





Benefitfocus Phase III & Open Enrollment Readiness Update

Board of Trustees Meeting

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Benefitfocus Phase III Readiness Update

As a reminder, when we transitioned back to Benefitfocus last September, we split the transition into three phases:

- Phase I was the active and retiree "go-live" which was completed just before Annual Enrollment last year.
- Phase II was Annual Enrollment which was held from October 15 November 18, 2015.
- Phase III was intended to address these items:
 - Deficiencies and defects from the original contract
 - COBRAGuard All electronic data interfaces (EDI)
 - NCFlex Outstanding functionality
 - Retirement Systems Payroll files
 - Defects Related to various processes and EDI
 - Vendor and Partner integration that could not be completed prior to go-live
 - Vendor Single-Sign-On (SSO) and Web Services This is the technology that allows
 members to log in into one system and seamlessly and securely transition to another system.
 The most important SSO is the one that supports Health Assessment completion within
 eEnroll.
 - Custom BEACON Payroll Files
 - Vendor Integration required to support 2016 benefits
 - NCAg Foundation, which is required to support the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP)
 - RivalHealth, which is required to support the Health Engagement Program



Benefitfocus Phase III Status



- Benefitfocus has experienced multiple delays that have impacted the delivery of all Phase III items. While the specific reason for each deliverable's delay varies, the primary reasons include:
 - Resources Benefitfocus was impacted by a lack of resources familiar with the Plan's unique requirements. This has impacted requirements gathering, development and testing. While that gap is closing, it is difficult to recover from the early delays.
 - Test Environments Benefitfocus has had ongoing issues with their test environments that have impacted their ability to meet testing schedules and produce accurate test files. They are working on closing this gap, but until that plan is fully executed, the lack of sufficient test environments will continue to impact the Plan's projects.
 - Cascading Effect Once the first project is delayed, it impacts the
 delivery of the next one. Resources need to be freed up from one
 project so they can focus on the next one. This issue has not only
 impacted Benefitfocus but the Plan and other vendor resources too.



Benefitfocus Phase III Delay Impacts

Deliverable	Original Go-Live Date	Actual Go-Live Date	Impact
NC AG File	6/1/16	7/21/16	Plan developed a workaround with NC AG using Benfitfocus reports.
Rival File	6/1/16	7/20/16	Plan developed a workaround with RivalHealth using Benfitfocus reports.
BEACON Files	7/5/16	TBD	BEACON has continued with the standard file and the temporary resources required to input the enrollment not handled by the file. The custom file will be deployed without all required functionality. Additional deployments will be needed to deliver all the business requirements.
Active Health SSO	7/27/16	Targeting 9/2/16	We have developed ongoing workarounds to apply Health Assessments to new enrollees, but we must have this functionality deployed for OE.
NCFlex Functionality	Various	TBD	Continuing with existing workarounds for imputed income, EOI, Cancer Benefit, and NCFlex EDI functionality.
COBRAGuard EDI	TBD	TBD	Requirements sign-off has been delayed, which means the final solution will not be completed in 2016. Continuing with existing workarounds.
Retirement EDI	TBD	TBD	Requirements sign-off has been delayed, which means the required changes may not be completed in 2016. Continuing with current file.
Remaining Defects	TBD	TBD	While some of the smaller items have been scheduled, the larger more complex items have yet to be scheduled. Workarounds continue.

Benefitfocus Phase OE Readiness Update

In addition to the Phase III requirements, Benefitfocus needed to make additional system changes to support 2017 Open Enrollment (OE).

- **Member Experience** As we have previously discussed, Benefitfocus had already developed some features to enhance the member experience during the online enrollment process. After conducting member and employer focus groups and listening to Plan constituents, they also agreed to develop some Plan specific enhancements.
- 2017 OE Requirements Every new benefit year brings new vendors, benefit and enrollment features that must be updated. While some are simply setup or configuration items, others require development work; for example:
 - New NCFlex Vendors
 - Enhancements to the Health Engagement Program
 - Change to one Medicare Advantage carrier
 - New Pharmacy Benefit Manager contract



