

# SMALL EMPLOYER BENEFIT PROGRAM APPLICATION ("BPA") (Application for Amendment)

# Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company (herein called "BCBSOK")

Current Legal Name of Company:				
Account/Group Number(s):				
Requested Effective Date of Change (first (1 <sup>st</sup> ) or fifteenth (15 <sup>th</sup> )):	/	/	(mm/dd/yyyy)	

## ONLY COMPLETE ITEMS CHANGING on pages 1-4 (See Page 5 for Benefit Plan change instructions)

Legal Name of Company changing to:	Standard Industry Code ("SIC"):				
	<u> </u>				
Request to change Anniversary Date: (first (1 <sup>st</sup> ) or fifteenth (15 <sup>th</sup> )):/ (mm/dd/yyyy)					
The requested Anniversary Date (first (1 <sup>st</sup> ) or fiftee	nth (15 <sup>th</sup> )) may require a Bill Cycl	e change.			
Employer Identification Number (EIN):	Fax Number:	Company Telephone Number:			
Physical Address: Number, Street, City, State, Zip					
Mailing Address: Number, Street, City, State, Zip:					
E-Mail Address of Authorized Company Official:					
Billing Address (if different from mailing): Number,	Street, City, State, Zip:				
Billing and Correspondence to the attention of:					
Billing Cycle:					
Change billing cycle to the first (1 <sup>st</sup> ) day of eac	h month through the last day of e	each month.			
Change billing cycle to the fifteenth (15 <sup>th</sup> ) day of each month through the fourteenth (14 <sup>th</sup> ) day of the next month.					
<b>Billing Method Selection:</b> Please select one (1) of the following billing methods. (If no selection is made, your benefit plan(s) will default with their current billing method)					
Composite Billing Age Billing					
The Blue Access for Employers <sup>™</sup> ("BAE <sup>™</sup> ") contact person is the employee authorized by the Employer to access and maintain its account/employee information via BAE. To access and maintain BAE an email address is required.					
Name and title of BAE contact person:					
Telephone Number of BAE contact person:					
E-Mail address of BAE contact person:					

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Will your Group utilize Insure Oklahoma* subsidies?  Yes No *Must select an Insure Oklahoma eligible plan. If yes, effective date must be the first (1 <sup>st</sup> ) of the month to receive subsidies.
Are you adding any affiliates and/or subsidiaries?
Are you being added as an affiliate or subsidiary?  Yes No If "ves", list name, SIC code, and number of Employees:

## ELIGIBILITY AND EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVE DATE INFORMATION

- 1. Employer has determined Employees must routinely work \_\_\_\_\_ (minimum of twenty-four (24)) hours per week in order to be eligible for health/dental coverage under this Group Contract.
- 2. Select a Waiting Period: If a person is added to the Group Contract and it is later determined that the Group reported a coverage date earlier than what would apply to the Employer or Dependent, based on the Waiting Period and eligibility conditions the Group provided to BCBSOK, BCBSOK reserves the right to retroactively adjust the coverage date for such person.
  - **a.** Newly Eligible Persons will become effective on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the contract/participation month following: Zero (0) days Thirty (30) days Sixty (60) days

Employee and dependent Health and/or Dental Benefit Plans will become effective on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the contract/participation month following satisfaction of the Waiting Period and any substantive eligibility criteria.

**b.** Substantive eligibility criteria. Provide a representation below regarding the terms of any eligibility conditions (other than any applicable waiting period already reflected above) imposed before an individual is eligible to become covered under the terms of the plan. If any of these eligibility conditions change, you are required to submit a new BPA to reflect that new information.

