

Employer Group PPO Fully-Insured Manual

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Introduction

Welcome to the *Tufts Health Plan Preferred Provider Option Manual*. Designed to serve as a guide for administering Tufts Health Plan at your company, this manual answers questions about the Plan and explains procedures you need to know.

We think you will find Tufts Health Plan easy to administer. However, there may be instances when this manual will not contain the answer to your question. In these cases, your account representative and other Tufts Health Plan personnel are available to assist you by calling one of the following numbers:

- (617) 923-5406 Canton, MA
- (800) 208-8013 Canton, MA

About Tufts Health Plan and the PPO Fully-Insured Product

PPO members are strongly encouraged to (although not required to) select a primary care provider (PCP) from our network of contracting providers. This PCP can provide or arrange for all care for the member, with the goal of providing the member with the most appropriate treatment.

The PPO option allows the member to choose from two levels of coverage when obtaining medical services. The in-network level of benefits applies when a member receives care from providers within the Tufts Health Plan network. The out-of-network level of benefits applies when a member chooses to receive care from providers who are not part of the Tufts Health provider network.

Our member service specialists can help a member choose a PCP. Specialists are available at 800-462-0224. A member can also choose a PCP from our Directory of Healthcare Providers, or by accessing our Web site at tuftshealthplan.com.

Changing the Member's Primary Care Provider

When a member wants to change his or her PCP, he or she can visit the Web site or call a Tufts Health Plan member services specialist at 800-462-0224 to notify the Plan of the change. The member services specialist verifies that the PCP is accepting new patients and makes the appropriate change to the member's record.

Level of Benefits

Tufts Health Plan members can obtain health care from: 1) a provider within the Tufts Health Plan national provider network or 2) any other health care provider. A member's choice determines the level of benefits he/she receives for health care services.

In-Network Level of Benefits

If a member receives care from providers within the Tufts Health Plan provider network (physicians, hospitals, and other providers), the member is responsible for paying any applicable deductible, copayment, and/or coinsurance for services.

If a Tufts Health Plan member requires inpatient mental health or inpatient substance abuse services, he/ she can go to any provider network facility and receive coverage at the in-network level of benefits¹.

Out-of-Network Level of Benefits

If a member chooses to receive care from providers who are not part of the Tufts Health Plan national provider network, he/she pays a deductible for covered services in each benefit year if out-of-network services are covered under the member's plan. Once the deductible is satisfied, the member pays coinsurance for all covered services up to the out-of-pocket maximum. After a member reaches the out-of-pocket maximum, he/she is covered in full for usual and customary charges for all covered services in that calendar year. Members are responsible for any excess above the usual and customary charges. Finally, members may be required to submit a *Member Reimbursement Form* for each out-of-network service provided by an out-of-network provider, if the provider does not submit a claim.

In the case of inpatient mental health and inpatient substance abuse services, if a member goes to an outof-network facility, coverage is at the out-of-network level of benefits. The PPO option allows the member to choose from two levels of coverage when obtaining medical services. The in-network level of benefits applies when a member receives care from providers within the Tufts Health Plan network. The out-ofnetwork level of benefits applies when a member chooses to receive care from providers who are not part of the Tufts Health Plan provider network. Our member service specialists can help a member choose a PCP. Specialists are available at 800-462-0224. A member can also choose a PCP from our Directory of Healthcare Providers, or by accessing our Web site, tuftshealthplan.com

Emergency Medical Coverage

Tufts Health Plan members are always covered for an emergency at the In-Network/Authorized level of benefits, no matter where they are or what time it is. Please see the benefit document for a description of an emergency.

2 Administering Your Plan

This section provides information on provider access enrollment areas, enrollments, qualifying events, and forms. See the *Summary of Forms* for sample forms and related information.

Tufts Health Plan's Provider Access Area

The provider access area includes:

- All of Massachusetts
- All of Rhode Island
- All of New Hampshire
- Towns in Connecticut, Maine, New York, and Vermont where contracted primary care providers (PCP) are located

Enrollments

Eligible employees and dependents can enroll in Tufts Health Plan within 30 days of their eligibility effective date, if they live, work, or reside within the Tufts Health Plan enrollment service area¹.

Divorced spouses who are required to be covered under state law and members eligible for COBRA/MA (MA COC) Massachusetts are eligible for PPO under the same guidelines as active employees.

Web Enrollment

Tufts Health Plan's web enrollment and roster capabilities allows you to enroll employees and perform plan administration online. Using web enrollment, you can:

- Review, verify, and submit enrollment transactions
- Add/delete dependents during qualifying events

Electronic Enrollment

Tufts Health Plan offers a HIPAA-compliant electronic data interchange (EDI) program that enables employer groups to send eligibility data electronically. Tufts Health Plan can accept either of the following:

- HIPAA-compliant transaction files (additions, terminations, and changes since the last file submission)
- Full HIPAA-compliant files with terminations (all members covered by Tufts Health Plan for that employer group)

¹ POS OOA only members are eligible for the authorized level of benefits for emergency and urgent care services only. Any nonemergent services are limited to the unauthorized level of benefits.

Medicare Secondary Payer Information

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is the federal agency that oversees the Medicare program. There are federal rules that determine who pays claims first for Medicare beneficiaries who also have group health plan coverage in addition to Medicare. These rules are known as the Medicare Secondary Payer rules.

