**Important Notices**

## Health Insurance Marketplace

### PART A: General Information
When key parts of the health care law took effect 2014, there became a new way to buy health insurance: the Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist you as you evaluate options for you and your family, this notice provides some basic information about the new Marketplace and employment-based health coverage offered by your employer.

**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. You may also be eligible for a new kind of tax credit that lowers your monthly insurance premium right away.

**Can I Save Money on my Health Insurance Premiums in the Marketplace?**
You may qualify to save money or lower your monthly premium, but only if your employer does not offer coverage, or offers coverage that does not meet certain standards. The savings on your premium that you are eligible for depends on your household income.

**Does Employer Health Coverage Affect Premium Savings through the Marketplace?**
Yes. If the health coverage from your employer that meets certain standards, you will not be eligible for a tax credit through the Marketplace and may wish to enroll in your employer’s health plan. However, you may be eligible for a tax 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 meets certain standards. If the cost of a plan from your employer that would cover you (and not any other members of your family) is more than 9.5% of your household income for the year, or if the coverage your employer provides does not meet the “minimum value” standard set up the Affordable Care Act, you may be eligible for a tax credit.¹

**Note:** If you purchase a health plan through the Marketplace instead of accepting health coverage offered by St. Johns County, you will lose the employer contribution to the employer-offered coverage. Also, this employer contribution - as well as your employee contribution to employer-offered coverage - is often excluded from income for Federal and State income tax purposes. Your payments for coverage through the Marketplace are made on an after-tax basis.

### How Can I Get More Information?
For more information about your employer coverage, please check your Summary Plan Description or contact your Benefits Administrator. The Marketplace can help you evaluate your coverage options, including your eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace and its cost. Please visit HealthCare.gov for more information, including an online application for health insurance coverage and contact information for a Health Insurance Marketplace in your area. You may also contact an individual health agent at The Bailey Group.

### 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. The information below is numbered to correspond to the Marketplace application.

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As your employer, we offer a health plan to Some employees. Eligible Employees are Full-time, active employee normally scheduled to work a minimum of 30 hours per week, on the regular payroll of the Company, and in a class of employees eligible for coverage.

With respect to dependents, we do offer coverage. Eligible dependents are defined as the Covered Employee’s spouse under a legally valid existing marriage as defined by Florida Law, Dependent Child(ren) up to age 26 and the newborn child of a Covered Dependent child up to 18 months.

This coverage meets the minimum value standard, and the cost to you is intended to be affordable, based on employee wages.

¹ DOL Form OMB 1210-0149 exp.1/31/2017
**Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, 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, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 1-877-KIDS-NOW or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. 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. Contact the State of Florida Medicaid program for information on eligibility – http://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com or by Phone: 1-877-357-3268. If you or your children are not 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.

**Section 125 Qualifying Life Events & Benefit Election Changes**

Under IRC § 125, you are allowed to pay for certain group insurance premiums with tax-free dollars. This means your premium deductions are taken out of your paycheck before federal income and Social Security taxes are calculated. You must make your benefit elections carefully, including the choice to waive coverage. Your pretax elections will remain in effect until the next annual Open Enrollment period, unless you experience an IRS-approved qualifying life event. A qualifying life event, also known as a “Family Status Change,” is a change in your personal life that may impact you or your dependents’ eligibility for benefits under the employer group medical plan. Qualifying life events include, but are not limited to:

- Marriage or divorce, death of spouse or other dependent, birth or adoption of a child, a spouse’s employment begins or ends, a dependent’s eligibility status changes due to age, student status, marital status, or employment status, and you or your spouse experience a change in work hours that affects benefit eligibility.

**Note:** Your qualified status change must be consistent with the event. You must notify Personnel Services within 30 days of your qualifying life event.

**Women’s Health & Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA) Notice**

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the 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, prostheses, treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema, and surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.

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 the Plan Administrator (contact information provided at the end of this communication).