Check all that apply:

- An Orientation Period that:
  - 1. Does not exceed one (1) month (calculated by adding one (1) calendar month and subtracting one (1) calendar day from an Employee's start date); and
  - **2.** If used in conjunction with a waiting period, the waiting period begins on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day after the orientation period.
- A Cumulative hours of service requirement that does not exceed twelve hundred (1200) hours.
- An hours-of-service per period (or full-time status) requirement for which a Measurement period is used to determine the status of variable-hour Employees, where the measurement period:
  - 1. Starts between the Employee's date of hire and the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the following month;
  - 2. Does not exceed twelve (12) months; and
  - **3.** Taken together with other eligibility conditions does not result in coverage becoming effective later than thirteen (13) months from the Employee's start date plus the number of days between a start date and the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the next calendar month (if start day is not the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the month).
- Other substantive eligibility criteria not described above; please describe:
- 3. Annual Open Enrollment: An Eligible Person, who did not enroll under timely enrollment, may apply for Individual coverage, Family coverage or add Dependents during the Employer's annual open enrollment period. The open enrollment period is to be held thirty (30) days prior to the Group Contract Anniversary Date of the program. For Health and Dental Plans, such person's Individual Coverage Date, Family Coverage Date and/or Dependent's Coverage Date will be the Group Contract Anniversary Date following the open enrollment period, provided the application is dated and signed prior to that date.

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## 4. Domestic Partners covered: Yes No

If yes, a Domestic Partner, as defined in the Certificate of Benefits/Member Handbook, shall be considered eligible for coverage. The Employer is responsible for providing notice of possible tax implications to those covered Eligible Persons with Domestic Partners. An Employer may only elect or change Domestic Partner Coverage on the Group Contract Effective Date or Group Contract Anniversary Date.

**Continuation coverage for Domestic Partners**: If Employer elects coverage for Domestic Partners, Domestic Partners are eligible for continuation coverage under Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA) if the Employee elects COBRA coverage. Employer shall determine eligibility for COBRA continuation for Domestic Partners, if any, on an independent basis from the Employee. Please select your election below:

- Yes, Employer elects to offer continuation coverage to Domestic Partners, as defined in the Certificate Booklet on an independent basis from the Employee
- No, Employer does not elect to offer continuation coverage to Domestic Partners on an independent basis from the Employee (Domestic Partners are not independently eligible for continuation coverage)
- Other:
- 5. Limiting Age for covered children: Dependent children are eligible for coverage until their twenty-sixth (26<sup>th</sup>) birthday. Dependent Child, used hereafter, means a natural child, a stepchild, an eligible foster child, an adopted child or child placed for adoption (including a child for whom the Eligible Person or his/her spouse, or Domestic Partner, if Domestic Partner coverage is elected, is a party in a legal action in which the adoption of the child is sought), under twenty-six (26) years of age, regardless of presence or absence of a child's financial dependency, residency, student status, employment status, marital status, eligibility for other coverage, or any combination of those factors. A child not listed above who is legally and financially dependent upon the Eligible Person or spouse (or Domestic Partner, if Domestic Partner, if Domestic Partner coverage is elected) is also considered a Dependent child under the Group Health Plan, provided proof of dependency is provided with the child's application.
- 6. Disabled Dependent: Disabled Dependent means a child who is medically certified as disabled and dependent upon the Employee or his/her spouse (or Domestic Partner if Domestic Partner coverage is elected). Disabled means any medically determinable physical or mental condition that prevents the child from engaging in self-sustaining employment. The disability must begin while the child is covered as a dependent under the Plan or as a dependent child under another employer plan and before the child attains the limiting age with no break in coverage. A disabled Dependent is eligible to continue coverage beyond the limiting age, provided the disability began before the child attained the age of twenty-six (26). A disabled Dependent is eligible to add coverage beyond the limiting age, provided the disability began before the child attained the age of twenty-six (26), and proof of coverage as a disabled Dependent is provided.

Certification Review is administered by BCBSOK; a Disabled Dependent Certification Form must be submitted to BCBSOK.

- 7. Minimum Participation and Employer Contribution. BCBSOK reserves the right to:
  - **a.** Restrict new business enrollment in health insurance coverage to open or special enrollment periods unless the fifty percent (50%) minimum Employer contribution is met and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of Eligible Persons (less valid waivers) have enrolled for coverage; and
  - b. Request confirmation of and review participation and contribution on existing business and non-renew or discontinue health coverage if BCBSOK is unable to determine if the fifty percent (50%) minimum Employer contribution is met and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of Eligible Persons (less valid waivers) have enrolled for coverage.

