Supreme Court Ruling on Health Care Reform

On June 28, 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (often referred to as the "Affordable Care Act" or "health care reform law"). The Court upheld all provisions of the Affordable Care Act directly affecting group health plans such as the health plans offered by Old Dominion University Research Foundation ("Foundation").

The Foundation remains committed to providing high-quality, affordable health coverage for eligible employees and to complying with the Affordable Care Act. For the 2013 plan year, The Foundation intends to maintain its current health plan offerings and will implement the following plan features and other requirements for 2013:

- Coverage of recommended preventive services for women (such as mammograms, screenings) for cervical cancer, prenatal care, contraceptive care and other services) will be covered at 100% (without a co-pay).
- Distribution of the summary of benefits and coverage which includes information about covered benefits, exclusions, etc. This will be provided in addition to the Summary Plan Description (SPD) that The Foundation already provides
- \$2500 limit on health care FSA elections
- Reporting the value of employer-based health coverage on IRS Form W-2. This will not impact the taxes that you pay. The total contribution that you and The Foundation pay toward the cost of your health care coverage is reported.

As in prior years, ODU Research Foundation will continue to evaluate its health plan offerings and adjust those offerings to the needs of the organization and its employees, in accordance with the Affordable Care Act and other applicable laws. If you would like more information about your health coverage, please refer to your summary plan description or contact:

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