



## VantageCare Retirement Health Savings (RHS)

# PLAN AMENDMENT PACKET

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To amend your existing RHS Plan, please complete the entire Adoption Agreement, including items that are not being amended. When you send your amendment to ICMA-RC, please summarize the changes in your cover letter.

Please note that ICMA-RC does not require the use of a resolution to amend the plan. Should you require legislative action, you may use the Suggested Resolution for Amendment on the following page. If you do not require legislative action, you may complete the Suggested Affirmative Statement for Amendment which follows.

Once the amendment is completed, retain a copy for your records and send the original with the cover letter and either the resolution or the affirmative statement to ICMA-RC as follows:

**Via Mail**

ICMA-RC

Attn – New Business Services

Suite 600

777 North Capitol Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002-4240

**Via Facsimile**

202-962-4601

Attn – New Business Services

You will receive notification that your amendment has been received and accepted.



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# EMPLOYER VANTAGECARE RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS (RHS) ADOPTION AGREEMENT

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**VANTAGECARE RETIREMENT HEALTH SAVINGS (RHS)  
ADOPTION AGREEMENT**

Plan Number: 8 03155

Select as applicable: ☐ Standalone RHS ☐ Integrated RHS ☒ Amendment to Existing Plan ☐ New Plan

I. **Employer Name:** Whatcom Transportation Au State: WA

II. **The Employer hereby attests that it is a unit of a state or local government or an agency or instrumentality of one or more units of a state or local government.**

III. **Plan Dates:**

A. **Plan Effective Date** 01-01-2010

B. **Plan Year:** Enter the annual accounting period for the RHS program. JAN-DEC

IV. **The Employer intends to utilize the Trust to fund only welfare benefits pursuant to the following welfare benefit plan(s) established by the Employer:** Model Plan

V. **Eligible Groups, Participation and Participant Eligibility Requirements**

A. **Eligible Groups**

The following group or groups of Employees are eligible to participate in the Employer's welfare benefits plan identified in Section IV. (check all applicable boxes):

- ☐ All Employees
- ☐ All Full-Time Employees
- ☒ Non-Union Employees
- ☐ Public Safety Employees – Police
- ☐ Public Safety Employees – Firefighters
- ☐ General Employees
- ☐ Collectively-Bargained Employees (Specify unit(s)) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (specify group(s)) \_\_\_\_\_

The Employee group(s) specified must correspond to a group(s) of the same designation that is defined in the statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, personnel manuals or other documents or provisions in effect in the state or locality of the Employer.

B. **Participation**

**Mandatory Participation:** All Employees in the covered group(s) are required to participate in the Plan and shall receive contributions pursuant to Section VI.

If the Employer's underlying welfare benefit plan is in whole or part a non-collectively bargained plan that allows reimbursement for medical expenses other than insurance premiums, the nondiscrimination requirements of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 105(h) will apply. These rules may impose taxation on the benefits received by highly compensated individuals if the Plan discriminates in favor of highly compensated individuals in terms of eligibility or benefits. The Employer should discuss these rules with appropriate counsel.

### C. Participant Eligibility Requirements

1. Minimum service: The minimum period of service required for participation is N/A (write N/A if no minimum service is required).
2. Minimum age: The minimum age required for eligibility to participate is N/A (write N/A if no minimum age is required).

## VI. Contribution Sources and Amounts

### A. Definition of Earnings

The definition of Earnings will apply to all RHS Contribution Features that reference "Earnings", including Direct Employer Contributions (Section VI.B.1.) and Mandatory Employee Compensation Contributions (Section VI.B.2.).

Definition of earnings: Gross Salary

### B. Direct Employer Contributions and Mandatory Contributions

#### 1. Direct Employer Contributions

The Employer shall contribute on behalf of each Participant

- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ % of Earnings\*
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each Plan Year
- ☐ A discretionary amount to be determined each Plan Year
- ☐ Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Mandatory Employee Compensation Contributions

The Employer will make mandatory contributions of Employee compensation as follows:

- ☒ Reduction in Salary - \_\_\_\_\_ % of Earnings or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ will be contributed for the Plan Year. - Per Appendix A
- ☐ Decreased Merit or Pay Plan Adjustment - All or a portion of the Employees' annual merit or pay plan adjustment will be contributed as follows:

An Employee shall not have the right to discontinue or vary the rate of Mandatory Contributions of Employee Compensation.

