The **Eligibility for Benefits** section in your Evidence of Coverage booklet has been changed as follows to allow dependent children to be covered to age 26 regardless of marital or student status:

Eligible Employees and Eligible Dependents receive Benefits as soon as they are enrolled in the Program. Subject to cancellation as provided under this Program, enrollment of Eligible Employees and Eligible Dependents is for a minimum period of one year.

You are eligible to enroll as an Eligible Employee if you meet the eligibility requirements defined by the Client.

Eligible Dependents include:

1) spouse (unless legally separated or divorced); and  
2) children from birth up to the limiting age as defined by the Client;

Children include natural children, stepchildren, adopted children, and foster children. Newborn children (including newborn adopted children) are covered from and after the moment of birth. Notice of birth must be received within 31 days after the date of birth for coverage to continue beyond 31 days. Legally adopted children (other than newborns) are eligible from and after the moment the child is placed in the physical custody of the Eligible Employee for adoption.

A dependent child may continue eligibility if:

1) he or she is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a physically or mentally disabling injury, illness or condition that began prior to reaching the limiting age;  
2) he or she is chiefly dependent on you for support; and  
3) proof of dependent’s disability is provided within 60 days of request. Such requests will not be made more than once a year following a two year period after this dependent reaches the limiting age. Eligibility will continue as long as the dependent relies on you for support because of a physically or mentally disabling injury, illness or condition that began before he or she reached the limiting age.

Dependents in active military service are not eligible. No one may be an Eligible Dependent of more than one Eligible Employee. Medicare eligibility shall not affect the eligibility of an Eligible Employee or an Eligible Dependent.