**Credible Coverage & Medicare Notice**

This notice has information about your prescription drug coverage with your employer group plan and about your options under Medicare’s prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice. There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare’s prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

2. The Plan Administrator has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by your employer’s group medical plan is, on average, for all participants, expected to pay out as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Credible Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Credible Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th through December 31st. However, if you lose your current prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan. If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current coverage under the employer group medical plan, be aware that you and your dependents will not be able to get this coverage back. See pages 7-9 of the CMS Disclosure of Creditable Coverage To Medicare Part D Eligible Individuals Guidance (available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CreditableCoverage/). You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with your employer and don’t join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

**For More Information About This Notice or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage** contact Personnel Services.

**For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage…**

Visit www.medicare.gov or call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the “Medicare & You” handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help. Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

**NOTE:** You will also get this notice before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if your current coverage changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time. **Remember:** Keep this Credible Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained credible coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty). If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Date: 10/01/2014

Name of Entity: St. Johns County BOCC
Notice to Employees in a Self-Funded Non-federal Governmental Group Health Plan

Under a Federal law known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, as amended, group health plans must generally comply with the requirements listed below. However, the law also permits State and local governmental employers that sponsor health plans to elect to exempt a plan from these requirements for any part of the plan that is “self-funded” by the employer, rather than provided through a health insurance policy. St. Johns County has elected to exempt the St. Johns County Self-Funded Medical Plan from the following requirements:

Parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits

Group health plans (of employers that employ more than 50 employees) that provide both medical and surgical benefits and mental health or substance use disorder benefits must ensure that financial requirements and treatment limitations applicable to mental health or substance use disorder benefits are no more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements and treatment limitations applicable to substantially all medical and surgical benefits covered by the plan. This basically means that your current mental health and substance abuse benefits provided under the St. Johns County Self-funded Medical Plan will not be changed. The exemption from these Federal requirements will be in effect for the 2015 Plan Year beginning 1/1/2015 and ending 12/31/2015. The election may be renewed for subsequent plan years. HIPAA also requires the Plan to provide covered employees and dependents with a “certificate of creditable coverage” when they cease to be covered under the Plan. There is no exemption from this requirement. The certificate provides evidence that you were covered under this Plan, because if you can establish your prior coverage, you may be entitled to certain rights to reduce or eliminate a preexisting condition exclusion if you join another employer’s health plan, or if you wish to purchase an individual health insurance policy. If you have any further questions, please contact Rachael Friedman at The Bailey Group at 904-461-1800.

St. Johns County Notice of Privacy Practices

UNDERSTANDING YOUR HEALTH RECORD/INFORMATION

Each time you visit a hospital, physician, dentist, or other healthcare provider, a record of your visit is made. Typically, this record contains your symptoms, examination and test results, diagnoses, treatment, and a plan for future care or treatment. This information often referred to as your health or medical record, serves as a basis for planning your care and treatment and serves as a means of communication among the many health professionals who contribute to your care. Understanding what is in your record and how your health information is used helps you to ensure its accuracy, better understand who, what, when, where, and why others may access your health information, and helps you to make more informed decisions when authorizing disclosure to others.

YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION RIGHTS

Unless otherwise required by law, your health record is the physical property of the health plan that compiled it. However, you have certain rights with respect to the information. You have the right to:

- Receive a copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices from us upon enrollment or upon request.
- Request restrictions on our uses and disclosures of your protected health information for treatment, payment and health care operations. We reserve the right not to agree to a given requested restriction.
- Request to receive communications of protected health information in confidence.
- Inspect and obtain a copy of the protected health information contained in your medical or billing records and in any other of the organization’s health records used by us to make decisions about you.
- Request an amendment to your protected health information. However, we may deny your request for an amendment, if we determine that the protected health information or record that is the subject of the request: was not created by us, unless you provide a reasonable basis to believe that the originator of the protected health information is no longer available to act on the requested amendment; is not part of your medical or billing records; is not available for inspection as set forth above; or is accurate and complete. In any event, any agreed upon amendment will be included as an addition to, and not a replacement of, already existing records.
- Receive an accounting of disclosures of protected health information made by us to individuals or entities other than to you, except for disclosures: to carry out treatment, payment and health care operations as provided above; to persons involved in your care or for other notification purposes as provided by law; to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials as provided by law; for national security or intelligence purposes; that occurred prior to the date of compliance with privacy standards (April 14, 2003 or April 14, 2004 for small health plans); incidental to other permissible uses or disclosures; that are part of a limited data set (does not contain protected health information that directly identifies individuals); made to plan participant or covered person or their personal representatives; for which a written authorization form from the plan participant or covered person has been received
- Revoke your authorization to use or disclose health information except to the extent that we have already taken action in reliance on your authorization, or if the authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage and other applicable law provides the insurer that obtained the authorization with the right to contest a claim under the policy.
- Receive notification if affected by a breach of unsecured PHI