If applicable, BCBSOK reserves the right to change premium rates when a substantial change occurs in the number or composition of Subscribers covered. A substantial change will be deemed to have occurred when the number of Employees/Subscribers covered changes by ten percent (10%) or more over a thirty (30) day period or twenty-five percent (25%) or more over a ninety (90) day period.

Employer will promptly notify BCBSOK of any change in participation and Employer contribution.

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The following applies only to Workforce Blue<sup>™</sup>. BCBSOK reserves the right to:

- **a.** Enforce all applicable Workforce Blue program eligibility requirements including but not limited to one hundred percent (100%) participation of all eligible Employees (less valid waivers) and fifty percent (50%) Employer contribution, and active membership in an eligible association;
- **b.** Non-renew or discontinue Workforce Blue coverage unless the fifty percent (50%) minimum Employer contribution is met and one hundred percent (100%) of eligible Employees (less valid waivers) are enrolled for coverage; and
- **c.** Existing Groups who no longer qualify for the Workforce Blue program may be eligible to enroll in the commercial equivalent health plan(s).

Employer will promptly notify BCBSOK of any change in participation and Employer contribution.

Participation requirements for dental coverage are specified in the Dental Products/Benefit Plan Section below.

# LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The Employer Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) is a federal law that sets minimum standards for employee benefit plans in the private industry. In general, all employer groups, insured or ASO, are subject to ERISA provisions except for governmental entities, such as municipalities, public school districts, and "church plans" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code.					
Please provide your ERISA Plan Year*: Beginning Date: _/_/ End Date: _/_/					
ERISA Plan Sponsor:					
If you contend ERISA is inapplicable to your health plan, please give legal reason for exemption*:					
Federal Governmental Plan (e.g., the government of the United States or agency of the United States)					
Non-Federal Governmental Plan (e.g., the government of the State, an agency of the state, or the government of a political subdivision, such as a county or agency of the State)					
Church Plan					
Other, please specify:					
Please provide your Non-ERISA Plan Year (mm/dd/yyyy)://					
For more information regarding ERISA, please contact your Legal Advisor.					
*All as defined by ERISA and/or other applicable law/regulations.					

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# **BENEFIT PLAN SELECTIONS**

Understanding the Plan # Sample Plan #: B718CHC					
Metallic Level B Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platin					
Network/Product Name	СНС	CHC= Blue Choice PPO™OPT= Blue Options PPO™PFR= Blue Preferred PPO™ADT= Blue Advantage PPO™			

#### Health Products/Benefit Plan Selection: Please check the benefit selection in the left-hand column. Up to three (3) selections may be chosen in this column. The marketing plan IDs may be selected in the corresponding rows to the right of the benefit selection column. These marketing plan IDs indicate network choices for the specified benefit. A maximum of six (6) network options may be selected. Please select ALL benefit plans that the group intends to offer, regardless of whether the plans are currently offered or not. **Blue Choice PPO Blue Preferred PPO Blue Options PPO** Blue Advantage PPO Benefit Selection (select up to (select up to 6) three rows) $\square$ **P710PFR** $\square$ P710ADT $\square$ P8E1PFR P8E1ADT $\Box$ $\square$ P8J1CHC $\square$ P8K4PFR $\Box$ P8J6ADT $\square$ P8J7OPT Π $\square$ $\square$ P8K1PFR P8K1ADT $\Box$ G7200PT $\Box$ G7210PT $\square$ G730CHC $\square$ G730PFR G740ADT П $\Box$ $\square$ G731CHC $\Box$ $\square$ $\Box$ G731PFR G745ADT $\Box$ $\square$ G732CHC G733PFR $\square$ G744ADT $\square$ G735PFR G746ADT $\Box$ $\square$ G8K5PFR G743ADT $\square$ G8J2PFR $\square$ G8J3ADT

