

## **What is a Qualifying Life Event in regard to a mid-year benefit change?**

1. You can update your benefits when you start a new job or during Open Enrollment. But changes in your life called Qualifying Life Events (QLEs) determined by the IRS can allow you to enroll in health insurance or make changes outside of these times.

2. When a Qualifying Life Event occurs, you have 30 days to request changes to your coverage. Your change in coverage must be consistent with your change in status.

3. Common qualifying events include:

- A change in the number of dependents (through birth or adoption or if a child is no longer an eligible dependent)
- A change in a spouse's employment status (resulting in a loss or gain of coverage)
- A change in your legal marital status (marriage, divorce, or legal separation)
- A change in employment status from full time to part time, or part time to full time, resulting in a gain or loss of eligibility
- Eligibility for coverage through the Marketplace
- Changes in address or location that may affect coverage
- Entitlement to Medicare or Medicaid

4. Some lesser-known qualifying events are:

- Turning 26 and losing coverage through a parent's plan
- Death in the family (leading to change in dependents or loss of coverage)
- Changes that make you no longer eligible for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Reach out to PDC Machines' Benefits