Benefitfocus OE Readiness Status



- Overall OE status is yellow, but is trending green. There are a couple of
 enhancements that are behind schedule and the integrated vendor testing is behind,
 but there are no "blocker" defects. At this point, we feel confident that there is room in
 the schedule to make up for lost testing time and the delayed enhancements.
- Member Experience Enhancement Delays Work continues on the member experience enhancements. While most of the functionality is in place, there have been delays delivering all the required changes.
 - Overall OE workflow delay
 - Earlier this year, the Board approved moving all active members to the Traditional 70/30 for the start of OE. From there the subscriber would either confirm election into the Traditional 70/30 plan or select another plan. The next step in the workflow would be the three wellness activities. The introduction of the tobacco attestation on the Traditional 70/30 Plan has caused additional development work that was not originally anticipated to meet this workflow requirement. Current target date for this change is September 10, 2016.
 - Confirmation Statement delay
 - Enrollment confirmation statements for members who enroll telephonically have been delayed. While they are currently scheduled for the September release, testing has not progressed enough for us to have a high level of confidence they will be deployed in time for Open Enrollment.



Benefitfocus OE Readiness Status



- 2017 OE Requirements There are currently no concerns with the delivery schedules for these items. The biggest risk is that any slippage on the projects that precede these deliverables could negatively impact these items.
 - Electronic Data Interfaces (EDI) The new EDI requirements do not have to be in place by the start of OE. They are required to transmit 2017 enrollment files, which begins at varying intervals after OE.
 - ✓ New NCFlex Vendor EDI Delivery schedule being developed. Files are not required until the end of the year.
 - ✓ Enhancements to the HEP Work is under way to enhance the Rival EDI files. Files are not required until the end of the year.
 - ✓ New PBM Contract Requirements are completed and the delivery schedule has been developed to support EDI transmissions throughout the fall, as required.
 - The Change to one Medicare Advantage vendor
 - ✓ Auto-Enrollment Changes are required to the auto-enrollment process to remove the two carrier split logic and change the letters that are sent to members upon auto-enrollment



Benefitfocus Overall Status



- Overall Customer Experience is stable
 - **Service** Benefitfocus is exceeding their service statistics
 - Exceptions Enrollment exception requests are low and generally caused by member or HBR errors, not Benefitfocus errors
 - EDI Very few delays sending EDI to vendors, which means enrollment elections are making it to the appropriate vendors on a timely basis
- Implementation Delays While Phase III is behind, these delays are
 primarily impacting our vendors and our two largest payroll groups,
 BEACON and Retirement Systems, not our members. The Plan will
 continue to work with both BEACON and Retirement to provide additional
 supports to compensate for the delayed deliverables.
- **Open Enrollment** Delivering an improved member experience is the number one priority and we will divert whatever resources we need to ensure that project moves to green. We have to keep our focus on the Customer Experience.



Non-BEACON (Non-State Agency) Online Enrollment Experience

State Health Plan Website "Enroll Now"





