Special Enrollment Rights under CHIPRA

The Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) was enacted by the United States federal government on February 4, 2009. CHIPRA created new special enrollment rights effective April 1, 2009. CHIPRA extended the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) through 2013 and renamed it the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The special enrollment rights under CHIPRA allow the following for qualified Vanderbilt Group Health Plan members:

- If you or your dependent become eligible for state-granted premium assistance, or, you or your dependent’s coverage under Medicaid, Tennessee’s CoverKids program, or a State Children’s Health Insurance Plan, you may enroll in the Vanderbilt Group Health Plan. You must declare a Family Status Change due to gain or loss of coverage on myVU benefits.

- If your dependent becomes eligible to receive a premium subsidy from the Child Health Insurance Program, you will be allowed under CHIPRA to disenroll (drop) your dependent from the Vanderbilt Group Health Plan. You must declare a Family Status Change due to gain or loss of coverage on myVU benefits.