Tufts Health Plan is required to report group and member information to CMS related to group health plan coverage. Based on this mandatory reporting, Tufts Health Plan will require a social security number for each member and a tax identification number and employer size for each employer. The employer size includes all full-time and part-time employees (regardless of benefits eligibility) and is the factor used to determine the primary payer for a Medicare beneficiary's claims, therefore, employers will be asked to validate employer size at least annually. Please contact your Account Manager if you have questions related to Medicare Secondary Payer requirements.

Qualifying Events for Adding Employees

When the following events² occur, employees qualify to enroll in Tufts Health Plan and must send the appropriate documents or similar electronic transaction to Tufts Health Plan to initiate the enrollment process.

Qualifying Event	Description	Necessary Documents
Open Enrollment	The open enrollment date (generally coincides with the group's anniversary date) when all eligible employees are given the opportunity to enroll or amend their current enrollment status.	Signed and completed Member Enrollment Form
New Hire	A new employee who meets the employer's qualifications for health benefits.	Signed and completed Member Enrollment Form
Rehire	An employee who is rehired and meets the employer's qualifications for health benefits.	 Less than 60-day gap between the termination and rehire date: Completed <i>Member Change Form</i> only Greater than 60-day gap between the termination and rehire date: NOTE: Member could have to resatisfy a waiting period, if one exists. Signed and completed <i>Member Enrollment Form</i>
Special Enrollment	Addition of a group or a new member initiated by such events as mergers and acquisition. Tufts Health Plan's underwriting department must approve all special enrollments.	 Signed and completed Member Enrollment Form OR Completed Member Change Form

2 Qualifying events for dependents are reviewed in *Chapter 3, Dependent Eligibility*.

Qualifying Event	Description	Necessary Documents
HIPAA or Section 125 Special Enrollment	Subscriber experiences a HIPAA/Section 125 qualifying event.	Signed and completed Member Enrollment Form
Loss of Coverage	Employee has lost coverage with previous insurance company.	Signed and completed Member Enrollment Form
Move	Employee moves into or out of Tufts Health Plan's service area. Coverage is effective on the date the employee establishes residency in the service area. Dependents are eligible to enroll if and when they move into the service area (see <i>Chapter 3, Dependent</i> <i>Eligibility</i>).	Signed and completed <i>Member Enrollment Form</i>
Full-time Status Upgrade	Employee moves from part-time to full- time employment. Effective date is the date the employee becomes full-time, assuming the employee has satisfied any applicable waiting period. If the employee has not satisfied the waiting period, the effective date is the date the employee satisfies the waiting period.	• Signed and completed <i>Member</i> Enrollment Form

Employees must complete a *Member Enrollment Form* within 30 days of these qualifying events. Employers have an additional 30 days (for a total of 60 days from the qualifying event) to submit documentation to Tufts Health Plan.

If Tufts Health Plan is not notified within this 60-day time frame, the employee is not eligible to enroll until the next open enrollment, or upon the occurrence of another qualifying event, whichever occurs first.

Tufts Health Plan only allows product changes for the following events³:

- Open enrollment
- Move into or out of the service area
- HIPAA/Section 125 Special Enrollment

Enrollment Transaction Forms

Member Change Form

You can use the *Member Change Form* on its own or send a similar electronic transaction to communicate to Tufts Health Plan the following changes:

- Change member's name, address, or telephone number
- Reinstatement of membership for COBRA/State Continuation of Coverage (CoC)
- Termination of coverage
- Dependent changes
- 3 Only applies to employers offering more than one product.

Terminations

Employers are responsible to notify their employees of prospective discontinuances of coverage upon the employees termination of employment (or other applicable eligibility reason). Tufts Health Plan receives the termination from the employer and follows an agreed upon administrative process, as described below, to affect the termination. Our understanding is that such cancellation or discontinuance of coverage prospectively is allowed under federal Health Care Reform and is not considered a recision.

Employees are terminated from the Plan if they discontinue employment, drop coverage, no longer qualify for benefits, lose coverage, or are terminated by Tufts Health Plan as provided in the benefit document. Terminations can become effective on any date. Employer retroactive terminations cannot be effective more than 60 days before the date the Enrollment and Premium Billing department receives the termination request. To process a termination, Tufts Health Plan must receive a *Member Change Form* or similar electronic transaction within 60 days of the coverage end date. Coverage is continued until midnight of the termination date requested.

If Tufts Health Plan is not notified within this 60-day time frame, the member's effective date of termination is equal to 60 days prior to the date that Tufts Health Plan received the request. This includes misrepresentation of eligibility information.

NOTE: Tufts Health Plan may terminate the group's coverage for misrepresentation or fraud with a retroactive time period in excess of 60 days.

Submission Timeline (60-Day Rule)

The effective date of any change cannot be more than 60 days before the date Tufts Health Plan receives the written request. This rule applies when terminating subscribers or dependents from membership or when adding⁴ new subscribers or dependents.

Terminations Exceeding the Timeline

If a group requests a termination that exceeds the timeline of this rule, Tufts Health Plan will process the termination, but the date of termination will be equal to 60 days prior to the date that Tufts Health Plan received the request. If the termination date is changed, you will be notified. You are not entitled to any reimbursement of any premium paid for the period prior to 60 days before Tufts Health Plan received the termination notice.

Enrollments Exceeding the Timeline

If a group attempts to enroll a member with an effective date that exceeds this 60-day timeline, Tufts Health Plan will deny the request in writing.

