that the prescription drug coverage listed below under the Ross Stores, Inc. medical plans are expected to pay out, on average, at least as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay in 2026. This is known as “creditable coverage.”

**Why this is important.** If you or your covered dependent(s) are enrolled in any prescription drug coverage during 2026 listed in this notice and are or become covered by Medicare, you may decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan later and not be subject to a late enrollment penalty – as long as you had creditable coverage within 63 days of your Medicare prescription drug plan enrollment. You should keep this notice with your important records. If you or your family members aren’t currently covered by Medicare and won’t become covered by Medicare in the next 12 months, this notice doesn’t apply to you.

Please read the notice below carefully. It has information about prescription drug coverage with Ross Stores, Inc. and prescription drug coverage available for people with Medicare. It also tells you where to find more information to help you make decisions about your prescription drug coverage.

### Notice of creditable coverage

You may have heard about Medicare’s prescription drug coverage (called Part D), and wondered how it would affect you. Prescription drug coverage is available to everyone with Medicare through Medicare prescription drug plans. All Medicare prescription drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

Individuals can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan when they first become eligible, and each year from October 15 through December 7. Individuals leaving employer/union coverage may be eligible for a Medicare Special Enrollment Period.

If you are covered by the Ross Stores, Inc. prescription drug plan, you’ll be interested to know that the prescription drug coverage under the plans is, on average, at least as good as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage for 2026. This is called creditable coverage. Coverage under this plan will help you avoid a late Part D enrollment penalty if you are or become eligible for Medicare and later decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan.

If you decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan and you are an active employee or family member of an active employee, you may also continue your employer coverage. In this case, the Ross Stores, Inc. plan will continue to pay primary or secondary as it had before you enrolled in a Medicare prescription drug plan. If you waive or drop Ross Stores, Inc. coverage, Medicare will be your only payer. You can re-enroll in the employer plan at annual enrollment or if you have a special enrollment

or other qualifying event or otherwise become newly eligible to enroll in the Ross Stores, Inc. plan mid-year, assuming you remain eligible.

You should know that if you waive or leave coverage with Ross Stores, Inc. and you go 63 days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage (once your applicable Medicare enrollment period ends), your monthly Part D premium will go up at least 1% per month for every month that you did not have creditable coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without coverage, your Medicare prescription drug plan premium will always be at least 19% higher than what most other people pay. You'll have to pay this higher premium as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to enroll in Part D.

You may receive this notice at other times in the future – such as before the next period you can enroll in Medicare prescription drug coverage, if this Ross Stores, Inc. coverage changes, or upon your request.

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. Medicare participants will get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare prescription drug plans. Here's how to get more information about Medicare prescription drug plans:

- Visit [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov) for personalized help.
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see a copy of the Medicare & You handbook for the telephone number) or visit the program online at <https://www.shiptacenter.org/>.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

For people with limited income and resources, extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan is available. Information about this extra help is available from the Social Security Administration (SSA). For more information about this extra help, visit SSA online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

## Notice of Special Enrollment Rights for Medical plan coverage

As you know, if you have declined enrollment in Ross Stores, Inc. 's medical plan for you or your dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you or your dependents may be able to enroll in some coverages under this plan without waiting for the next open enrollment period, provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after your other coverage ends. In addition, if you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your eligible dependents, provided that you request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption.

Ross Stores, Inc. will also allow a special enrollment opportunity if you or your eligible dependents either:

- Lose Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage because you are no longer eligible, or
- Become eligible for a state's premium assistance program under Medicaid or CHIP.

For these enrollment opportunities, you will have *60 days* – instead of 30 – from the date of the Medicaid/CHIP eligibility change to request enrollment in the Ross Stores, Inc. group health plan. Note that this new 60-day extension doesn't apply to enrollment opportunities other than due to the Medicaid/CHIP eligibility change.

