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# **Marriage Qualified Life Event Guide**

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# YOUR BENEFITS

## ***Marriage Leave***

Please contact your local Human Resources Department to inquire whether or not your business unit offers time off for a marriage event.

## ***Health Care Coverage Changes***

Changes must be submitted through the Publicis Benefits Connection (PBC) website [www.publicisbenefitsconnection.com](http://www.publicisbenefitsconnection.com) within **31 days** of your marriage date. Future effective dates are not acceptable. You must wait until you're married to submit the change.

The marriage event should only be used to add your spouse, update your partner to a spouse, or add child(ren). If you want to drop Publicis Benefits as a result of you going onto your spouse's coverage, please use the "Gain of Coverage Event" (and not the "Marriage Event").

If you are **outside of your 31 days** to submit your marriage event change, please can contact Health Advocate for assistance in seeking alternative coverage outside of the company for the remainder of the plan year. Please review the Health Advocate information on page 3 of this guide.

## ***Submitting a Marriage Event Change***

You can add your spouse or child(ren) to your medical, dental and vision coverage. You may also increase your supplemental life insurance coverage and add life insurance for your spouse. Additionally, you may enroll in or change your TRIP and FSA elections along with electing group legal.

To submit a change:

1. Visit [www.publicisbenefitsconnection.com](http://www.publicisbenefitsconnection.com)
2. Click on "**View, Enroll or Change Your Benefits**" in Quick Links.
3. Enter your user ID and password on the bswift login page.
4. On the Welcome page, go to the **Life Events** section and click on **other life events** and follow the prompts.
5. After making your applicable changes, tick the box for '**I agree and I'm finished with my enrollment**' your marriage event change.
6. Subsequent to making your change, bswift will contact you via email or home mailing to request dependent verification within a specified "verification deadline".
7. **Your verification deadline is 30 calendar days from your enrollment date.** You'll need to submit the required documents to bswift by the deadline specified in your notice, or your requested coverage will be retroactively terminated as of the date of coverage.

**NOTE:** If you are on disability or a leave of absence, any election changes you make to LTD, Life or AD&D will not take effect until you actively return

### ***Dependent Verification***

Publicis conducts periodic dependent audits to ensure that the health plans are covering only those individuals, and their dependents, who are eligible to participate in the plans. Once notified, you will need to provide proof of your dependents' eligibility (for example, a birth or marriage certificate).

If you do not provide satisfactory proof, coverage for ineligible dependents will be terminated.

### ***Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts***

Publicis Flexible Spending Accounts offer special tax-savings opportunities by allowing you to pay for certain out-of-pocket health care expenses and dependent day care costs with pre-tax income up to certain maximum limits.

If you are not currently enrolled or would like to make changes to your Health Care Flexible Spending Account, you may do so now while you are enrolling your dependent spouse. Any additions must be made within **31 days** of the marriage event's date. Otherwise, you must wait until the Open Enrollment period.

Changes made during the Open Enrollment period become effective the 1st of January of the following calendar year.

### ***Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts***

If you are not enrolled or would like to make changes to your Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, you may do so within **31 days** of the event's effective date. Otherwise, you must wait until the Open Enrollment period. Changes made during the Open Enrollment period become effective the 1st of January of the following calendar year.

Only qualified care expenses for children under 13, disabled children and elder care expenses are eligible for reimbursement in this spending account.

### ***Life Insurance***

As a Publicis employee, you are provided with a Basic Life Insurance policy at no cost to you. If you are thinking about purchasing additional Life Insurance, consider the Supplemental Life Insurance available to Publicis employees. Evidence of Insurability may be required in certain election changes.

Supplemental Life Insurance offers the following advantages:

- Premiums based on group rates and age.
- Coverage available for your spouse and children.

Your spousal Life Insurance coverage amount cannot exceed the lesser of \$300,000 and/or your combined Basic and Supplemental Life Insurance Coverage.

If both you & your spouse work for a Publicis Groupe Agency, the following is not allowed:

- An employee is not eligible to be insured as a spouse.
- A child is only eligible for coverage under one employee.

Please call Securian Life, the life insurance vendor, at 1-800-815-7636 for additional information.

## **Life Insurance Beneficiary**

Visit [www.publicisbenefitsconnection.com](http://www.publicisbenefitsconnection.com) and click on **View, Enroll or Change Benefits** Quick Link to review and /or update your beneficiary(ies).

## **401(k)**

Visit [www.netbenefits.com](http://www.netbenefits.com) to log into your account to update your beneficiary information. You can also contact Fidelity by phone at 1-800-835-5095 to request your bar-coded beneficiary form to be generated and mailed to you for completion. Please contact Fidelity at 1-800-835-5095 regarding enrollment or making changes to your 401(k) Plan.

## **W-4 Tax Forms**

W-4s are used to change your Federal, State and City withholding tax. These forms are available from your Payroll Department. Please contact your local Human Resources Department for assistance in contacting your Payroll Department.

# **Additional Resources**

## ***PBC Healthy Living***

Participate in the PBC Healthy Living program, powered by WebMD, and you could earn up to \$300\* in rewards. You can earn up to \$600\* if your eligible spouse or domestic/civil union partner participates.

Eligible spouses and domestic/civil union partners who are covered under a Publicis medical plan can participate to earn rewards for a total of up to \$300 paid to the Publicis employee.

\*Rewards are subject to applicable taxes and are paid via payroll.

## ***Employee Assistance Program (EAP)***

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is available to all Publicis employees. The Company pays the full cost of the Plan. EAP services are provided through Workplace Solutions, an independent, professional counseling organization that is available to help you and your family to cope with this major change in your life. Short-term counseling, childcare and elder care referral services are provided by experienced clinical professionals. Along with a lot more referral services offered. You can call the EAP toll-free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at 1 (800) 327-5071.

## ***Health Advocate Assistance Program***

Health Advocate is an employer-paid program designed to help employees and their family members easily navigate the health-care system. Health Advocate has a staff of highly trained registered nurses, backed by a staff of medical directors and administrative experts. They will make the phone calls, review claims, and do the medical research on behalf of you or your family member. Health Advocate will also help find the best doctors, making the appointments, obtaining unbiased health information, getting help for elderly parents, and much more. Health Advocate covers eligible employees, spouses, dependent children, parents and parent-in-law. Contact Health Advocate at 1-866-695-8622 with any inquires or questions.

## **Publicis Benefits Connection**

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Publicis Benefits Connection (PBC) Service Center at [benefits.sharedservices@lionresources.com](mailto:benefits.sharedservices@lionresources.com), or at 1-800-933-3622, weekdays, 9am-5pm ET.

You can also visit the PBC website [www.publicisbenefitsconnection.com](http://www.publicisbenefitsconnection.com) for plan documents, plan overviews, carrier contact information, and additional resources.

## **RESERVATION OF PUBLICIS RIGHTS**

This summary is intended to provide you with an easy-to-understand description of The Marriage Event Guide for Publicis Benefits. While every effort has been made to make this Guide as completely descriptive and accurate as possible, this summary, of necessity, cannot contain a full restatement of the terms and provisions of the plans. Should any conflict arise between this summary and the plans, or if any point is either partially or not covered at all in this summary, the terms of the plans will govern in all cases. Please note that no individuals (other than Plan Administrator) have any authority to interpret the plans (or other official plan documents) or to make any promises to you about the plans.

Publicis reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to amend or terminate the Plans in whole or in part, and as Plan Administrator to interpret any of the provisions of the Plans and make all determinations under the Plans. Any such interpretation or determination of Publicis as Plan Administrator shall be final and binding on all parties.