

# East Tennessee Technology Park Health and Welfare Benefit Plan and East Tennessee Technology Park Retiree Medical Benefit Plan

## 2021 Annual Benefits Enrollment

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### Notice of Special Enrollment Rights

If you are eligible but decline to enroll in the medical benefit program under the East Tennessee Technology Park Health and Welfare Benefit Plan (the “Plan”) for yourself or your dependents (including your spouse), under certain circumstances you may be able to enroll yourself or your dependents without waiting for the next open enrollment period. You or a dependent may be eligible for this special enrollment opportunity if you lose other medical coverage, gain a new dependent, lose coverage under certain public health programs, or become eligible for a state’s premium assistance program. This notice outlines the conditions you or your dependents must meet in order to be eligible.

**Loss of other coverage.** If you or your dependents decline to enroll in the Plan’s medical benefit program because you have other medical coverage and you/your dependents later lose that other coverage, you may be able to enroll yourself or your dependents in the medical benefit program without waiting for the next open enrollment period, provided that you request enrollment within 31 days after your other coverage ends. Your loss of other medical coverage qualifies for special enrollment treatment only if both of the following apply:

- You/your dependents were covered under another group health care plan or health insurance coverage at the later of the time you could have enrolled during open enrollment or, if later, at the time you were first eligible for coverage under this plan.
- You/your dependents lost the other coverage because you/they exhausted your/their right to COBRA continuation coverage, you/they were no longer eligible under that plan, or an employer’s contributions for coverage terminated.

**New dependents.** 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 dependents, provided that you request enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

**Public health plan eligibility and premium assistance.** 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.

You will have 60 days – instead of 31 – from the date of the Medicaid/CHIP eligibility change to request enrollment in the Plan’s medical benefit program.

Note that the 60-day enrollment period doesn’t apply to enrollment opportunities other than a Medicaid/CHIP eligibility change.

**Enrollment.** Special enrollments *must* be made by completing a new enrollment form *within 31 days* of the date you/your dependents lost coverage or you acquired a new dependent, or *within 60 days* of a Medicaid/CHIP eligibility change. If you do not submit completed enrollment forms within the required 31 or 60 days of the event, you and your dependents will lose special enrollment rights for that event.

For additional questions, please contact your Mercer Single Source 1, Benefits Administrator at 888-890-5631.