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HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED

This organization may use and/or disclose your medical information for the following purposes:

Treatment: We may use or disclose your health information without your permission for health care providers to provide you with treatment.

Payment: We may use or disclose your health information without your permission to carry out activities relating to reimbursing you for the provision of health care, obtaining premiums, determining coverage, and providing benefits under the policy of insurance that you are purchasing. Such functions may include reviewing health care services with respect to medical necessity, coverage under the policy, appropriateness of care, or justification of charges.

To Carry Out Certain Operations Relating to Your Benefit Plan: We also may use or disclose your protected health information without your permission to carry out certain limited activities relating to your health insurance benefits, including reviewing the competence or qualifications of health care professionals, placing contracts for stop-loss insurance and conducting quality assessment activities.

To Plan Sponsor: Your protected health information may be disclosed to the plan sponsor as necessary for the administration of this health benefit plan pursuant to the restrictions imposed on plan sponsors in the plan documents. These restrictions prevent the misuse of your information for other purposes.

Health-Related Benefits and Services: We may contact you to provide information about other health-related products and services that may be of interest to you. For example, we may use and disclose your protected health information for the purpose of communicating to you about our health insurance products that could enhance or substitute for existing health plan coverage, and about health-related products and services that may add value to your existing health plan.

Individuals Involved in Your Care or Payment for Your Care: Unless you object, we may disclose your protected health information to your family or friends or any other individual identified by you when they are involved in your care or the payment for your care. We will only disclose the protected health information directly relevant to their involvement in your care or payment. We may also disclose your protected health information to notify a person responsible for your care (or to identify such person) of your location, general condition or death.

Business Associates: There may be some services provided in our organization through contracts with Business Associates. An example might include a copy service we use when making copies of your health record. When these services are contracted, we may disclose some or all of your health information to our Business Associate so that they can perform the job we have asked them to do. To protect your health information, however, we require the Business Associate to appropriately safeguard your information.

Limited Data Sets: We may use or disclose, under certain circumstances, limited amounts of your protected health information that is contained in limited data sets. These circumstances include public health, research, and health care operations purposes.

Organ and Tissue Donation: If you are an organ donor, we may release medical information to organizations that handle organ procurement or organ, eye or tissue transplantation or to an organ donation bank, as necessary to facilitate organ or tissue donation and transplantation.

Worker’s Compensation: We may release protected health information about you for programs that provide benefits for work related injuries or illness.

Communicable Diseases: We may disclose protected health information to notify a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition.

Health Oversight Activities: We may disclose protected health information to federal or state agencies that oversee our activities.

Law Enforcement: We may disclose protected health information as required by law or in response to a valid judge ordered subpoena. For example in cases of victims of abuse or domestic violence; to identify or locate a suspect, fugitive, material witness, or missing person; related to judicial or administrative proceedings; or related to other law enforcement purposes.

Military and Veterans: If you are a member of the armed forces, we may release protected health information about you as required by military command authorities.

Lawsuits and Disputes: We may disclose protected health information about you in response to a court or administrative order. We may also disclose medical information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process.

Inmates: If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may release protected health information about you to the correctional institution or law enforcement official. An inmate does not have the right to the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Abuse or Neglect: We may disclose protected health information to notify the appropriate government authority if we believe a patient has been the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. We will only make this disclosure if you agree or when required or authorized by law.