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

## **Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act notice**

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 at:

Anthem – (877) 411-1648

HMSA Hawaii – (808) 948-6372

Kaiser Hawaii – (808) 432-5955 (Oahu), (800) 966-5955 (other islands)

Kaiser California – (800) 464-4000

TakeCare Guam – (671) 647-3526

MCS Life Insurance Company – (787) 281-2800

## **Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act notice**

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:

Anthem – (877) 411-1648

HMSA Hawaii – (808) 948-6372

Kaiser Hawaii – (808) 432-5955 (Oahu), (800) 966-5955 (other islands)

Kaiser California – (800) 464-4000

TakeCare Guam – (671) 647-3526

MCS Life Insurance Company – (787) 281-2800

## 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 March 17, 2025. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –**

ALABAMA – Medicaid	ALASKA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-692-5447	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>
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a> Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	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>

<p><b>COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) &amp; Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)</b></p> <p>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://hepf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus">https://hepf.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</p>	<p><b>FLORIDA – Medicaid</b></p>
<p><b>GEORGIA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p><b>IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website: <a href="https://iowamedicaid.iowa.gov/">Iowa Medicaid   Health &amp; Human Services</a>      Medicaid Phone: 1-800-338-8366      Hawki Website: <a href="https://hawki.iowa.gov/">Hawki - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa   Health &amp; Human Services</a>      Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563      HIPP Website: <a href="https://iowamedicaid.iowa.gov/Programs/Health-Insurance-Premium-Payment-HIPP">Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)   Health &amp; Human Services (iowa.gov)</a>      HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562</p>	<p>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: 1-800-403-0864      Member Services Phone: 1-800-457-4584</p>
<p><b>KENTUCKY – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx</a>      Phone: 1-855-459-6328      Email: <a href="mailto:KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov">KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov</a>      KCHIP Website: <a href="https://kynect.ky.gov">https://kynect.ky.gov</a>      Phone: 1-877-524-4718      Kentucky Medicaid Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms</a></p>	<p><b>KANSAS – Medicaid</b></p> <p>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</p>
<p><b>LOUISIANA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.medicaid.la.gov">www.medicaid.la.gov</a> or <a href="https://www.ldh.la.gov/laipp">www.ldh.la.gov/laipp</a>      Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)</p>	
<p><b>MAINE – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Enrollment Website: <a href="https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US">https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US</a>      Phone: 1-800-442-6003      TTY: Maine relay 711      Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms</a>      Phone: 1-800-977-6740      TTY: Maine relay 711</p>	<p><b>MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa">https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa</a>      Phone: 1-800-862-4840      TTY: 711      Email: <a href="mailto:masspremessaging@accenture.com">masspremessaging@accenture.com</a></p>

<b>MINNESOTA – Medicaid</b>	<b>MISSOURI – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/">https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/</a> Phone: 1-800-657-3672	Website: <a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a> Phone: 573-751-2005
<b>MONTANA – Medicaid</b>	<b>NEBRASKA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a> Phone: 1-800-694-3084 Email: <a href="mailto:HHSHIPPPProgram@mt.gov">HHSHIPPPProgram@mt.gov</a>	Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a> Phone: 1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 402-473-7000 Omaha: 402-595-1178
<b>NEVADA – Medicaid</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: <a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program</a> Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext. 15218 Email: <a href="mailto:DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov">DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov</a>
<b>NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>NEW YORK – Medicaid</b>
Medicaid Website: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmabs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmabs/clients/medicaid/</a> Phone: 1-800-356-1561 CHIP Premium Assistance Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a> CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711)	Website: <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a> Phone: 1-800-541-2831
<b>NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>	<b>NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/</a> Phone: 919-855-4100	Website: <a href="https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare">https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare</a> Phone: 1-844-854-4825; or 1-866-614-6005
<b>OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>	<b>OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP</b>
Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a> Phone: 1-888-365-3742	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>	<b>RHODE ISLAND – 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="http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/Programs/CHIP.aspx">Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov)</a> CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)	Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a> Phone: 1-855-697-4347, or 401-462-0311 (Direct RIte Share Line)
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b>	<b>SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid</b>
Website: <a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a> Phone: 1-888-828-0059

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)  
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

Puerto Rico Medicaid  
Medicaid Program (Programma Medicaid)  
Department de Salud  
**www.medicaid.pr.gov**  
(787) 765-1230

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
**www.cms.hhs.gov**  
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services  
Division of Public Welfare  
<https://dphss.guam.gov/>  
735-7519, 735-3540, 735-7256, 735-7375  
(Central – Office Mangilao)  
635-7429 or 635-7488 (Northern Office – Dededo)  
828-7542 or 828-8524 (Southern Office – Inarajan)

### **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.

OMB Control Number 1210-0137 (expires 1/31/2026)

## Marketplace/Exchange Notice



### Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage

Form Approved  
OMB No. 1210-0149  
(expires 12-31-2026)

#### PART A: General Information

Even if you are offered health coverage through your employment, you may have other coverage options through the Health Insurance Marketplace ("Marketplace"). To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the Health Insurance Marketplace and health coverage offered through your employment.