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UNC Asheville
NC State University
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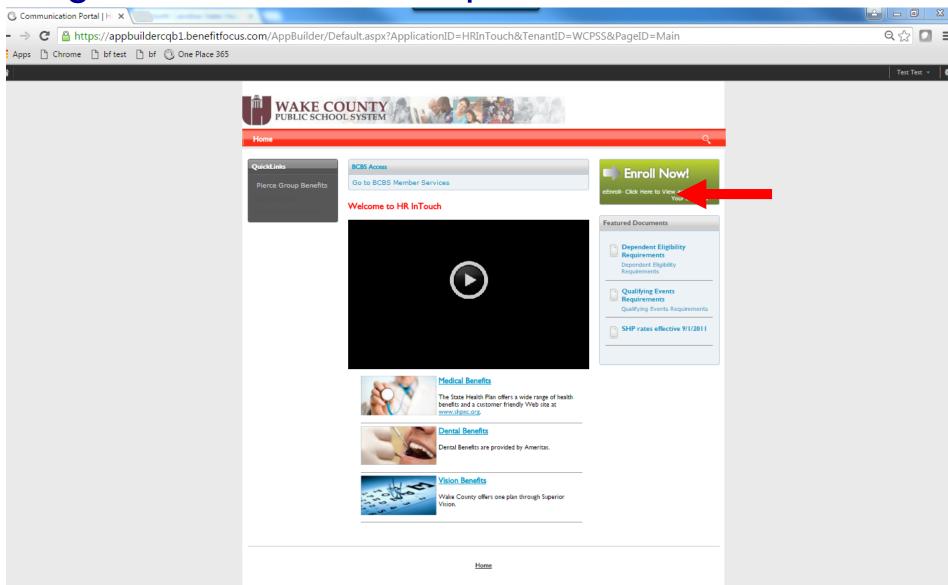
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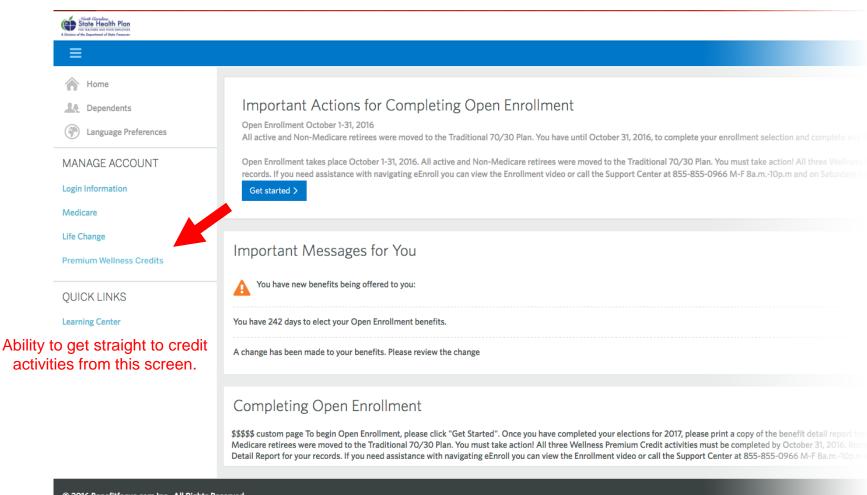
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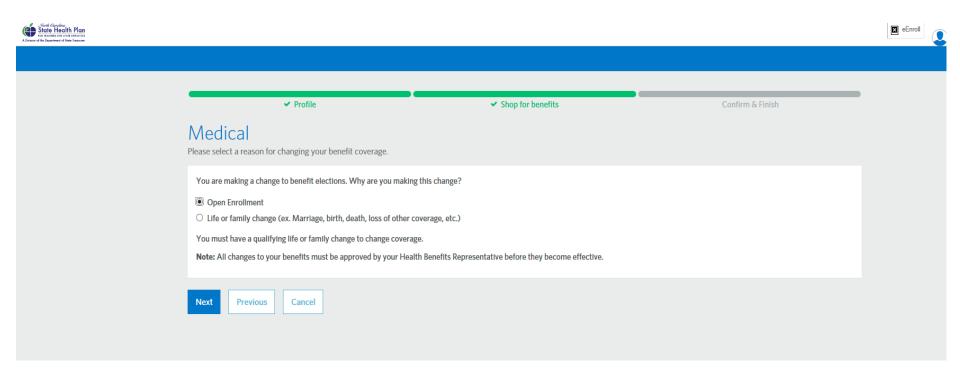
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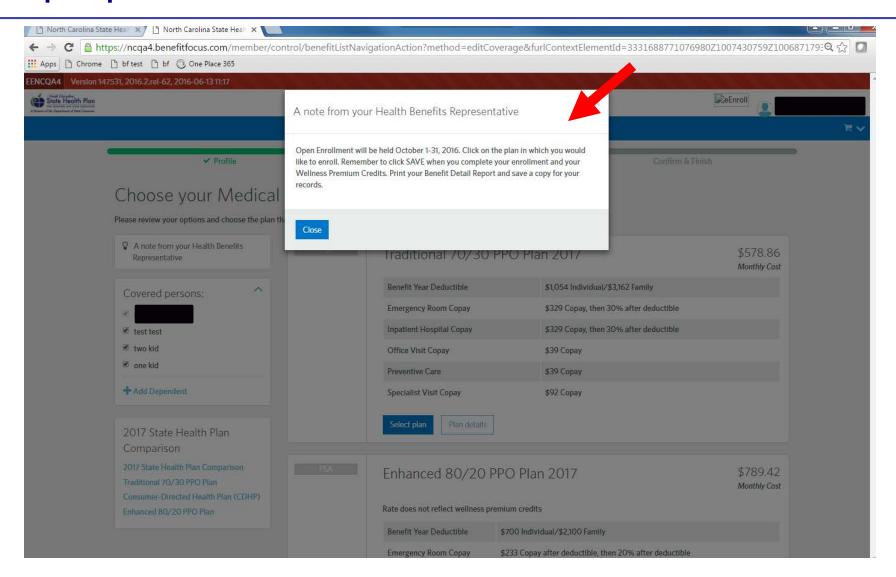


