Patient Protection Disclosure

When applicable, it is important that individuals enrolled in a plan or health insurance coverage know of their rights to (1) choose a primary care provider or a pediatrician when a plan or issuer requires designation of a primary care physician; or (2) obtain obstetrical or gynecological care without prior authorization.  Accordingly, the interim final regulations regarding patient protections under section 2719A of the Affordable Care Act require plans and issuers to provide notice to participants of these rights when applicable.  The notice must be provided whenever the plan or issuer provides a participant with a summary plan description or other similar description of benefits under the plan or health insurance coverage.  This notice must be provided no later than the first day of the first plan year beginning on or after September 23, 2010.

**Chippewa Valley Schools'** health plan generally allows the designation of a primary care provider.  You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members.  For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, contact www.messa.org , click on the *Members* tab and select *Find A Doctor*.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

You do not need prior authorization from MESSA 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 our 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 pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals.  For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact contact www.messa.org , click on the *Members* tab and select *Find A Doctor*.