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Benefit Selection	Blu	e Choice PPO	Blue	Preferred PPO	Blue Options PPO		Blue Advantage PPO	
				G8K3PFR				G8K3ADT
				G8K6PFR				G8K6ADT
				G8M1PFR				G8M1ADT
				G8M2PFR				G8M2ADT
				S8K0PFR				S702ADT
						S710OPT		
		S730CHC		S731PFR				S730ADT
				S732PFR				S731ADT
				S8E1PFR				S8E1ADT
						S8E1OPT		
						S8J0OPT		
				S8J5PFR				S8J4ADT
		S8J9CHC						
				S8K1PFR				S8K1ADT
				S8K5PFR				S8K5ADT
				S8K8PFR				S8K8ADT
				S8K9PFR				S8K9ADT
						B710OPT		
		B730CHC		B730PFR				B730ADT
				B8K0PFR				B8K0ADT
Preferred HSA Vendor:  Flex HSA Bank								
HealthEquity, Inc. (BCBSOK to send HSA enrollment to HealthEquity, Inc. Yes No) Non-Preferred HSA Vendor:								
Preferred FSA Vendor:  Flex HealthEquity, Inc. HSA Bank								
Non-Preferred FSA Vendor:								
A HSA must be paired with a qualified high deductible health plan (HDHP) and follow strict requirements set forth by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Employer Groups should seek advice from their independent tax advisor, legal counsel, or other professional counselor, to ensure their proposed benefit strategy with respect to HSAs, FSAs, HRAs, or other benefit arrangements does not conflict with current IRS requirements.								

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Dental Products/Benefit Plan Selection:					
Plan Pairings	Participation Requirements				
Groups with two (2) to nine (9) enrollees may select one (1) plan. Groups with ten (10)+ enrollees may select up to two (2) plans.	<b>Contributory</b> >seventy-five percent (75%) participation >fifty percent (50%) employer contribution				
Contributory					
Any one (1) contributory high option can be paired with any one (1)	Voluntary				
contributory low option; DOKHM42 can be freely paired with any contributory option.	>twenty-five percent (25%) participation				
<b>Voluntary</b> Any one (1) voluntary high option can be paired with any one (1) voluntary low option. DOKHM46 can be freely paired with any one (1) voluntary option.	Employers are not required to contribute to Voluntary dental plans.				
Voluntary plans and contributory plans may not be offered together. Exception: DOKHM57 can be paired with DOKHR33. And, DOKHM59 can be paired with DOKHR43.					
DENTAL PLAN SELECTION					

		DENTAL PLAN SELEC				
		Plan #	Segment			
Кеер	Add	High Coverage Allocation				
		DOKHR30	Contributory			
		DOKHR31	Contributory			
		DOKHR32	Contributory			
		DOKHR33	Contributory			
		DOKHR34	Contributory			
		DOKHR35	Contributory			
		DOKHM38	Contributory			
		DOKHM40	Contributory			
		DOKHM42	Contributory			
		DOKHR50	Contributory			
		DOKHM57	Contributory			
		DOKHR61	Contributory			
		DOKHR43	Voluntary			
		DOKHM44	Voluntary			
		DOKHR45	Voluntary			
		DOKHM46	Voluntary			
		DOKHR53	Voluntary			
		DOKHM59	Voluntary			
Кеер	Add	Low Coverage Allocation				
		DOKLR36	Contributory			
		DOKLM41	Contributory			
		DOKLM51	Contributory			
		DOKLR58	Contributory			
		DOKLR62	Contributory			

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	DOKLR47	Voluntary
	DOKLR48	Voluntary
	DOKLM49	Voluntary
	DOKLR54	Voluntary
	DOKLM55	Voluntary
	DOKLM56	Voluntary
	DOKLR60	Voluntary

# LIFE, ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT (AD&D), SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE AND AD&D AND SHORT-TERM DISABILITY, LONG-TERM DISABILITY, CRITICAL ILLNESS, ACCIDENT, AND VISION PLANS:

Group Life, AD&D Plan Selected: Employer Contribution: <u>%</u>	Dependent Life Employer Contribution: <u>%</u>	Supplemental Life Insurance, AD&D Employer Contribution: <u>%</u>
Short-Term Disability	Long-Term Disability	Critical Illness
Plan Selected:	Plan Selected:	Plan Selected:
Employer Contribution: <u>%</u>	Employer Contribution: <u>%</u>	Employer Contribution: <u>%</u>
Accident Insurance	Uision	
Plan Selected:	Plan Selected:	
Employer Contribution: <u>%</u>	Employer Contribution: <u>%</u>	

With respect to the coverage applied for, Employer agrees to comply with and participate in all provisions of the Group Contract providing the coverage applied for. Employer understands BCBSOK intends to rely on this information in determining whether the enrolling employees may become insured.

# Additional Information:

## **EMPLOYER STATEMENTS**

- 1. Employer understands that, unless otherwise specified in the Group Contract, only Eligible Persons and their Dependents are eligible for coverage. Employer further agrees that eligibility and participation requirements have been discussed with the producer and have been explained to all Eligible Persons.
- 2. Employer agrees to notify BCBSOK of ineligible persons immediately following their change in status from eligible to ineligible.
- 3. Employer agrees to review all applications for completeness prior to submission to BCBSOK. Employer applies for the coverages selected in this Small Employer BPA and provided in the Group Contract and agrees that the obligation of BCBSOK shall only include the Benefits described in the Group Contract or as amended by any Amendments or Endorsements thereto.
- 4. Employer agrees to pay to BCBSOK, in advance, the premiums specified in the Group Billing Statement on behalf of each Eligible Person covered under the Group Contract.
- 5. Employer agrees that, in the making of this Application, it is acting for and on behalf of itself and as the agent and representative of its Eligible Persons, and it is agreed and understood that the Employer is not the agent or representative of BCBSOK for any purpose of this Application or any Group Contract issued pursuant to this Application.
- 6. Employer agrees to deliver to its Eligible Persons covered under the Group Contract individual Certificate of Benefits/Member Handbooks and Identification Cards and any other relevant materials as may be furnished by BCBSOK for distribution.
- 7. Employer agrees to receive on behalf of its covered Eligible Persons all notices delivered by BCBSOK and to forward such notices to the applicable recipient(s)at their last known address.

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- 8. Employer agrees the producer(s) or agency(ies), specified in writing by the Employer as its Producer of Record (POR) is authorized by the Employer to act as its representative in negotiations with and to receive commissions from BCBSOK and HCSC subsidiaries for Employer's employee benefit programs. The POR is authorized by the Employer to perform membership transactions on behalf of Employer and is authorized to conduct such transactions through the Employer's account through BAE. The appointment will remain in effect until withdrawn or superseded in writing by Employer.
- **9.** Employer understands the effective date of termination for a person who ceases to meet the definition of Eligible Person is the end of the coverage period (billing cycle) during which the person ceases to meet the definition of Eligible Person.
- **10.** Any reference in the eligibility section of this Small Employer BPA to the waiting period means the waiting period an Employee must satisfy in order for coverage to become effective. The selected waiting period must not result in an effective date that exceeds ninety-one (91) days from the date an Eligible Person becomes eligible for coverage.

### **OTHER PROVISIONS:**

1. Massachusetts Health Care Reform Act: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this BPA, with respect to the Employer's Employees who live in Massachusetts (if any) the Employer represents that it offers the health insurance benefits provided for herein to all full-time Employees, and the Employer will not make a smaller premium contribution percentage to a full-time Employee living in Massachusetts than to any other full-time Employee living in Massachusetts who receives an equal or greater total hourly or annual salary. For purposes of this representation, a "full-time Employee" is defined by Massachusetts law, generally an Employee who is scheduled or expected to work at least the equivalent of an average of thirty-five (35) hours per week.