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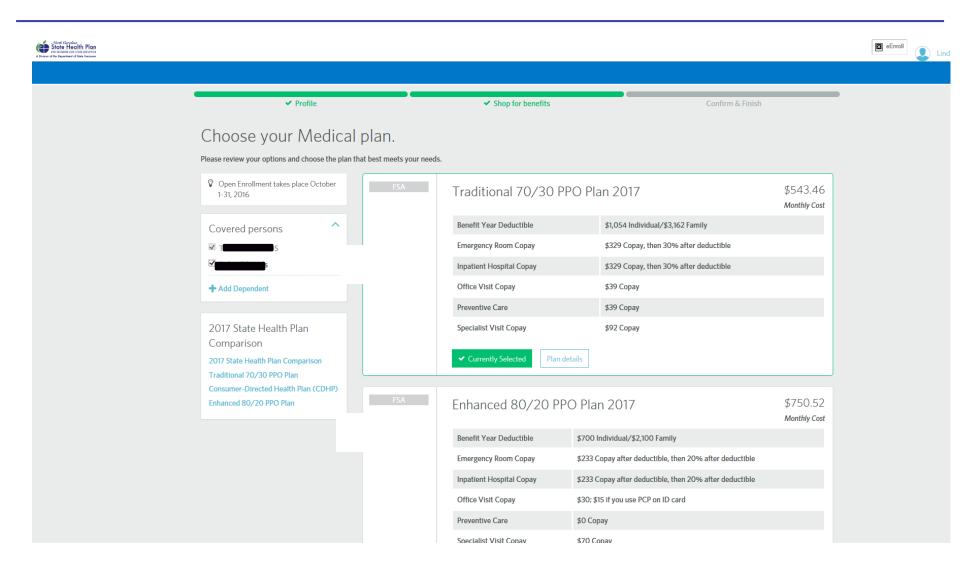


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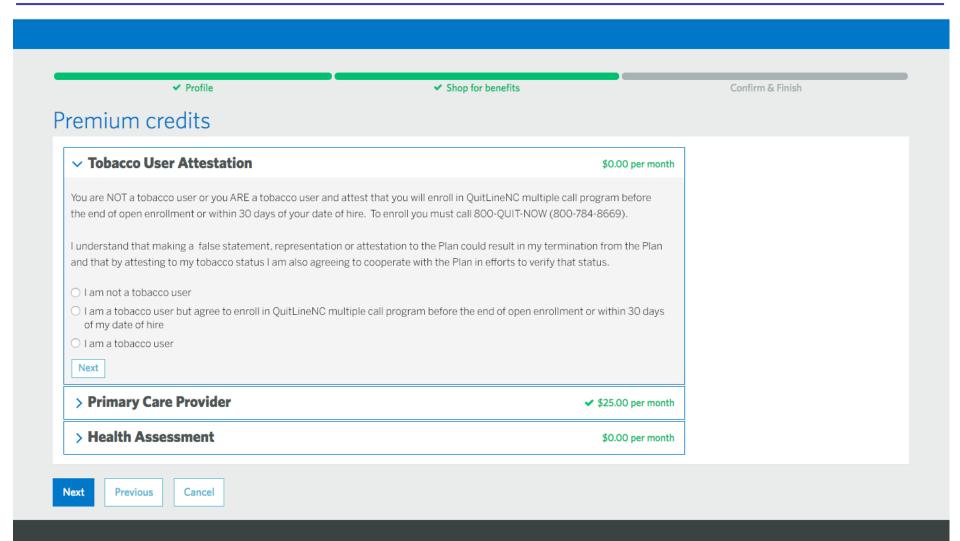




