



BENEFIT UPDATE

GENERAL SYNOD, ARPC

Enhanced Medical Benefits without Additional Cost

We are pleased to announce that your insurance premiums will not increase, again this year. In fact, at no additional cost to medical plan participants, we are adding the following enhancements to the benefit program:

Effective August 1, 2007:

- ❖ Vision benefits added at no extra cost for all medical plan participants (Healthy Vision brochure included).
- ❖ Wellness Benefit increases from \$300 to \$1,000

Effective September 1, 2007:

- ❖ 24-hour Nurse Advisor benefit for all medical plan participants via BCBS of SC (call 888-521-2583 to speak with a nurse anytime day or night, 24/7)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stephanie Bishop, Benefits Assistant, at (864) 232-8297, ext. 222 or me at (864) 232-8297.

Sincerely,
Paul Bell, Executive Director of Central Services

Benefit Election Reminders

The elections you made on your original enrollment cannot be changed during the year unless you experience a family status change.

Family Status Changes:

- ❖ Change in marital status;
- ❖ Change in number of dependents;
- ❖ Change in employee work status, for example, part-time to full-time;
- ❖ Change in employment (spouse or dependent gaining or losing employment);
- ❖ Other plan enrollment (spouse or dependent);
- ❖ Court order.

You MUST notify your local Benefits/Human Resources Administrator or Stephanie Bishop within 30 days of a family status change in order to make any benefit changes. Also, remember to notify our office if you have an address change. BCBS and Kanawha will only accept address changes from General Synod's Benefits/Human Resources representatives.

NOTE: The General Synod, ARPC Plan will hold the **annual election period** later this year, at which time employees may modify their benefit elections to be effective January 1, 2008. Allowable annual elections changes are outlined below.

Medical Plan – Covered employees may switch between Medical Plans A and B or drop coverage. This is not an opportunity for late entrants to join the Plan.

Dental Plan – Eligible employees may elect to enroll in and/or add dependents to the dental coverage. This is also an opportunity to drop dental coverage. Remember that persons joining the dental plan as late entrants are limited to preventive dental services during the first 12 months of coverage.

Benefit Contact Information

Medical – BCBS of SC

Claims & Benefits: 800-845-6067

Pre-Authorization:

• General Services: 800-334-7287

• Mental Health & Substance

Abuse Services: 800-868-1032

Prescription Drugs - Caremark

888-963-7290

Medical & Rx information can also be accessed online at:

www.SouthCarolinaBlues.com

24 Hour Nurse Advisor

888-521-2583

Vision – EyeMed/BCBS of SC

866-723-0513

Dental – Kanawha

800-822-1274