

Benefits Report: February 2010

Dental and Vision COBRA

- For those who retired prior to July 31, 2009, the sign-up deadline has been extended until Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010. For information, or to sign up, call 1-800-489-4646.
- Those who retired after July 31, 2009 will soon be receiving a mailing regarding the normal 18-month COBRA extension for dental/vision that will be available to you. We have no further information on it or the costs for it at this time.

Lab Work

Quest is no longer the required provider for lab work. All lab work will be subject to deductible/coinsurance. Make sure your lab participates with your Blue Cross plan.

Layoff Information The following applications are available at www.layoffbenefits.com

- **SUB/TSP:** Every time you receive a new Monetary Determination, SUB/TSP requires that you send in 1) the Determination, 2) proof of unemployment received for the first two weeks started by the Determination, and 3) a paper SUB or TSP application for those weeks. The address is listed on the SUB or TSP application.
- **TSP:** When you transition from SUB to TSP, you will need to send in a paper TSP application and your proof of unemployment every two weeks.

Retiree Health Care

Health care is now administered by the VEBA through Retiree Health Connect (RHC). To verify that you and your dependents are covered, call RHC at 1-866-637-7555.

Website

Signing up for an online account at www.bcbsm.com lets you quickly view your benefit levels and claim history. For example, you're wondering if x-rays are covered. You log in, click on Benefits, and click on Diagnostic Services. The resulting screen shown below tells you that x-rays are a covered benefit but are subject to cost share (deductible/coinsurance).

For more specific information on a particular test or service, first ask your provider for the procedure code and diagnosis code, and then call BCBS at 1-877-832-2829.

Situation	In-Network	Out-of-Network
MRI, MRA, PET and CAT scans and nuclear medicine	Subject to cost share	Subject to cost share
Other diagnostic tests, x-rays, laboratory & pathology	Subject to cost share	Subject to cost share
Radiation Therapy	Subject to cost share	Subject to cost share

In solidarity,
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