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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

State Health Plan Option: A Medicare Outreach Event is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Greenville Hilton, 207 Greenville Boulevard, Greenville, NC. There will also be a second session from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. This is where you will learn about the State Health Care Options available for retirees and make sure that what you have chosen is the best option for you. You will be able to ask questions, compare plans, and find out what you need to do before the end of open enrollment which is October 31.

Please RSVP on line at www.shpnc.org or call 866 750-0114.

The NCRGEA sponsored a very informative Fall District Meeting on Tuesday, September 26 at the Nashville Community College. Richard Rogers is the Executive Director who presided.

Some of the information covered included:

1. NC Retirement Center Update.
2. Plans for 401K/457
3. State Employment Updates
4. SHIP Presentation, and other important topics on information necessary for all retirees.

While we can share the information, it is necessary for YOU to attend some of these meetings so YOU can ask your own questions.

Try to make the next meeting which is the closest to you—the Greenville Hilton on October 23, 2018 at either the 9:00 AM or the 1:00 PM Session. Call to pre-register. There is no cost to you.

YOUR NEW MEDICARE CARD IS ON THE WAY

If you have not received your new card, be looking out for it. It is not the laminated card you are used to. It is a simple paper card, but it is important that you start using it as soon as you receive it. The card omits all **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS** and **ADDRESSES**. It simply has your name and the Medicare Number. It is still necessary for you to **GUARD YOUR CARD**, but it lessens the chance of identity theft using your social security number.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR NEW CARD

Mailing takes time—it is coming.

Guard your card. Only give your new number to doctors, pharmacists, and other health care providers, or insurers.

Your new card has a different number unique to you.

Your new card makes it easier for healthcare workers to make a copy.

Keep the new Medicare Card with you when you visit your doctor.

Your doctor knows it is coming.

You can find your number or print a new card on line if you need to.

Destroy your old Medicare Card once you receive the new one, BUT keep the United Health Base or Enhanced Card. If you are on the Medicare Advantage Plan Base or Enhanced, your old card is still your main card for Medicare, but you may be asked to show your new Medicare Card, so you should carry both.

If you don't get your new card by April 2019, call 800-633-4227.

DID YOU KNOW....

Your Medicare Advantage Plan through United Health Care gives you one FREE eye exam per year. It does not pay for your lens or frames.

If you are paying for a Vision Plan through Pierce Insurance Agency or Superior Vision, it should help with the lens and frames.

Take advantage of it.

CORRECTIONS ENTERPRISES

partners with NCRGEA to provide stylish prescription eyeglasses at prices you can afford. Lens start at \$34. Take your prescriptions to them and you can get a very affordable pair of glasses, even if you need special lens.

They are at Nash Community College (Hwy, 64 Exit 463) on the first Tuesday of the month. Call 800 241-0124 for an appointment. The website is:

www.correctionenterprises.com

Open Enrollment

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**September 29 –
October 31, 2018**

All Medicare members currently enrolled in the 70/30 Plan will be automatically enrolled into the United Health Care Group Medicare Advantage Base Plan effective January 1, 2019 if no action is taken during Open Enrollment.

You will need to take action during Open Enrollment if you want to be enrolled in a different plan option.

If you are currently enrolled in a United Health Care Group Medicare Advantage Plan, you do **NOT** need to take any action during Open Enrollment unless you want to change plans or need to add dependents.

Please call 855-859-0966 M-F from 8:00 AM to 10 PM and on Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon.



North Carolina Retired Governmental Employees' Association

If you are a local or state employee, you should consider becoming a member. Spouses of dues-paying members are eligible to join as Associate Members and are entitled to equal benefits. Dues are \$25 a year and it can be payroll deducted if you choose. (*Associate members cannot use payroll deduction*)

Benefits:

\$10,000 Accidental Death and
Dismemberment Group Insurance
Superior Vision and Dental Discount Program
Amplifon Hearing Health Care Program
Living Power Newsletter
Legislative Reports
District Meetings in our area
Office Depot Store Purchasing Card

Go to www.info@ncrgea.com for full information. If you are not already a member, consider JOINING.

Fill out this card to
join NCRGEA!

Associate Member Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Full Name of your Spouse who is currently a member of NCRGEA:

Are you currently enrolled in NCRGEA's MetLife Dental and/or Superior Vision plan through your spouse?

Yes _____ No _____

Membership Dues Amount

Associate Member - Spouse of Current Member

Yearly Dues

\$25.00

Monthly Deduction

N/A

Signature _____ Date _____

To join NCRGEA as an Associate Member, please fill out the information on this card. Cut out the enrollment card and mail it with your \$25 check or money order made payable to NCRGEA, PO Box 10561, Raleigh, NC 27605.

The payroll deduction option is not available to Associate Members of NCRGEA.

Upon receipt of your payment, we will mail a membership card and new member packet to you.

Questions? Call 919-834-4652 or 1-800-356-1190 or email info@ncrgea.com