#### What is the Health Insurance Marketplace?

The Marketplace is designed to help you find health insurance that meets your needs and fits your budget. The Marketplace offers "one-stop shopping" to find and compare private health insurance options in your geographic area.

#### Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?

You may qualify to save money and lower your monthly premium and other out-of-pocket costs, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that is not considered affordable for you and doesn't meet certain minimum value standards (discussed below). The savings that you're eligible for depends on your household income. You may also be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your costs.

#### Does Employment-Based Health Coverage Affect Eligibility for Premium Savings through the Marketplace?

Yes. If you have an offer of health coverage from your employer that is considered affordable for you and meets certain minimum value standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit, or advance payment of the tax credit, for your Marketplace coverage and may wish to enroll in your employment-based health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax credit, and advance payments of the credit that lowers your monthly premium, or a reduction in certain cost-sharing, if your employer does not offer coverage to you at all or does not offer coverage that is considered affordable for you or meet minimum value standards. If your share of the premium cost of all plans offered to you through your employment is more than **9.96% for 2026<sup>1</sup>** of your annual household income, or if the coverage through your employment does not meet the "minimum value" standard set by the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit, and advance payment of the credit, if you do not enroll in the employment-based health coverage. For family members of the employee, coverage is considered affordable if the employee's cost of premiums for the lowest-cost plan that would cover all family members does not exceed **9.96% for 2026<sup>2</sup>** of the employee's household income.

**Note:** If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered through your employment, then you may lose access to whatever the employer contributes to the employment-based coverage. Also, this employer contribution -as well as your employee contribution to employment-based coverage- is generally excluded from income for federal and state income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis. In addition, note that if the health coverage offered through your employment does not meet the affordability or minimum value standards, but you accept that coverage anyway,

<sup>1</sup> Indexed annually; see <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/rp-25-25.pdf> for 2026 & <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/rp-24-35.pdf> for 2025.

<sup>2</sup> An employer-sponsored or other employment-based health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs. For purposes of eligibility for the premium tax credit, to meet the "minimum value standard," the health plan must also provide substantial coverage of both inpatient hospital services and physician services.

you will not be eligible for a tax credit. You should consider all of these factors in determining whether to purchase a health plan through the Marketplace.

## When Can I Enroll in Health Insurance Coverage through the Marketplace?

You can enroll in a Marketplace health insurance plan during the annual Marketplace Open Enrollment Period. Open Enrollment varies by state but generally starts November 1 and continues through at least December 15.

Outside the annual Open Enrollment Period, you can sign up for health insurance if you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. In general, you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period if you've had certain qualifying life events, such as getting married, having a baby, adopting a child, or losing eligibility for other health coverage. Depending on your Special Enrollment Period type, you may have 60 days before or 60 days following the qualifying life event to enroll in a Marketplace plan.

## What about Alternatives to Marketplace Health Insurance Coverage?

If you or your family are eligible for coverage in an employment-based health plan (such as an employer-sponsored health plan), you or your family may also be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in that health plan in certain circumstances, including if you or your dependents were enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP coverage and lost that coverage. Generally, you have 60 days after the loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage to enroll in an employment-based health plan. Confirm the deadline with your employer or your employment-based health plan.

Alternatively, you can enroll in Medicaid or CHIP coverage at any time by filling out an application through the Marketplace or applying directly through your state Medicaid agency. Visit <https://www.healthcare.gov/medicaid-chip/getting-medicaid-chip/> for more details.

## How Can I Get More Information?

For more information about your coverage offered through your employment, please check your health plan's summary plan description or contact Ross Stores (Attention: Benefits Department): (800) 752-7534.

The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area.

