DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AUDIT

OSU will start a random dependent audit in January 2010. There are times when the person covered was eligible when enrolled, but has since become ineligible due to a change in family status. Employees cannot be insured as a spouse if they are employed with OSU and are eligible for their own employee coverage. It is very discouraging to employees to pay the premiums for coverage only to have claims denied when it is determined the dependent was ineligible for coverage. An eligible dependent is:

- the spouse;
- an unmarried dependent child under the age of 26, or the unmarried child of any age who is medically certified as disabled and dependent upon the employee for support and maintenance.

An eligible dependent child includes any of the following:
- a natural child;
- or a legally adopted child;
- or a stepchild;
- or a grandchild (child of employee's child) who is dependent for federal income tax purposes;
- or a child for whom employee has a court order requiring financial responsibility for health insurance;
- or a child whose primary residence is with the employee; and the employee is the legal guardian or related by blood or marriage;
- and who is dependent upon employee for more than ½ of the child's support as defined by the IRS.

Foster children are not eligible for dependent coverage.

Employees should carefully review the dependents they are covering on health, dental and/or vision insurance. Intentionally covering an ineligible person may be falsification of University documents and subject to corrective action. During Annual Benefits Enrollment, employees should drop coverage for anyone who does not meet the criteria listed for an eligible dependent.
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September Administrative Seminars
17 Sponsored Research Contracting Basics
22 Online Travel Vouchers
22 FRS and Purchasing
23 Sexual Harassment/Gender Discrimination Policy Training
23 Information Security Awareness
23 Purchasing Card Training
23 Airfare and Lodging Training
24 Grammar and Proofreading for Business
29 Executive Briefing
30 Executive Briefing

September Computer
17 Bridging from Office 2003 to 2007
18 Excel 2007 New Features
28&29 PowerPoint 2007 Level 1 (Day 1&2)
30 Outlook 2007 New Features

October Administrative Seminars
1 Dealing with Private Sponsors
1 New Employee Orientation
2 Payroll Accounting
6 Online Travel Voucher Training
7 Online CVI Training
8 Fundamentals of OSU Jobs
9 Payroll Processing
13 Purchasing and Purchasing Card Refresher
13 Online Travel Voucher Training

October Computer
2 Introduction to Computing at OSU
5&6 Word 2007 Level 1 (Day 1&2)
7&8 Excel 2007 Level 3 (Day 1&2)
12&13 PowerPoint 2003 Level 2 (Day 1&2)
13&14 FOCUS Training (Day 1&2)
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