

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR WPS HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Under the Affordable Care Act, many of our individual and group health insurance plans meet the requirement of “minimum essential coverage.” These ACA-compliant health plans require WPS to provide additional information to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

You may be receiving a letter from WPS indicating that we need Social Security numbers (SSNs) for your dependents. If so, please follow the instructions given on the letter to update your information with us.

*We will keep your information confidential and we understand that you may be concerned with providing your Social Security number to us. If you would like to review the WPS privacy policy, please visit our website at: <https://www.wpsic.com/privacy.shtml>.*

## Why do you need these SSNs?

Beginning with the 2015 tax year, federal law requires all health insurers who sell ACA-compliant health insurance plans to report on all members who have minimum essential coverage. To complete this reporting requirement, the IRS requires the collection and reporting of the Tax Identification Number (TIN) of our members, including dependents, who have minimum essential coverage. Generally, your TIN is your SSN.

## What happens if I don't provide WPS with my dependent's SSN?

We are required to request this personal information from you. If you choose not to respond to this request, you may be subject to a \$50 penalty imposed by the IRS under §6723 for each SSN not reported on your 2015 tax form.

## When do you need the SSN information?

If you receive a letter from us, **please respond as soon as possible**. We understand this is an inconvenience for you and appreciate your help in meeting this requirement. If you have any questions, please call WPS Customer Service at 1-800-221-5581 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