#### 3. Mandatory Employee Leave Contributions

The Employer will make mandatory contributions of accrued leave as follows (provide formula for determining Mandatory Employee Leave contributions):

- ☒ Accrued Sick Leave Cash out at separation
- ☐ Accrued Vacation Leave \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (specify type of leave) Accrued \_\_\_\_\_ Leave

An Employee shall not have the right to discontinue or vary the rate of mandatory leave contributions.

\* Non-collectively bargained plans that reimburse medical expenses other than insurance premiums should consult their benefits counsel regarding welfare plan nondiscrimination rules if the employer elects to make contributions based on a percentage of earnings.

**C. Limits on Total Contributions** (check one box)

The total contribution by the Employer on behalf of each Participant (including Direct Employer and Mandatory Employee Contributions) for each Plan Year shall not exceed the following limit(s) below. Limits on individual contribution types are defined within the appropriate section above.

- ☒ There is no Plan-defined limit on the percentage or dollar amount of earnings that may be contributed.
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ % of earnings  
Definition of earnings: ☐ Same as Section VI.A. ☐ Other
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Plan year.

**VII. Vesting for Direct Employer Contributions**

**A. Vesting Schedule** (check one box)

- ☒ The account is 100% vested at all times.
- ☐ The following vesting schedule shall apply to Direct Employer Contributions as outlined in Section VI.B.1.:

Years of Service Completed	Vesting Percentage
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %

**B. The account will become 100% vested upon the death, disability, retirement\*, or attainment of benefit eligibility (as outlined in Section IX) by a Participant.**

\*Definition of retirement includes a separation from service component and is further defined by (check one):

- ☐ The primary retirement plan of the Employer
- ☒ Separation from service
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Any period of service by a Participant prior to a rehire of the Participant by the Employer shall not count toward the vesting schedule outlined in A above.**

**VIII. Forfeiture Provisions**

If a Participant separates from service prior to full vesting, non-vested funds in the Participant's account shall be forfeited in accordance with the box checked under this section.

Upon the death of a participant, surviving spouse, and all surviving eligible dependents (as outlined in Section XI), funds remaining in the Participant's account shall be revert to the Trust in accordance with the box checked under this section.



If a Participant permanently opts out and waives future reimbursements, as allowed under IRS Notice 2013-54, all funds in the Participant's account at the time of waiver shall be forfeited in accordance with the box checked under this section.\*

- ☐ Remain in the Trust to be reallocated among all remaining Employees participating in the Plan as Direct Employer Contributions for the next and succeeding contribution cycle(s).
- ☒ Remain in the Trust to be reallocated on an equal dollar basis among all Plan Participants.
- ☐ Remain in the Trust to be reallocated among all Plan Participants based upon Participant account balances.
- ☐ Revert to the Employer.

**IX. Eligibility Requirements to Receive Medical Benefit Payments from the VantageCare Retirement Health Savings Program**

**A. A Participant is eligible to receive benefits:**

- ☐ At retirement only (also complete Section B.)  
Definition of retirement:
  - ☒ Same as Section VII.B.
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ At separation from service with the following restrictions
  - ☒ No restrictions
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Termination prior to general benefit eligibility:** In case where the general benefit eligibility as outlined in Section IX.A includes a retirement component, a Participant who separates from service of the Employer prior to retirement will be eligible to receive benefits:

- ☐ Immediately upon separation from service
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**C. A Participant that becomes totally and permanently disabled**

- ☐ as defined by the Social Security Administration
- ☐ as defined by the Employer's primary retirement plan
- ☒ other Immediately upon separation from service

will become immediately eligible to receive medical benefit payments from his/her account under the Employer's welfare benefits plan.

**D. Upon the death of the Participant, benefits shall become payable as outlined in Section XI.**

*\*If the Employer's RHS Program does not limit eligibility to participants who have separated from service, the employer will be required to provide further direction to ICMA-RC regarding the treatment of possible contributions that are required to be made following the participant's waiver.*

## X. Permissible Medical Benefit Payments

Benefits eligible for reimbursement consist of:

- ☒ All Medical Expenses eligible under IRC Section 213 other than (i) direct long-term care expenses, and (ii) expenses for medicines or drugs which are not prescribed drugs (other than insulin).
- ☐ The following Medical Expenses eligible under IRC Section 213 other than (i) direct long-term care expenses, and (ii) expenses for medicines or drugs which are not prescribed drugs (other than insulin). Select only the expenses you wish to cover under the Employer's welfare benefits plan:
  - ☐ Medical Insurance Premiums
  - ☐ Medical Out-of-Pocket Expenses\*
  - ☐ Medicare Part B Insurance Premiums
  - ☐ Medicare Part D Insurance Premiums
  - ☐ Medicare Supplemental Insurance Premiums
  - ☐ Prescription Drug Insurance Premiums
  - ☐ COBRA Insurance Premiums
  - ☐ Dental Insurance Premiums
  - ☐ Dental Out-of-Pocket Expenses\*
  - ☐ Vision Insurance Premiums
  - ☐ Vision Out-of-Pocket Expenses\*
  - ☐ Qualified Long-Term Care Insurance Premiums
  - ☐ Non-Prescription medications allowed under IRS guidance\*
  - ☐ Other qualifying medical expenses (describe)\*

*\* Non-collectively bargained plans that reimburse medical expenses other than insurance premiums should consult their benefits counsel regarding welfare plan nondiscrimination rules if the employer elects to make contributions based on a percentage of earnings.*

## XI. Benefits After the Death of the Participant

In the event of a Participant's death, the following shall apply:

### A. Surviving Spouse and/or Surviving Dependents

Upon the death of a participant, the surviving spouse and/or surviving eligible dependents (as defined in Section XII.D.) of the deceased Participant are immediately eligible to maintain the Participant's RHS account and utilizing the remaining balance to fund eligible medical benefits specified in Section X above.

Upon notification of a Participant's death, the Participant's account balance will be transferred into Dreyfus Cash Management fund\*\* (or another fund selected by the Employer). The account balance may be reallocated by the surviving spouse or dependents.

*\*\* An investment in the Dreyfus Cash Management money market fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Although the fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in the fund. Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. You may visit us at [www.icmarc.org](http://www.icmarc.org) or call 800-669-7400 to obtain a prospectus that contains this and other information about the fund. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.*

If a Participant's account balance has not been fully utilized upon the death of the eligible spouse, the account balance may continue to be utilized to pay benefits of eligible dependents. Upon the death of all eligible dependents, the account will revert in accordance with the Employer's election under Section VIII of the *VantageCare RHS Adoption Agreement*.

**B. No Surviving Spouse or Surviving Dependents**

If there are no living spouse or dependents at the time of death of the Participant, the account will revert in accordance with the Employer's election under Section VIII of the *VantageCare RHS Adoption Agreement*.

**XII. The Plan will operate according to the following provisions:**

**A. Employer Responsibilities**

1. The Employer will submit all VantageCare Retirement Health Savings Plan contribution data via electronic submission.
  2. The Employer will submit all VantageCare Retirement Health Savings Plan Participant status updates or personal information updates via electronic submission. This includes but is not limited to termination notification, benefit eligibility, and vesting notification.
- B.** Participant account administration and asset-based fees will be paid through the redemption of Participant account shares, unless agreed upon otherwise in the Administrative Services Agreement.
- C.** Assignment of benefits is not permitted. Benefits will be paid only to the Participant, his/her Survivors, the Employer, or an insurance provider (as allowed by the claims administrator). Payments to a third-party payee (e.g., medical service provider) are not permitted with the exception of reimbursement to the Employer or insurance provider (as allowed by the claims administrator).
- D.** An eligible dependent is (a) the Participant's lawful spouse, (b) the Participant's child under the age of 27, as defined by IRC Section 152(f)(1) and Internal Revenue Service Notice 2010-38, or (c) any other individual who is a person described in IRC Section 152(a), as clarified by Internal Revenue Service Notice 2004-79.
- E.** The Employer will be responsible for withholding, reporting and remitting any applicable taxes for payments which are deemed to be discriminatory under IRC Section 105(h), as outlined in the *VantageCare Retirement Health Savings Employer Manual*.

**XIII. Employer Acknowledgements**

- A.** The Employer hereby acknowledges it understands that failure to properly fill out this *VantageCare Retirement Health Savings Adoption Agreement* may result in the loss of tax exemption of the Trust and/or loss of tax-deferred status for Employer contributions.
- B.** ☒ Check this box if you are including supporting documents that include plan provisions.

**EMPLOYER SIGNATURE**

By: Peter H Stank  
Title: General Manager  
Attest: Vicki L. Esser  
Title: Exec. Assistant / Clerk of the Board

Date: 11/9/18  
Date: 11-9-18



## **Appendix A**

### **WTA Contribution Schedule**

**Health Retirement Savings Plan, established 1/1/10 (Modified 01/01/2019)**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Percentage of Gross Salary</b>
Under 40	.5%
40 to 55	1%
Over 55	2%