



**Mahoning County School Employees Insurance Consortium –  
Poland’s Negotiated Language  
Spousal Coordination of Benefits– Eligibility Certification Form  
Effective 2020 - 2021**

Check one Box:  New Hire  Change  Primary Coverage Recertification - Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed form must be returned to your district HR office no later than: \_\_\_\_\_

**All MCSEIC District Employees:** Complete Section 1 and Section 2. If you checked a box in Section 2, then skip to Section 5, sign and return form to your district HR office. *If you did not check a box in Section 2, then complete and sign Section 5. Provide this form, along with the Spousal Coordination of Benefits FAQ, to your spouse’s employer or retirement system for completion of Sections 3 and 4.*

**Section 1: All MCSEIC District Employees must complete this section and Section 2**

MCSEIC Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MCSEIC Employee School District:  Poland  
 Your Spouse’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Spouse’s Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is Your Spouse Medicare Eligible?  Yes  No

**Section 2: Employee: If any of the following apply, check box and skip to Section 5 for signature**

Spouse is:  Not Employed or Retired without access to employer-sponsored retiree coverage  
 Employed by another MCSEIC District (*Insert District Name* \_\_\_\_\_)  
 Retired and eligible for Medicare  
 Self-Employed and does not offer medical/Rx drug coverage to his/her employees

**Sections 3 & 4: Spouse’s Employer or Retirement System MUST Complete**

The MCSEIC group health insurance plan requires that if an employees’ spouse is eligible to participate in their own group health insurance coverage as a current employee, or as a retiree in a group health plan sponsored by his/her own employer, the spouse must enroll for at least single coverage unless the monthly single premium is \$342 (50% of the MCSEIC single rate) or more under their own group health plan. Poland spouses would not eligible for the MCSEIC group health plan.

To assist in the determination of spousal eligibility under the MCSEIC health plan, we are asking that **you complete Section #3 and Section #4 of this questionnaire on behalf of your employee or retiree.**

**Section 3 – Offer of Group Health Plan Questionnaire**

**Do you offer group health and prescription coverage?**

Yes  No (*If you answered No, please proceed to section 4*)

**Is this spouse eligible for coverage under this group health plan?**

Yes  No (*If you answered No, please proceed to section 4*)

**Does this spouse work less than 20 hours per week?**

Yes  No (*If you answered Yes, please proceed to section 4*)

**Does your organization employ less than 20 employees, including full-time and part-time equivalents?**

Yes  No

Is the spouse required to pay more than **\$342** per month for single coverage? Yes No

Is this spouse currently enrolled or will they be enrolled on a future effective date in your medical/rx plan?

Yes No

If you answered yes, what date did/will their coverage become effective: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insurer: \_\_\_\_\_ Employee ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Section 4: Employer or Retirement System Attestation**

Employer or Retirement System Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or Retirement System Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or Retirement System Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Attestation Completed by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Print Name) Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the information completed above is accurate as of the date this attestation was completed.

**Employer/Retirement System Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Section 5: EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

If my spouse's employment status changes, I understand I must notify the District Treasurer within 30 days of that change. If an employee or dependent, or anyone acting on behalf of either, makes a false statement or withholds relevant information which results in providing coverage or payment of a claim or claims which would not otherwise have been provided or paid, the employer, its insurer, or assignee may recover from the person responsible or from the person for whom the benefits were paid any amounts wrongfully paid, including legal fees.

**Employee's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Mahoning County School Employees Insurance Consortium Spousal COB Rule – Poland's Negotiated Language**

If an employee's spouse is eligible to participate, as a current employee, self-employed individual (other than a sole proprietor) in a business or organization (e.g. partner, member), or retiree in group health insurance and/or prescription drug insurance sponsored by his/her employer, business, organization, or any retirement plan, the spouse must enroll for at least single coverage in such employer, business, organization, or retirement plan sponsored group insurance coverage(s) **within 30 days following the date of hire or date of change**. Poland spouses would not be eligible for the MCSEIC group health plan.

This requirement **does not apply** to any spouse who:

- Is not employed or is retired without access to a group retirement plan
- Is retired, not employed and solely eligible for Medicare;
- Is employed and working less than 20 hours per week;
- Is employed and not eligible for coverage under his/her employer's plan;
- Is employed by a MCSEIC district;  
(Campbell, Canfield, Lowellville, MCEC, MCCTC, Springfield, Struthers, Jackson-Milton, Poland, West Branch, Western Reserve, Youngstown Community and Mahoning Valley Regional COG)
- Is required to pay more than **\$342 (50% of the MCSEIC single rate)** per month for single coverage;
- Is employed by an employer with less than 20 employees (includes full-time plus full-time equivalents) AND is Medicare eligible.

*This exception does not apply to group retirement plans. If a spouse is eligible for a group retirement plan such as SERS or STRS and is NOT <sup>1</sup>Medicare eligible and will not pay more than **\$342** per month for single coverage, the spouse must enroll in their group retirement plan as primary and Poland spouses would not be eligible for the MCSEIC group health plan.*

**Please refer to the FAQ for complete details of the Spousal Coordination of Benefit rules.**