

BENEFIT REPORT

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In February I was invited to attend Benefit training in Detroit. The meetings were very informative. The Retiree Medical Benefits Trust (RMBT) made one of the presentations. The transition of benefit administrators from General Motors to Hewitt went quite smoothly. When I told the presenter that I attend retiree meetings she pulled up a chair and wanted to hear your concerns. RMBT is capturing complaints. Your voice was heard concerning office visit coverage, prescription co-pays, and other issues you are having.

RMBT is working very hard to protect retiree healthcare longevity. As we become aware of any changes, these will be relayed as soon as possible.

- Brand/Generic Difference for Prescriptions – Under RMBT there is no co-pay coverage review available. Costs will be as follows, even if the doctor requires you to use the brand name version of a drug:
 - On the **first** fill, a member pays the brand co-pay plus up to \$10 maximum of the cost difference between the brand and generic drug.
 - For all **future** fills, a member pays the brand co-pay plus the full cost difference between the brand and generic drug.

*Please call Medco at 1-800-464-4679 to review cost difference for your brand/generic medications before your next fill. **If you have a charge card on file with Medco they will ship medications without notifying you of the new amount, and will charge your card the amount you are responsible for.**

- Great news for retirees on the 400 generics for \$10 or less through Medco mail. For more information, visit www.medco.com/lowcostgenerics or call 1-877-797-2836. New pricing will begin on the eligible drugs with the next refill.
- Make sure you call Blue Cross in advance if you are in need of cardiac rehabilitation.

Please take note that when you are reporting the death of a retiree, surviving spouse, or dependent, calls need to be made to both the Pension Center at 1-800-489-4646 and RMBT Health Care at 1-866-637-7555.

Retirees who added dependents in 2009 or 2010 who are identified as “Legal Guardianship” or “Legal Obligation” will be required to provide documentation over the next few months. You will receive a mailing on this.

Those of you that signed up for COBRA dental and vision are seeing pension deductions. Some of you are seeing discrepancies in the amount taken. The National Benefit Center is working on recovering your funds and making payment for dental and vision coverage. Let's be patient and wait a few months to see if the recovery balances out. Remember they are taking payments back to December 1, 2009. If you used dental or vision services between Aug. 1, 2009 and now, call your provider and have them resubmit the claims for you.

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