If Tufts Health Plan is not notified within this 60-day time frame, the member is not eligible to enroll until the next open enrollment, or upon the occurrence of another qualifying event, whichever occurs first.

4 New additions must experience a valid qualifying event.

Summary of Forms

The following section summarizes and describes the use of the most common Tufts Health Plan forms. It is important to complete forms properly. Submitting incomplete forms delays the applicable transactions.

Qualifying Event	Description	Necessary Documents
Member Enrollment Form	 Enroll members in plan Add dependents Upgrade coverage, e.g., Individual to Family 	 Member section: Complete form Employer section: Enter group number Enter effective coverage date, type of enrollment and date of employment Review form for completeness Sign and date the <i>Member Enrollment Form</i> Submit form to Tufts Health Plan
Member Change Form	 Member name, address or telephone changes Dependent changes Reinstatement of membership for COBRA/COC coverage Downgrade coverage, e.g., Family to Individual Coverage termination 	 Ensure form is complete Ensure reason code is correct Send form to Tufts Health Plan
OptumRx [®] Prescription Reimbursement Form (if your plan provides prescription coverage)	Request reimbursement for out- of-pocket prescription expenses	 Member completes form Send form to OptumRx (the address is stated on the claim form)
Member Reimbursement Form	 To file for reimbursement for ser- vices provided by a non-Tufts Health Plan provider 	Member's responsibility Ensure that the form is complete Send the completed form to Tufts Health Plan
<i>OptumRx® Mail-In Order Form</i> (if your plan provides prescription coverage)	 Obtain up to a 90-day supply of maintenance medicine at one time - typically provides copay- ment savings to members 	 Member requests doctor to write a new prescription (up to a 90-day supply, with up to three 90-day refills, if appropriate) Complete the <i>Patient Profile/Mail Service Order Form</i> Mail the form, the original prescription, and payment to: OptumRx P.O. Box 2975 Mission, KS 66201 Prescriptions are delivered 10 to 14 days from the date the order was mailed

Sample Forms

The following pages contain samples of the most common Tufts Health Plan forms.

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WELCOME TO TUFTS HEALTH PLAN



M. Advantage PPO

Health Plan

N. Navigator by Tufts

Q. Select Advantage

Saver

O. CareLink

HMO

P. Select HMO

R. Rhode Island

Choice

Choice

Need Help?

If you need assistance

tuftshealthplan.com and

help filling out this form,

call a Member Services

use the Doctor Search

feature. If you need

Representative.

selecting a PCP, visit

HEALTHPact

S. Your Choice HMO

T. Your Choice PPO

U. Steward Community

LPC. Lifespan Premier

Please fill in the "subscriber" sections of this membership application completely so we do not delay enrollment. You will receive your Tufts Health Plan ID card and member benefit document soon.

Employer Section

Your employer must fill out this section.

Employee Section

- Personal Information: Complete all enrollment information. Please select a primary care provider (PCP). Be sure to fill out this section for all members, including dependents.
- Product Code: Please be sure to fill in the correct product code for the plan you have selected.
 (Please use chart on the right.)
- Primary Care Provider: If your plan requires you to choose a PCP, it is important that you select one right away. Until we know who your PCP is, your in-network benefits may be limited to emergency services only. To find a PCP, visit tuftshealthplan.com and use the Doctor Search feature. On this application, indicate whether you are a current patient of the PCP you have listed. (You are a current patient if you have routinely received health care services from this provider in the past.) If you are selecting a new PCP, contact the provider's office right away and introduce yourself as a new Tufts Health Plan member. Ask if they are taking new patients and if the provider would like to schedule a physical exam.

 Other Health Coverage: If you have other or additional insurance (such as Medicare), please check the correct box and fill in the requested information. If you do not have any other insurance, be sure to check the "No" box.

When the Application is Complete

- · Give the application to your employer.
- Employer mails the form to: Tufts Health Plan P.O. Box 506 Canton, MA 02021

Notices

By enrolling, you understand and agree that if you or any of your enrolled dependents obtain a health care benefit or payment that you are not entitled to receive, or if you knowingly present a claim that contains a false statement, you may lose your health care coverage and can be liable for the full amount of the health care benefit or payment made and for reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including the cost of the investigation.

Tufts Health Plan arranges for the provision of health care services through agreements with independent community-based health care professionals working in private offices and with hospitals throughout the Tufts Health Plan service area. These providers are independent contractors and not employees, agents, or representatives of Tufts Health Plan. Tufts Health Plan does not directly provide health care services.

Product Codes

Write the corresponding letter in the product box in the subscriber section of the enrollment application.