## PART B: Information About Health Coverage Offered by Your Employer

This section contains information about any health coverage offered by your employer. If you decide to complete an application for coverage in the Marketplace, you will be asked to provide this information. This information is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

3. Employer name: Ross Stores, Inc.	4. Employer Identification Number (EIN): 94-1390387	
5. Employer address: 5130 Hacienda Drive	6. Employer phone number: (800) 752-7534	
7. City: Dublin	8. State: CA	9. Zip code: 94568
10. Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job? Ross Stores, Inc. Attention: Benefits Department		
11. Phone number (if different from above): N/A	12. Email address: N/A	

Here is some basic information about health coverage offered by this employer:

- As your employer, we offer a health plan to:  
 Some employees. Eligible employees are: full-time associates who are regularly scheduled to work at least 37.5 hours per week and part-time Hawaii associates if they work 20 hours or more per week for four (4) consecutive weeks
- With respect to dependents:

- We do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are: legal spouse, including same-sex spouse, domestic partner, eligible dependent children under
- If checked, this coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost of this coverage to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.
  - \*\* Even if your employer intends your coverage to be affordable, you may still be eligible for a premium discount through the Marketplace. The Marketplace will use your household income, along with other factors, to determine whether you may be eligible for a premium discount. If, for example, your wages vary from week to week (perhaps you are an hourly employee or you work on a commission basis), if you are newly employed mid-year, or if you have other income losses, you may still qualify for a premium discount.

If you decide to shop for coverage in the Marketplace, [HealthCare.gov](#) will guide you through the process. Here's the employer information you'll enter when you visit [HealthCare.gov](#) to find out if you can get a tax credit to lower your monthly premiums.

## **HIPAA Privacy notice reminder**

The privacy rules under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) require the Ross Stores Benefit Program (the “Plan”) to periodically send a reminder to participants about the availability of the Plan’s Privacy Notice and how to obtain that notice. The Privacy Notice explains participants’ rights and the Plan’s legal duties with respect to protected health information (PHI) and how the Plan may use and disclose PHI.

To obtain a copy of the Privacy Notice contact Ross HIPAA Privacy officer at (800) 752-7534

## Provider-Choice rights notice

The Kaiser California, Kaiser Hawaii, and Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) plans generally require 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 or HMSA 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 Medical Plan Carrier at the end of the notice.

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

You do not need prior authorization from Kaiser or HMSA 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 medical plan carrier.

HMSA Hawaii – (808) 948-6372

Kaiser Hawaii – (808) 432-5955 (Oahu), (800) 966-5955 (other islands)

Kaiser California – (800) 464-4000

## **SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT**

### **For Ross Stores Benefits Program**

This is a summary of the annual report of the Ross Stores Benefits Program, EIN 94-1390387, Plan No. 501, for period 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Ross Stores, Inc. has committed itself to pay certain self-insured Medical, Prescription Drug, Health Flexible Spending Account, Short-term Disability, Business Travel Accident, and Legal claims incurred under the terms of the plan.

#### **Insurance Information**

The plan has contracts with Aetna Life Insurance Co., Hawaii Medical Service Association, MetLife Legal Plans, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc, Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Magellan Healthcare, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Takecare, United Concordia Insurance Company, Vision Service Plan, and Securian Life Insurance Company to pay Medical, Prescription Drug, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Long-term Disability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Employee Assistance Program, and Legal claims incurred under the terms of the plan. The total premiums paid for the plan year ending 12/31/2024 were \$51,697,278.

Because they are so called "experience-rated" contracts, the premium costs are affected by, among other things, the number and size of claims. Of the total insurance premiums paid for the plan year ending 12/31/2024, the premiums paid under such "experience-rated" contracts were \$4,534,875 and the total of all benefit claims paid under these contracts during the plan year was \$3,973,642.

#### **Your Rights To Additional Information**

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. The items listed below are included in that report:

- insurance information, including sales commissions paid by insurance carriers;

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of Ross Stores, Inc. at 5130 Hacienda Drive, Dublin, CA, 94568 or by telephone at 800-752-7534. You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan (Ross Stores, Inc., 5130 Hacienda Drive, Dublin, CA, 94568) and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, Room N1513, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Or you may access a copy on the DOL's web site [www.efast.dol.gov](http://www.efast.dol.gov).

#### **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 less than one minute per notice (approximately 3 hours and 11 minutes per plan). 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, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attention: Departmental Clearance Officer, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N-1301, Washington, DC 20210 or email [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov) and reference the OMB Control Number 1210-0040.

OMB Control Number 1210-0040 (expires 03/31/2026)