

Michelle's Law

Michelle's Law prohibits the termination of health coverage if the child takes a medically necessary leave of absence from school or changes to part-time status. The leave of absence must:

- Be medically necessary (and certified by a physician as medically necessary)
- Commence while the child is suffering from a serious illness or injury
- Cause the child to lose student status for the purposes of coverage under the plan (either from an absence from school or reducing his/her course load to part time)

To take advantage of the extension, the child must be enrolled in the group health plan by being a student at a post-secondary educational institution immediately before the first day of the leave. Coverage must extend for one year after the first day of the leave (or, if earlier, the date coverage would otherwise terminate under the plan). The student on leave is entitled to the same benefits as if they had not taken a leave. If coverage changes during the student's leave, then this law applies in the same manner as the prior coverage.

Notice of Grandfather Status

The Anthem 80/20 plan is a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the Affordable Care Act) for the following employee divisions: Police (hired before 9/8/16), and Fire (hired before 4/27/16). As permitted by the Affordable Care Act, a grandfathered health plan can preserve certain basic health coverage that was already in effect when that law was enacted. Being a grandfathered health plan means that your plan may not include certain consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act that apply to other plans, for example, the requirement for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the Affordable Care Act, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.

Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the plan administrator. You may also contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor at 1-866-444-3272 or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. This website has a table summarizing which protections do and do not apply to grandfathered health plans. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at www.healthreform.gov.