

Insurance Carrier Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice is given to you on behalf of all of the insurance companies and benefits providers with whom you enroll through this website for the Northwestern University Non-Employee Postdoctoral Scholar Benefit Program. The providers are Aetna Life Insurance Company, Aetna Health of Illinois, First Commonwealth, Guardian, EyeMed Vision and Standard Insurance. You may see their individual privacy notices on their individual web sites listed at the bottom of this page:

If you submit a request for insurance, we will evaluate it. We will review the information you give to us and we may confirm it or add to it in the ways explained below.

Please read this Privacy Notice carefully. It describes in broad terms how we learn about you and how we treat the information we get about you. (If anyone else is to be insured, what we say here also applies to information about him or her.) We are required by law to give you this notice.

Why We Need to Know about You: We need to know about you (and anyone else to be insured) so that we can provide the insurance and other products and services you've asked for. We may also need information from you and others to help us verify identities in order to prevent money laundering and terrorism.

What we need to know includes address, age and other basic information. But we may need more information, including finances, employment, health, hobbies or business conducted with us, with other companies (our "affiliates") or with other companies.

How We Learn about You: What we know about you (and anyone else to be insured) we get mostly from you. But we may also have to find out more from other sources in order to make sure that what we know is correct and complete. Those sources may include adult relatives, employers, consumer reporting agencies, health care providers and others. Some of our sources may give us reports and may disclose what they know to others. We may ask for medical information about you from these sources. The Authorization that you sign when you request insurance permits these sources to tell us about you. So we may, for instance:

- Ask for a medical exam
- Ask health care providers to give us health data, including information about alcohol or drug abuse

We may also ask a consumer reporting agency for a "consumer report" about you (or anyone else to be insured). Consumer reports may tell us about a lot of things, including information about your finances, employment, hobbies, mode of living, work history, and driving record.

The information may be kept by the consumer-reporting agency and later given to others as permitted by law. The agency will give you a copy of the report it provides to us, if you ask the agency and can provide adequate identification. If you write to us and we have asked for a consumer report about you, we will tell you so and give you the name, address and phone number of the consumer reporting agency.

Another source of information is MIB Group, Inc. ("MIB"). It is a non-profit association of life insurance companies. We and our reinsurers may give MIB health or other information about you. If you apply for life or health coverage from another member of MIB, or claim benefits from another member company, MIB will give that company any information it has about you. If you contact MIB, it will tell you what it knows about you. You have the right to ask MIB to correct its information about you. You may do so by writing to MIB, Inc., P.O. Box 105, Essex Station, Boston, MA 02112, by calling MIB at (866) 692-6901 (TTY (866) 346-3642 for the hearing impaired), or by contacting MIB at www.mib.com.

How We Protect What We Know About You: Because you entrust us with your personal information, we treat what we know about you confidentially. Our employees are told to take care in handling your information. They may get information about you only when there is a good reason to do so. We take steps to make our computer databases secure and to safeguard the information we have.

How We Use and Disclose What We Know About You: We may use anything we know about you to help us serve you better. We may use it, and disclose it to our affiliates and others, for any purpose allowed by law. For instance, we may use your information, and disclose it to others, in order to:

- Help us evaluate your request for a product or service
- Help us process claims and other transactions
- Confirm or correct what we know about you
- Help us prevent fraud, money laundering, terrorism and other crimes by verifying what we know about you
- Help us comply with the law
- Help us run our business
- Process data for us
- Perform research for us
- Audit our business

Other reasons we may disclose what we know about you include:

- Doing what a court or government agency requires us to do; for example, complying with a search warrant or subpoena
- Telling another company what we know about you, if we are or may be selling all or any part of our business or merging with another company
- Giving information to the government so that it can decide whether you may get benefits that it will have to pay for
- Telling a group customer about its members' claims or cooperating in a group customer's audit of our service
- Telling your health care provider about a medical problem that you have but may not be aware of
- Giving your information to a peer review organization if you have health insurance with us
- Giving your information to someone who has a legal interest in your insurance, such as someone who lent you money and holds a lien on your insurance or benefits

Generally, we will disclose only the information we consider reasonably necessary to disclose.

We may use what we know about you in order to offer you our other products and services. We may share your information with other companies to help us. Here are our other rules on using your information to market products and services:

- We will not share information about you with any of our affiliates for use in marketing its products to you, unless we first notify you. You will then have an opportunity to tell us not to share your information by "opting out."
- Before we share what we know about you with another financial services company to offer you products or services through a joint marketing arrangement, we will let you "opt-out."
- We will not disclose information to unaffiliated companies for use in selling their products to you, except through such joint marketing arrangements.
- We will not share your health information with any other company, even one of our affiliates, to permit it to market its products and services to you.

How You Can See and Correct Your Information: Generally, we will let you review what we know about you if you ask us in writing. (Because of its legal sensitivity, we will not show you anything that we learned in connection with a claim or lawsuit.) If you tell us that what we know about you is incorrect, we will review it. If we agree with you, we will correct our records. If we do not agree with you, you may tell us in writing, and we will include your statement when we give your information to anyone outside the insurance carriers with whom you have enrolled and requested coverage.

You Can Get Other Material from Us: In addition to any other privacy notice we may give you, we must give you a summary of our privacy policy once each year. We have elected to post it to the website. You may have other rights under the law. If you want to know more about our privacy policy, please contact us at our website, www.aetna.com, www.glic.com (Guardian), www.firstcommonwealth.net, www.eyemedvisioncare.com, and www.standard.com, or write to any of these companies directly to the address listed on the appropriate website. Please identify the specific product or service you are writing about.