If elected below, BCBSOK will provide required written statements of Minimum Credible Coverage (MCC) to Subscribers residing in Massachusetts and submit applicable electronic reporting to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Information transmitted will be exclusively based on information provided to BCBSOK by Employer and coverage under the Plan(s) during the term of this Group Contract. By electing to have BCBSOK transmit these creditable coverage reports on Employer's behalf, Employer hereby certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, such coverage under the Plan(s) is "creditable coverage" in accordance with the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Act. Employer acknowledges that BCBSOK is not responsible for verifying nor ensuring compliance with any tax and/or legal requirements related to this service. Employer or its Subscribers should seek advice from their legal or tax advisors as necessary. If not elected, Employer acknowledges it will provide written statements and electronic reporting to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue as required by the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Act.

- Employer consents to BCBSOK transmitting MCC reports on its behalf. Further, Employer attests that the information submitted is true and compliant with all relevant MCC Regulations.
- Employer will transmit MCC reports and any other documentation as may be required to comply with the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Act.
- 2. **Reimbursement**: It is understood and agreed that in the event BCBSOK makes a recovery on a third-party liability claim, BCBSOK will retain twenty-five percent (25%) of any recovered amounts, other than recovery amounts received as a result of, or associated with, any Workers' Compensation Law.
- 3. Third-Party Recovery Vendors and Law Firms Provisions (other than Reimbursement Services): BCBSOK engages with third-party recovery vendors and law firms on a post-pay basis to identify and/or recover any potential overpayments that may have been made to Providers.
- 4. This BPA is incorporated into and made a part of the Group Contract.

## **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:**

A. Retiree Only Plans and/or Excepted Benefits: If the Small Employer BPA includes any retiree only plans and/or excepted benefits, then Employer represents and warrants that one (1) or more such plans is not subject to some or all of the provisions of Part A (Individual and Group Market Reforms) of Title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act (and/or related provisions in the Internal Revenue Code and Employee Retirement Income Security Act) (an "exempt plan status"). Any determination that a plan does not have exempt plan status can result in retroactive and/or prospective changes by BCBSOK to the terms and conditions of coverage. In no

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event shall BCBSOK be responsible for any legal, tax or other ramifications related to any plan's exempt plan status or any representation regarding any plan's past, present and future exempt plan status.

**B.** Employer shall indemnify and hold harmless BCBSOK and its directors, officers and employees against any and all loss, liability, damages, fines, penalties, taxes, expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs) or other costs or obligations resulting from or arising out of any claims, lawsuits, demands, governmental inquires or actions, settlements or judgments brought or asserted against BCBSOK in connection with (a) any plan's grandfathered health plan status, (b) any plan's exempt plan status, (c) any plan's design (including but not limited to any directions, actions and interpretations of the Employer), and/or (d) any provision of inaccurate information. In no event will BCBSOK be responsible for any legal, tax or other ramifications related to the Employer's elections. Changes in state or federal law or regulations or interpretations thereof may change the terms and conditions of coverage.

Notwithstanding anything in the Group Contract or Renewal(s) to the contrary, BCBSOK reserves the right to revise our charge for the cost of coverage (premium or other amounts) at any time if any local, state or federal legislation, regulation, rule or guidance (or amendment or clarification thereto) is enacted or becomes effective/implemented, which would require BCBSOK to pay, submit or forward, on its own behalf or on BCBSOK's behalf, any additional tax, surcharge, fee, or other amount (all of which may be estimated, allocated or pro-rated amounts).

The provisions of paragraphs A-B (directly above) shall be in addition to (and do not take the place of) the other terms and conditions of coverage and/or administrative services between the parties.

WARNING: ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY, AND WITH INTENT TO INJURE, DEFRAUD OR DECEIVE ANY INSURER, MAKES ANY CLAIM FOR THE PROCEEDS OF AN INSURANCE POLICY CONTAINING ANY FALSE, INCOMPLETE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY.

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# For Employer:

Name of Authorized Company Official (please print)

Signature of Authorized Company Official

Date

Title of Authorized Company Official

City and State of Signing Official

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