- A. HMO Premium
- B. HMO ValueC. HMO Basic
- **D.** HMO Choice
- Copay
- E. Advantage HMO
- F. Advantage HMO
- Saver
- **G.** POS
- H. POS Choice Copav
- I. EPO
- J. EPO Choice
- Copay
- K. PPO
- L. Advantage PPO
- We speak over 200 languages. Call Member Services. Nous parlons français
 - Hablamos Español Nós falamos português Мы говорим по-русски Parliamo Italiano Wir sprechen Deutsch 我們會講普通話
 - 我們會講廣東話 Chúng tôi nói được tiềng Việt Nou pale Kreyòl
 - លើខ តិយាយ ភាសាខ្មែរ Member Services: 800.462.0224

COM-30100003-201810 18079

FIGURE 1: Member Enrollment Form (page 1)

EMPLOYER SECTION			PLEASE WRITE IN YOU	JR 8 DIGIT GROUP N	JMBER BEL	ow
Group/Company Name			Group Number			
Office Location	Date of Hire		Effective Date of Cov	erage		
Type of Enrollment: 🗅 New Hire 🗅 Open Enrollment 🗅 C	OBRA 🛯 New Grou	up 🕒 Qualifying Event (f	MUST specify) Qua	lifying Event Date		
SUBSCRIBER SECTION PRODUCT (Select	t corresponding:	letter from the list o	n the front page) Other			
_ast Name		First N	lame		Mi	iddle Initial
Employee Social Security Number (required)		Dat	e of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)/	/	Gender:	🗅 Male 🗅 Female
Residential Address (required)			City	State	ZIP	
P.O. Box (optional)		City	St	ate ZIP		
mail Address	Home/	Work Telephone (_) Cell Phone ()Prima	iry Language	
Members Enrolling First Name / Last Name (if different)	Sex M/F		Social Security Number (required for all members)	Choose a Primary Care Provider for each member (Include first and last name.)	Check if currently used for primary care	PCP NPI #
Spouse Domestic Partner						
Child/Dependent					-	
Child/Dependent						
Child/Dependent						
Child/Dependent Child/Dependent Child/Dependent			 		-	
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Child/Dependent Child/Dependent Child/Dependent Child/Dependent Child/Dependent Child/Dependent Child/Dependent Please check if you are using additional membership appli Do you or someone else covered under this insurance poli Name of Health Plan Names of Family Members Covered The information supplied on this form is true and complete. I i means that Tufts Health Plan is authorized to make paymetts an illness or injury caused by someone else when these servic the benefits for which I (we) are eligible are those described in	authorize my employ directly to Tufts Hea was have been or will	h insurance coverage at of Plan Holder Is Spouse Employed? er to make necessary pay alth Plan providers for serv be paid by Tufts Health Pl	the same time your Tufts Health Plan polic Health Plan I Yes No If Yes, Name and Address roll deductions, if any, for my share of Tufts I rices rendered to me (us.). I grant Tufts Heilt	- vumber of Employer Health Plan coverage. I assign be Plan any legal right that I (we)	(Medicare)	e ealth Plan providers, which over the cost of services f

FIGURE 1: Member Enrollment Form (page 2)

Submitted By:	Date Submitte	ed:		P.O. BOX 506 CANTON, MA 02021 FAX 617-923-5898 Telephone Number:			
Name of Employer Group:	Group Number	er:					
I. Name of Member (Last, First, MI)	2. Member No.	3. Plan Code	4. Action Code	5. Effective Date	6.Additional Information		
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FIGURE 2: Member Change Form

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Last Name				First N	Vame				MI
Delivery Address									Apt. #
<u></u>		_	CLUE			710			
City			State			ZIP			
Phone Number with Are	a Code								
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy	уу)	Gender OMOF	Email						
Physician Name		1	1						
Physician Phone Number	r with Area	Code							
Health history	,								
Medication Allergies:			Erythromycin		O Quin		O Others:		
O None known O Amoxil/Ampicillin	O Cephalo: O Codeine		NŠAIDs Penicillin		O Sulfa O Tetra				
Health Conditions: O None known	O Asthma O Cancer		Glaucoma Heart condition			cholesterol oporosis	O Others:		
O Arthritis	O Diabetes		High blood press	ure		bid Disease			
Over-the-counter/herb	al medicat	ions taken re	gularly:						
Payment and	shipping	informati	ion — do r	ot se	nd ca	sh			
Standard delivery is inclue order is received. Comple									
extended delay in deliver			ive within abo		incos ac	iys. Opturin	x will contac	i you ii tii	cre will be all
You may log on to optu may not be returned for			icing information	on is ava	ailable b	efore enclos	ing payment	. Once sh	ipped, medicat
O Ship overnight. Add order amount (subject			New Cred	it Card N	Number				
O Check enclosed. All o	checks must	be							
signed and made paya			Expiration	Date (N	1onth/Ye	ear)			ard, AMEX are accepted.
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Signature:							Dat	:e:	
For new prescription orde									
related to prescription or payment method for a									card on file as
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FIGURE 3: OptumRx Mail-In Order Form

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recommended that	you bring it with y	ou to your ap	opointm	nent. Please also refe	r to the Help Sheet for addi		
of the request):	sement, please suc	omit the folio	wing to	o the address listed a	t the bottom of this form (a	ny missing mormation may resul	t in delay or denial
						for the services being requested	
						sts. Most completed reimburseme ne United States may take longer.	
I. Reimbursement will	I be sent to the Pla	an subscriber	(see He	elp Sheet for definitio	on) at the address Tufts Hea	alth Plan has on record (To view y	
					mber listed on the back of be completed a certificate	your ID card.) of completion must be included,	and the class must
be paid in full prior	to the reimbursem	nent request.	For lact	tation classes, please		e of birth in the box next to the p	
6. Retain a copy of all	receipts and docu	umentation fo	r your r				
				SUBSCRIBER	INFORMATION	1	
Subscriber Last Nar	ne		First	Name		Middle Initial	
				PATIENT IN	FORMATION		
Patient's Tufts Heall	th Plan ID#				Patient's Email Addres	s	
		ТПГ					
						A CONTRACTOR	
Patient's Last Name			First	Name		Middle Initial	
Date of Birth (MM/I)D/YYYY)				Telephone Number		
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Address					No, proceed to next		
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					In what currency was t		
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Diagnosis Codes	Diagnosis De		.g.,	Date(s) of Servio		Procedure Descriptions	Amount Paid
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				1 1			\$
	1			/ /			\$
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						Total amount paid	\$
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FIGURE 5: OptumRx Prescription Reimbursement Form (page 1)OptumRx Prescription Reimbursement Form (page 1)

