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year, provided that 1) you request enrollment within 30 days of the qualifying event, 2) submit supporting documentation if required. Coverage will be made effective on the date of the event. HIPAA regulations also allow employees to change their benefit option (as available under the group plan) at this time.

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