PATIENT PROTECTION NOTICE

Your carrier generally may require the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in your network and who is available to accept you or your family members. Until you make this designation, your carrier may designate one for you.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider. You do not need prior authorization from your carrier or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in your network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a preapproved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals.

For information on how to select a primary care provider, a list of the participating primary care providers, or a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact your plan administrator using the number on the back of your ID card.