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FIGURE 5: OptumRx Prescription Reimbursement Form (page 3)

3 Dependent Eligibility

The following section presents Tufts Health Plan's policies for covering dependents. The term "dependent" includes the *Subscriber's* legal spouse, according to the law of the state in which you reside, or divorced spouse as required by Massachusetts law, domestic partner⁵, "child", or disabled dependent. The events that qualify these dependents for enrollment are detailed below

Spouse also includes the spousal equivalent of the Subscriber who is the registered domestic partner, civil union partner, or other similar legally recognized partner of the *Subscriber* who resides in a state or municipal jurisdiction that provides such legal recognition/spousal equivalent rights.

Dependent Child Policy

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (also known as Federal Health Care Reform) provides coverage for adult dependent children until the age of 26.

A dependent's coverage terminates under the following circumstances:

- At the end of the month in which the dependent turns age 26
- When the subscriber's coverage terminates, whichever occurs first

Adopted Child Policy

Coverage for an adopted child is the same as coverage for a natural child, assuming the adopted child meets the Tufts Health Plan definition of an adopted child. Tufts Health Plan's definition of an adopted child can be found in the benefit document.

Disabled Dependent Policy

Tufts Health Plan covers a disabled natural child, stepchild, or adopted child of the subscriber or spouse, if the dependent meets the definition of disabled dependent in the benefit document.

5 Domestic partner coverage can differ by employer group.

Enrollment Process

Disabled children are covered as dependents if they meet the following requirements:

- are currently disabled;
- live either with the Eligible Participant or spouse, in a licensed institution or group home; and
- remain financially dependent on the Eligible Participant.

To enroll a disable dependent, the subscriber must complete the two-part *Disabled Dependent Form*.

Domestic Partners Policy

Tufts Health Plan provides domestic partner coverage to employer groups who choose to offer this option to their employees. This section explains the enrollment and eligibility guidelines pertaining to domestic partner coverage. (It is the employer's responsibility to obtain, secure, and maintain documentation of eligible domestic partner participants.)

Eligibility

This coverage applies to partners of the same sex and the opposite sex, if the following conditions are met:

- The partner must be at least 18 years of age.
- The partner and the employee must not be married and have not been married for at least 12 consecutive months to anyone, cannot be related by blood, and must share a mutually exclusive and enduring relationship.
- The partner and the employee must have shared a common residence for at least 12 consecutive months and intend to do so indefinitely.
- The partner and the employee consider themselves life partners and share joint responsibility for their common welfare, and are financially interdependent.
- Parents, siblings, and roommates are ineligible.
- If an employee changes partners, the new partner is eligible only after the former partner has relocated from the employee's residence for a period of at least 12 months. The new partner must also meet the requirements stated above.
- The employee can only have one domestic partner at a time.
- The employee must be an active employee.

Dependent Children

Eligibility for dependent children of a domestic partner is the same as eligibility for an employee's stepchildren. The dependent children must reside in the home with the employee and the domestic partner, and the domestic partner must also be enrolled.

Enrollment/Disenrollment

Enrollment of new hires with domestic partners is the same as for all other employees. Termination procedures are also the same. The employee completes a statement of enrollment or disenrollment.

The employer's Summary Plan Description must contain a statement regarding the employee's responsibility to notify the employer when the employee-partner relationship changes or when any other change occurs that affects the eligibility of the domestic partner.

Continuation of Coverage for Domestic Partners

Domestic partners are not entitled to COBRA coverage under federal law. However, Tufts Health Plan offers COBRA-like coverage which is identical to COBRA coverage offered to spouses.

COBRA-like coverage is not available at the termination of the domestic partner relationship. COBRA-like coverage is only available to domestic partners or their dependents for those groups with domestic partner coverage for actively-at-work employees.

If a group does not offer domestic partner coverage for actively-at-work employees, Tufts Health Plan offers them the opportunity to enroll in Tufts Health Plan under an individual policy.

Other Conditions

In addition to the above eligibility and enrollment policies, Tufts Health Plan has the following requirements regarding domestic partner coverage:

- All of the group's carriers must agree to offer coverage to domestic partners on the same basis they
 extend coverage to spouses.
- The employer contributions must be the same for domestic partners as they are for spouses.

Changing the Type of Coverage

Members can change from individual to family coverage or add dependents by notifying their employer within 30 days of the occurrence of the following events:

• Marriage or remarriage

NOTE: When a subscriber remarries, the ex-spouse may be able to continue coverage under state law and/or COBRA.

Loss of other health insurance that covered the subscriber or dependents

NOTE: A letter is required from the former employer or insurance carrier.

- Birth or adoption of a child
- Section 125 ("Cafeteria Plan") qualifying event
- Qualifying event under HIPAA Special Enrollment
- Court decree requiring dependent health coverage

An employee can elect to change from family to individual coverage at any time.

