NOTICE OF OUR INFORMATION PRIVACY POLICIES AND PRACTICES

This notice is being provided on behalf of the following entities:

Wellmark, Inc. doing business as Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa Wellmark of South Dakota, Inc. doing business as Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Dakota Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa, Inc.

Midwest Benefit Consultants, Inc.

To Our Customers:

This notice informs you that we do not disclose to our nonaffiliated third parties your nonpublic personal financial information, which we collect and maintain as described below, except as permitted by law. We will not disclose your nonpublic personal financial information to nonaffiliated third parties even after our customer relationship may end, except as permitted by law. We do disclose, or we reserve the right to disclose, your nonpublic personal financial information we collect to our affiliates. The affiliated entities are bound by the practices described in this Notice.

How we protect information: Except as explained below, we restrict access to your nonpublic personal information, which we define to include both nonpublic personal financial information and nonpublic personal health information, to our employees who need to know to provide our products and services to you and to nonaffiliated third parties providing services, at the request of Wellmark or its affiliate, related to the administration of your contract or policy with Wellmark or its affiliate. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with legal requirements to guard your nonpublic personal information.

<u>Information we collect and maintain:</u> We collect nonpublic personal financial information about you from the following sources:

- ✓ Information we receive from you on applications or other forms;
- ✓ Information we obtain from your transactions with us, our affiliates or others.

<u>Information we disclose:</u> We disclose or reserve the right to disclose all of the nonpublic personal financial information we collect and maintain about you to our affiliates. Our affiliates include the financial service providers listed above. They operate as health insurers, a health maintenance organization (HMO) and an insurance brokerage. Our affiliates also include financial service providers such as a health insurer and third party administrators of employee benefit plans.

We may also disclose, and reserve the right to disclose, any of your nonpublic personal financial information to nonaffiliated third parties as permitted by law.

<u>Companies that provide services or market for us:</u> We may disclose any of your nonpublic personal financial information described above to the following categories of nonaffiliated third parties with which we contract to perform functions or services, such as marketing, on our behalf, and financial institutions with which we have joint marketing agreements:

- ✓ Insurance brokers and agents;
- ✓ Issuers of other insurance products such as life insurance, disability insurance, long-term care insurance;
- ✓ Administrative service providers which process and store membership information.

No other disclosures to nonaffiliated third parties: We otherwise do not disclose nonpublic personal information about our customers or former customers to nonaffiliated third parties.



Wellmark Language Assistance

Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa, Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa, Inc. and Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Dakota are independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

Discrimination is against the law

Wellmark complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, including sex characteristics, including intersex traits; pregnancy or related conditions; sexual orientation; gender identity, and sex stereotypes. Wellmark does not exclude people or treat them less favorably because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Wellmark

- Provides people with disabilities reasonable modifications and free appropriate auxiliary aids and services to communicate effectively with us, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters
 - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats).
- Provides free language assistance services to people whose primary language is not English, which may include:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If you need reasonable modifications, appropriate auxiliary aids and services, or language assistance services, call 800-524-9242.

If you believe that Wellmark has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with: Wellmark Civil Rights Coordinator, 1331 Grand Avenue, Station 3E417, Des Moines, IA 50309-2901, 515-376-6500, TTY 888-781-4262, Fax 515-376-9055, Email **CRC@Wellmark.com**. You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Wellmark Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, los servicios de asistencia de idiomas se encuentran disponibles gratuitamente para usted. Comuníquese al 800-524-9242 o al (TTY: 888-781-4262).

注意:如果您说普通话,我们可免费为您提供语言协助服务。请拨打800-524-9242或(听障专线:888-781-4262)。

CHÚ Ý: Nếu quý vị nói tiếng Việt, các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí có sẵn cho quý vị. Xin hãy liên hệ 800-524-9242 hoặc (TTY: 888-781-4262).

NAPOMENA: Ako govorite hrvatski, dostupna Vam je besplatna podrška na Vašem jeziku. Kontaktirajte 800-524-9242 ili (tekstualni telefon za osobe oštećena sluha: 888-781-4262).

