

Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO)

QMCSO is a judgment, decree, or order (including an approval of a property settlement) that is made pursuant to State domestic relations law (including a community property law) and/or certain other State laws relating to medical child support that provides for child support or health benefit coverage for a child of a participant under a group health plan and relates to benefits under the plan. Upon receipt of medical child support order, plan administrator must promptly issue notice, including plan's procedures for determining its qualified status. Within a reasonable time after its receipt, plan administrator must also issue separate notice as to whether the medical child support order is qualified.

QMCSO is a medical child support order that:

Creates or recognizes the right of an alternate recipient to receive benefits for which a participant or beneficiary is eligible under a group health plan or assigns to an alternate recipient the right of a participant or beneficiary to receive benefits under a group health plan; and

Is recognized by the group health plan as "qualified" because it includes information and meets other requirements of the QMCSO provisions.

Additional information concerning QMCSO can be provided upon your request.