The effective date of this change cannot be more than 60 days from the receipt of the change request. Terminated dependents can be reinstated only when a qualifying event occurs.

To change the employee's coverage, you and your employee must appropriately complete a *Member Enrollment Form* or *Member Change Form*, or submit a similar electronic transaction. Incomplete or inappropriately completed forms delay the enrollment process.

Qualifying Events for Adding Dependents

The following events qualify the employee to add dependents to their health care coverage. Complete the following information on the *Member Enrollment Form* and supply the appropriate documentation or electronic transaction within 60 days of the effective date to initiate the enrollment process.

Event	Necessary Documents
Open Enrollment	Signed and completed Member Enrollment Form
Marriage and Add Domestic Partner	Signed and completed Member Enrollment Form
Loss of Coverage	Signed and completed Member Enrollment Form
Move into Service Area	Signed and completed Member Enrollment Form
Mandated by Court Decree requiring dependent health care coverage	 Signed and completed <i>Member Enrollment Form</i> AND, UPON REQUEST, Legal documentation mandating the subscriber to cover the dependent
Request to restrict employee/subscriber's access to a covered minor dependent's record	• Legal document specifying that the employee/subscriber has lost parental rights and indicating the personal representative to which full custody has been granted.
Adoption	 Signed and completed <i>Member Enrollment Form</i> AND, UPON REQUEST, Legal documentation indicating when the child was placed with the subscriber for the purpose of adoption.
Birth	 Plan upgrade - signed and completed <i>Member Enrollment Form</i> OR No plan upgrade - no written documentation is required for most groups member can simply call Member Services to add newborn.
Reinstatement of Dependent	 Signed and completed <i>Member Enrollment Form</i> AND Dependent Certification Form completed by the subscriber
Qualifying Events under HIPAA/Section 125 Special Enrollment	Contact your account manager with any questions

Continuation of Coverage

COBRA

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The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) is a 1985 federal law that requires companies with 20 or more employees to offer continuation of coverage to employees and their enrolled dependents who lose their employer-sponsored coverage ("qualified beneficiaries").

If you have questions regarding COBRA regulations, call the Employee Benefits Security Administration in Washington, DC (866-444-3272) and select the COBRA information message.

Massachusetts Continuation of Coverage (MA COC)

Massachusetts's law requires employees and their enrolled dependents who work for companies with 2 to 19 employees to be offered continuation of coverage (MA COC).

Tufts Health Plan has delegated the administration and notification provisions of MA COC to groups with 2 to 19 employees. As such, you are required to notify your employees who elect Tufts Health Plan coverage of their rights under MA COC, and to administer MA COC for qualified beneficiaries who elect coverage.

Information and sample forms about MA COC are available on our Web site at tuftshealthplan.com or you can contact your account manager.

COBRA/MA COC Policies

The following are Tufts Health Plan's policies regarding COBRA/MA COC:

- Following termination⁶ or reduction in work hours, the enrolled employee and eligible dependents become eligible for COBRA/MA COC beginning on the first day following termination of group health benefits.
- A group member can change his or her COBRA/MA COC election during a group's open enrollment period. Therefore, someone with prior COBRA/MA COC, but no affiliation to Tufts Health Plan, can elect COBRA coverage with Tufts Health Plan on the open enrollment date.
- Dependents who are eligible for COBRA/MA COC because they lost dependent status (e.g., aged out) cannot be put on COBRA/MA COC within their former family membership. They would be eligible as an individual and must submit a *Member Enrollment Form*.

⁶ Except for gross misconduct.

Length of Eligibility

The length of time an individual is eligible for COBRA depends on the reason for termination from the Plan and can vary from 18 to 36 months⁷.

NOTE: Tufts Health Plan only allows for continuation of coverage for the minimum period required by law.

COBRA/MA COC Administrative Steps

In addition to the administration and notification provisions required by COBRA/MA COC, Tufts Health Plan requires you to do the following with respect to continuation of coverage:

Termination from Medical Coverage

When an employee or dependent becomes ineligible for group coverage, complete and submit a *Member Change Form* with the reason code that appropriately indicates the reason for termination.

Reinstatement

To reinstate a member due to COBRA/MA COC election, you must complete a *Member Change Form* listing the subscriber's social security number and/or member ID, and name, plan code, effective date, and reason code 108.

Termination from COBRA

To terminate a member from COBRA/MA COC, complete a *Member Change Form* listing the subscriber's social security number and name, plan code, effective date, and reason code 366.

Notice Requirements

When a member seeks conversion to COBRA coverage, the following conditions apply:

- Member must notify you within 60 days of COBRA notification that they elect to continue coverage through COBRA
- Member must send the first premium check to you within 45 days after signing the *Member* Enrollment Form or COBRA Election Form
- You must notify Tufts Health Plan of the member's decision to elect COBRA.
- Member can reside outside of the service area provided that your group does not exceed the permitted out-of-area membership as described in *Tufts Health Plan's Provider Access Area* in Chapter 2 of this manual.

When an employee's dependent elects individual COBRA continuance, the dependent must complete a *Member Enrollment Form* and submit it to Tufts Health Plan's Enrollment department.

⁷ If members are disabled within 60 days of the COBRA qualifying event due to the loss of employment or reduction in hours, they may be eligible for 11 extra months of COBRA coverage for a total of 29 months.