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlose sprachliche Assistenzdienste zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 800-524-9242 oder (TTY: 888-781-4262).

تنبيه: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية ٍ فإننا نوفر لك خدمات المساعدة اللغوية، المجانية. اتصل بالرقم ٢٠-٧٦٥-٢٤٢ أو (خدمة الهاتف النصى: ٨٨٨-٢٦٢/).

ສິ່ງຄວນເອົາໃຈໃສ່, ພາສາລາວ ຖ້າທ່ານເວົ້າ: ພວກເຮົາມີບໍລິການຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາໃຫ້ທ່ານ ໂດຍບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າ ຫຼື 800-524-9242 ຕິດຕໍ່ທີ່. (TTY: 888-781-4262.)

주의: 한국어 를 사용하시는 경우, 무료 언어 지원 서비스를 이용하실 수 있습니다. 800-524-9242번 또는 (TTY: 888-781-4262)번으로 연락해 주십시오.

ध्यान रखें : अगर आपकी भाषा हिन्दी है, तो आपके लिए भाषा सहायता सेवाएँ, निःशुल्क उपलब्ध हैं। 800-524-9242 पर संपर्क करें या (TTY: 888-781-4262)।

ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'assistance dans votre langue sont à votre disposition gratuitement. Appelez le 800 524 9242 (ou la ligne ATS au 888 781 4262).

Geb Acht: Wann du Deitsch schwetze duscht, kannscht du Hilf in dei eegni Schprooch koschdefrei griege. Ruf 800-524-9242 odder (TTY: 888-781-4262) uff.

โปรดทราบ: หากคุณพูด ไทย เรามีบริการช่วยเหลือด้านภาษาสำหรับคุณโดยไม่คิด ค่าใช้จ่าย ติดต่อ 800-524-9242 หรือ (TTY: 888-781-4262)

PAG-UKULAN NG PANSIN: Kung Tagalog ang wikang ginagamit mo, may makukuha kang mga serbisyong tulong sa wika na walang bayad. Makipag-ugnayan sa 800-524-9242 o (TTY: 888-781-4262).

တာ်နားသည်ပါ-နမှါကတီးကညီကိုဉ်ကိုြတာမေစားတာ်ဖုံးတာမေးတမဉ် လာတဘဉ်လာဘာ့လဲ အိန္ဒိလာနဂိၢိလီး. ဆုံးကိုုးဆူ ၈၀၀-၅၂၄-၉၂၄၂မှတမှာ(TTY: ၈၈၈-၇၈၁-၄၂၆၂)တက္.

ВНИМАНИЕ! Если ваш родной язык русский, вам могут быть предоставлены бесплатные переводческие услуги. Обращайтесь 800-524-9242 (телетайп: 888-781-4262).

सावधान: यदि तपाईँ नेपाली बोल्नुहुन्छ भने, तपाईँका लागि नि:शुल्क रूपमा भाषा सहायता सेवाहरू उपलब्ध गराइन्छ । 800-524-9242 वा (TTY: 888-781-4262) मा सम्पर्क गर्नुहोस् ।

HEETINA To a wolwa Fulfulde laabi walliinde dow wolde, naa e njobdi, ene ngoodi ngam maaɗa. Heɓir 800-524-9242 malla (TTY: 888-781-4262).

FUULEFFANNAA: Yo isin Oromiffaa, kan dubbattan taatan, tajaajiloonni gargaarsa afaanii, kaffaltii malee, isiniif ni jiru. 800-524-9242 yookin (TTY: 888-781-4262) quunnamaa.

УВАГА! Якщо ви розмовляєте українською мовою, для вас доступні безкоштовні послуги мовної підтримки. Зателефонуйте за номером 800-524-9242 або (телетайп: 888-781-4262).

Ge': Diné k'ehjí yáníłti'go níká bizaad bee áká' adoowoł, t'áá jiik'é, náhóló. Koji' hólne' 800-524-9242 doodaii' (TTY: 888-781-4262)