Coroners, Medical Examiners, and Funeral Directors: We may release protected health information to a coroner or medical examiner. This may be necessary to identify a deceased person or determine the cause of death. We may also release protected health information about patients to funeral directors as necessary to carry out their duties.

Public Health Risks: We may disclose your protected health information for public health activities and purposes to a public health authority that is permitted by law to collect or receive the information. The disclosure will be made for the purpose such as controlling disease, injury or disability.

Serious Threats: As permitted by applicable law and standards of ethical conduct, we may use and disclose protected health information if we, in good faith, believe that the use or disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA): As required by law, we may disclose to the FDA health information relative to adverse events with respect to food, supplements, product and product defects, or post marketing surveillance information to enable product recalls, repairs, or replacement.

For Purposes For Which We Have Obtained Your Written Permission: All other uses or disclosures of your protected health information will be made only with your written permission, and any permission that you give us may be revoked by you at any time.

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INFORMATION WE COLLECT ABOUT YOU
We collect the following categories of information about you from the following sources:

- Information that we obtain directly from you, in conversations or on applications or other forms that you fill out.
- Information that we obtain as a result of our transactions with you.
- Information that we obtain from your medical records or from medical professionals.
- Information that we obtain from other entities, such as health care providers or other insurance companies, in order to service your policy or carry out other insurance-related needs.

GENETIC INFORMATION
We will not use genetic or disclose genetic information or results from genetic services for underwriting purposes, such as:

- Rules for eligibility or benefits under the health plan;
- The determination of premium or contribution amounts under the health plan;
- The application of any pre-existing condition exclusion under the health plan; and
- Other activities related to the creation, renewal or replacement of a contract of health insurance or health benefits.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES
We are required to maintain the privacy of your health information. In addition, we are required to provide you with a notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to information we collect and maintain about you. We must abide by the terms of this notice. We reserve the right to change our practices and to make the new provisions effective for all the protected health information we maintain. If our information practices change, a revised notice will be mailed to the address you have supplied upon request. If we maintain a Web site that provides information about our services or benefits, the new notice will be posted on that Web site. Your health information will not be used or disclosed without your written authorization, except as described in this notice. The following uses and disclosures will be made only with explicit authorization from you: (i) uses and disclosures of your health information for marketing purposes, including subsidized treatment communications; (ii) disclosures that constitute a sale of your health information; and (iii) other uses and disclosures not described in the notice. Except as noted above, you may revoke your authorization in writing at any time.

OUR PRACTICE REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY
We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to those employees who need to know that information in order to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal regulations to guard your nonpublic personal information.

OUR PRACTICE REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY FOR E-MAIL COMMUNICATION
If you choose to communicate with us via e-mail, please be aware of the following due to the nature of e-mail communication: (a) privacy and security of e-mail messages are not guaranteed (b) we are not responsible for loss due to technical failures and (c) e-mail communication should not be used for emergencies or time and content sensitive issues.

POTENTIAL IMPACT OF STATE LAW
In some circumstances, the privacy laws of a particular state, or other federal laws, provide individuals with greater privacy protections than those provided for in the HIPAA Privacy Regulations. In those instances, we are required to follow the more stringent state or federal laws as they afford the individual greater privacy protections. For example, where such laws have been enacted, we will follow more stringent state privacy laws that relate to uses and disclosures of Protected Health Information concerning HIV or AIDS, mental health, substance abuse/chemical dependency, genetic testing, and reproductive rights.

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES AVAILABILITY
You will be provided a hard copy for review at the time of enrollment (or by the Privacy compliance date for this health plan). Thereafter, you may obtain a copy upon request, and the notice will be maintained on the organization’s Web site (if applicable Web site exists) for downloading.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT A PROBLEM
If you have questions about this notice or would like additional information, you may contact our HIPAA Privacy Officer, Sarah Taylor, at the telephone or address below. If you believe that your privacy rights have been violated, you have the right to file a complaint with the Privacy Officer or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. We will take no retaliatory action against you if you make such complaints. The contact information for both is included below.

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