

## **Reminder: Dependent Transitional Enrollment Opportunity for the Health Insurance Plan**

The NDPERS group health plan previously permitted coverage for adult children age 19 through the end of the month in which they turn 26 unless the child was eligible to enroll in an employer-sponsored group health plan other than a group health plan of a parent. BCBSND has amended the NDPERS group health plan to expand eligibility to your children who are age 19 through 26 (EOM) regardless of their eligibility for other group health plan coverage. So, even if an adult child is eligible for or covered by another employer group plan, or covered by their spouse's employer group coverage, they are also eligible to be added to the parent's NDPERS group health plan.

Because of this change, NDPERS and BCBSND are providing a transitional open enrollment period for those adult children that were eligible for coverage or are enrolled through a plan by their spouse's employer. Members will have the opportunity to enroll those adult children who are age 19 through the end of the month in which they turn age 26 into their NDPERS group health plan during this time. This does not include the married child's spouse or any grandchildren.

NDPERS and BCBSND will provide the transitional open enrollment period from May 21, 2012 through June 22, 2012, with a July 1, 2012 effective date. Members on the health plan will be receiving information regarding this enrollment period from BCBSND.

To add an eligible adult child during the transitional open enrollment period, complete an NDPERS [Health Insurance Application or Change SFN 60036](#) available from the NDPERS website at [www.nd.gov/ndpers](http://www.nd.gov/ndpers) or through your Payroll Office. You will need to indicate on the application, under Part B, that the Change Reason is "Annual Enrollment" and "Add Dependent".

This transitional enrollment does not apply to the NDPERS dental or vision plans.