

HIPPA Exemption Election Renewal for  
Plan Years Beginning On or After September 23, 2010

Name of Plan: Heart of Illinois Educators Health Benefit Plan  
Plan Sponsor: Heart of Illinois Educators  
Address: 100 Hillcrest Drive; Washington, IL 61571

EIN: 36-4065535

Plan Number: 501

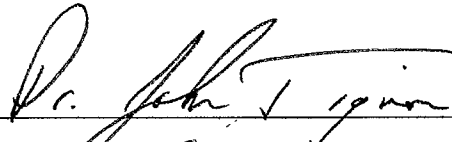
Plan Year/Period of Plan coverage: July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012  
Plan Administrator: HCH Administration, Inc.  
Address: 209 W. Romeo B Garrett Ave.; Peoria, IL 61605

Heart of Illinois Educators Health Benefit Plan is not provided through insurance. Heart of Illinois Educators elects under authority of section 2722(a)(2) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, and 45 CFR 146.180 of Federal regulations, to exempt Heart of Illinois Educators Health Benefit Plan from the following requirements of title XXVII of the PHS Act:

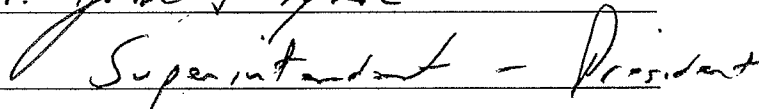
1. Standards related to benefits for mothers and newborns.
2. Parity in the application of certain limits to mental health and substance abuse benefits.
3. Required coverage for reconstructive surgery following mastectomies.
4. Coverage of dependent students on medically necessary leave of absence.

This election has been made in conformity with all rules of the plan sponsor, including any public hearing, if required. I certify that the undersigned is authorized to submit this election on behalf of Heart of Illinois Educators Health Benefit Plan. A copy of the notice to plan enrollees is enclosed. If CMS has any questions regarding this election, please contact Jeff Alexander at 309-444-8031.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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Notice to Enrollees in a Self-Funded Nonfederal Governmental Group Health Plan  
For Plan Years Beginning On or After September 23, 2010

Group health plans sponsored by State and local governmental employers must generally comply with Federal law requirements in title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act. However, these employers are permitted to elect to exempt a plan from the requirements listed below for any part of the plan that is "self-funded" by the employer, rather than provided through a health insurance policy. Heart of Illinois Educators has elected to exempt Heart of Illinois Educators Health Benefit Plan from all of the following requirements:

1. Protection against limiting hospital stays in connection with the birth of a child to less than 48 hours for a vaginal delivery, and 96 hours for a cesarean section.
2. Protections against having benefits for mental health and substance use disorders be subject to more restrictions than apply to medical and surgical benefits covered by the plan.
3. Certain requirements to provide benefits for breast reconstruction after a mastectomy.
4. Continued coverage for up to one year for a dependent child who is covered as a dependent under the plan solely based on student status, who takes a medically necessary leave of absence from a postsecondary education institution.

The exemption from these Federal requirements will be in effect for the 2011-2012 plan year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. The election may be renewed for subsequent plan years.