Individual Coverage

When a member's coverage under federal or state continuation of coverage ends, the member and the member's enrolled dependents may be entitled to apply for individual coverage.

The member may call a Tufts Health Plan member services specialist at 800-462-0224 for more information.

5 Billing

Your Tufts Health Plan billing invoices are sent approximately 21 days in advance of the payment due date. For example, in January you will receive the February invoice.

Payment in full is due on or before the date set forth in your Employer Group Agreement with Tufts Health Plan. Most commonly, this is the first of the month. Any premium received after that date is considered delinquent and could result in termination of coverage.

We appreciate your prompt payment of invoices so that service to your employees is not disrupted.

Premium Billing Invoices

Premium billing invoices are available both through the mail and online. Online billing allows you to review and update your billing information on Tufts Health Plan's secure Web site. Contact your account manager for additional information about registering for this service.

Online Billing

Tufts Health Plan's online billing program enables you to manage your Plan's administration online. Using this program you can:

- View online payment activity
- Make payments from checking or savings accounts
- Set up one-time payment accounts
- Establish separate payment accounts
- Print a remittance stub and mail payment to Tufts Health Plan
- Receive email notifications when your invoices are ready and available for viewing and payment

Premium Billing Policies

Tufts Health Plan does not prorate based on effective date of change. Member charges for additions, terminations, and plan changes are based on the effective date of the change and a wash rule system. Members are charged either the full month's premium or no premium for the month based on the effective date of change.

Additions to the Plan

Tufts Health Plan bills a full month's premium for each subscriber who is effective on or before the 15th day of the monthly billing cycle. Tufts Health Plan does not bill that month's premium for subscribers who are effective after the 15th day of the monthly billing cycle.

Terminations from the Plan

Tufts Health Plan bills a full month's premium for each subscriber who terminates on or after the 15th day of the monthly billing cycle. Tufts Health Plan does not bill that month's premium for subscribers who terminate before the 15th day of the monthly billing cycle.

Remittance

To ensure faster and more accurate posting of payment to your account, you must remit a check together with the returnable coupon in the return envelope enclosed with your invoice.

Wire Payment

Tufts Health Plan offers two electronic options for your premiums. You can send all Automatic Clearing House (ACH) or WIRE payments to Bank of America at the respective address below, depending on the method of payment chosen:

ACH	WIRE
Tufts Health Plan	Tufts Health Plan
P.O. Box 9224	P.O. Box 9224
Chelsea, MA 02150-9224	Chelsea, MA 02150-9224
ABA #011000138	ABA # 026009593
Account #9924191	Account #9924191

To ensure accurate distribution of your payment, we encourage you to use CCD+ format for electronic payments by including your company's name and eight digit Tufts Health Plan group number. For further information, contact your Account Manager.

Online Payment

Remittance may be paid online from your checking or savings account. Payments can be set up at your convenience as either one-time or recurring payments. You can view all Web payment activity online and select to receive e-mail notifications of payment transactions.

Correspondence

Remittance can be submitted through the mail. To ensure faster and more accurate posting of payment to your account, you must remit a check and the returnable coupon in the return envelope enclosed with your invoice.

All other enrollment and premium billing correspondence must be sent to:

Tufts Health Plan Commercial Enrollment/Eligibility P.O. Box 506 Canton, MA 02021

Reading the Premium Bill

This section explains the premium bill, or invoice, that Tufts Health Plan sends to your group to collect monthly premium. The first part of the bill is a two-sided invoice. Attached to the invoice is a list of subscribers and their subscriber numbers, plan types, and individual premium amounts.

Statement of Account and Returnable Coupon

At the top of the first page, the Statement of Account displays your group's current-month balance and any outstanding invoice balances. The Period Covered column defines the period to which the balance applies.

At the bottom of the first page is the returnable coupon that must be returned with your payment to ensure that Tufts Health Plan applies the payment accurately.

A check box for indicating an address or contact name change is on the coupon. If your company changes its location or its contact for Tufts Health Plan's Enrollment and Premium Billing department, mark the check box and write the new information on the reverse side.

Explanation of Invoice

The back side of the first page is the Explanation of Invoice, which contains a key to transaction types, addresses for mailing enrollment documents, toll-free and fax numbers, a box for new address or contact information, and, when needed, updates regarding billing for Tufts Health Plan.

Transaction Types

This section lists enrollment and billing transaction codes and their meanings. Examples of codes are TE (member termination) and RC (rate change). The transaction codes for your group appear on the Adjustment Detail, the last page of the bill.

Important Updates

To the right of the transaction codes is an area where important updates appear. Check this area for information on changes implemented by the Enrollment and Premium Billing departments or for other helpful information regarding your invoice and Tufts Health Plan.

Toll-Free and Fax Numbers

These are the numbers commonly used to reach Tufts Health Plan's Member Services and Enrollment and Premium Billing departments. This page also lists the company's Web site address, tuftshealthplan.com, where you can learn more about Tufts Health Plan.

Details of Premium Bill

The following pages display a sample employer-group bill. The table below describes each section of the bill. The reference numbers correspond to the same numbers shown in the boxes on the sample bill.