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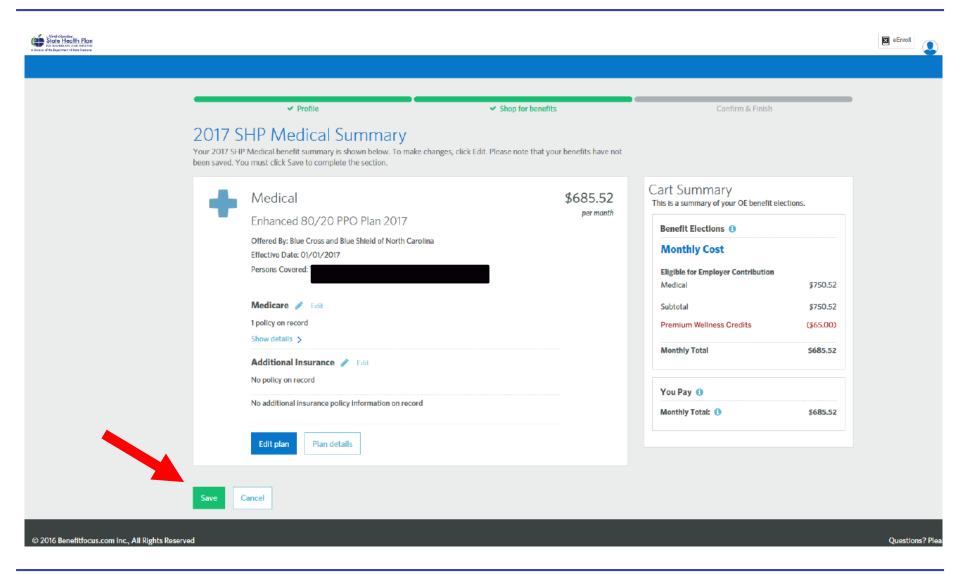


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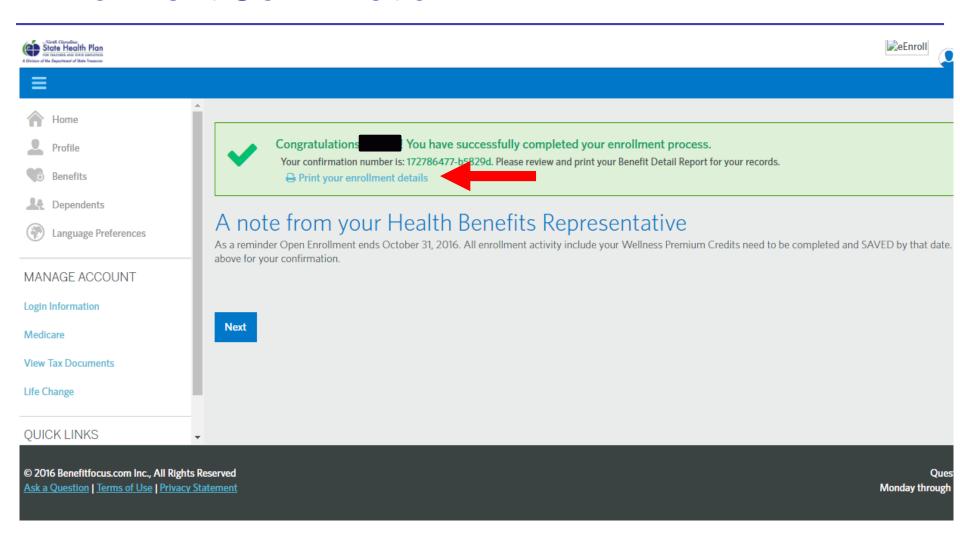


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Enrollment Confirmation





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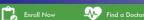
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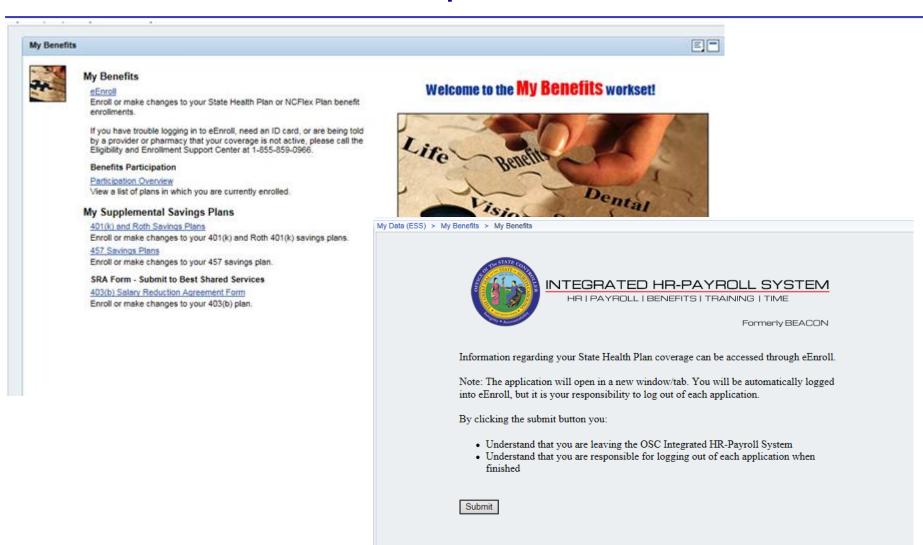


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