Notice of Patient Protections for Non-Grandfathered Plans

The following notice applies to plans offered by the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees ("Plan") thatare not considered to be a "grandfathered health plan" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The 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 oryour family members. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of theparticipating primary care providers, contactCustomer Service.

You do not need prior authorization from the Plan or from any other person (includinga 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 priorauthorization for certain services, following apre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participatinghealth care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact Customer Service.