Reference Number	Refers to this Section of the Bill
1	Your group's name, contact, and address
2	Tufts Health Plan's address to send payment
3	Statement of Account - the summary of what your group currently owes Tufts Health Plan
4	Toll-free number to call with any questions regarding the bill
5	Date through which Tufts Health Plan has processed enrollment and payment
6	Tear-off remittance coupon
7	Check box to indicate address or contact-name change
8	Total amount owed to Tufts Health Plan, which is equal to all outstanding balances, including current period and balances remaining from prior invoices.
9	Amount owed for the current month
10	Date payment is due at Tufts Health Plan
11	Invoice number
12	Period the invoice covers
13	Your Tufts Health Plan group number
14	Codes for transaction types (see the last page of the invoice)
15	Free text section where Tufts Health Plan displays important updates
16	Addresses to which you can mail forms (this address differs from the address to which you send payments)
17	Commonly used Tufts Health Plan phone numbers
18	Commonly used Tufts Health Plan fax numbers
19	Section for indicating your group's change of contact or address

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FIGURE 1: Front Page of the Premium Bill

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FIGURE 2: Explanation of Invoice (Page 2 of Premium Bill)

Reminder and Termination Letters

Premium reminder letters are sent to groups within five business days of the invoice due date if payment has not been posted. A reminder letter is the first notification of an overdue payment.

If payment is not immediately received, a termination letter is mailed to the group indicating the date of termination. A group can be reinstated for non-payment only once. If a group is terminated a second time for non-payment, it will not be reinstated. To comply with Massachusetts state regulations, all subscribers are notified in writing of the termination for non-payment of premium. Under Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General Regulations at 940 CMR 9.00 Group Health Care Insurers, Termination of Coverage, all insurers, including Tufts Health Plan, are required to notify all subscribers listed under a group's plan of a termination of benefits due to a group's non-payment. Under these regulations, this notice must include: a) the date of termination of benefits; b) that the termination was a result of the group's non-payment; c) that the benefits are covered only to the date of termination; and d) that temporary continuation of coverage is available from the date of termination through the date of notice.

This termination for non-payment of premium is not considered a "Rescission" under Federal Health Care Reform.

6 Member Information

Tufts Health Plan sends materials to employees and their dependents when they become Tufts Health Plan members. This section outlines these materials and the process the employees must follow if they have issues or concerns about a claim or quality of care.

Member Materials

Subscribers are furnished with the following materials once they join Tufts Health Plan:

- Tufts Health Plan membership ID card (one for each member)
- Benefit document
- Online member benefits
- Directory of Healthcare Providers (available on request)⁸
- OptumRx Prescription Mail-In Order Form (available on request)

A valid Tufts Health Plan ID card identifies the named person as a Tufts Health Plan member. The member must use this card for provider office visits, medical emergencies, prescription drug coverage, and access to many of the wellness and fitness benefits.

Benefit Document

The benefit document provides members with detailed information about their medical coverage and is part of their employer's contract with Tufts Health Plan.

Secure Online Member Account

All members should set up their secure account to quickly access their health plan benefits information by visiting mytuftshealthplan.com or downloading the Tufts Health Plan mobile app from the App Store or Google Play. Through their secure account, members can easily:

- View their coverage and costs
- Select or change their Primary Care Provider (PCP)
- Review their claims, referrals, and authorizations
- Compare costs of services and doctors

8 Members can call Member Services at 800-462-0224 to request this information.

Provider Directories

The Directory of Healthcare Providers lists contracting providers an other medical providers according to the city or town in which they practice. It also includes the hospital affiliation and whether they are PCPs or specialists. Provider directories and provider search capabilities are available to our members online at tuftshealthplan.com/find-a-doctor.

OptumRx Prescription Mail-In Order Form

Members use this form to order up to a 90-day supply of maintenance medication through the mail at one time. The mail order service provides members the opportunity to save money on maintenance medications (benefits vary). Most Tufts Health Plan members pay only two times the 30-day retail copayment and can receive up to a 90-day supply.

If you want any of the printed material listed above, ask your Tufts Health Plan account representative. It is also available at tuftshealthplan.com.

Massachusetts 1099-HC Form Information

The *MA 1099-HC Form* serves as proof of health insurance coverage for Massachusetts residents age 18 and over. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires this form for state income tax filing. The form will indicate the previous calendar year's coverage through Tufts Health Plan. Tufts Health Plan will send this form annually, (by January 31st) to Massachusetts subscribers.

The MA 1099-HC Form is also available at tuftshealthplan.com.

Member Satisfaction

Tufts Health Plan makes every attempt to resolve member issues regarding claims or quality of care. When a member is dissatisfied with a service, he or she must notify a Tufts Health Plan member services specialist. The member services specialist assists the member in determining which member satisfaction process is appropriate. Tufts Health Plan has two processes to resolve member issues.

Appeals Process

The appeals process provides for review by Tufts Health Plan and, in the case of medical necessity determinations, for independent external review.

The process is described in the benefit document, as well as in the letters that are sent to members during the process. There is also an expedited review process that is used when the member's condition requires it. Members also have the right to file an external appeal. Specifically, members who are dissatisfied with the internal appeal decision may write to Tufts Health Plan request an external review. Tufts Health Plan will coordinates an independent review of eligible appeals through an external review agency. The external

review agency will notify the member of the decision, which is binding on the Plan.

Process

The process provides for review by Tufts Health Plan if members have concerns about quality of care or administrative issues.

Additional Information

If you want additional information, contact your account representative at the appropriate telephone number (see *Chapter 1, Introduction*) or a Tufts Health Plan member services specialist at 800-462-0224, or visit Tufts Health Plan's Web site at tuftshealthplan.com.