

Benefit Report - August 2009

Benefit Office Hours

Beginning July 13, 2009 Grand Rapids Metal Plant began an alternative work schedule. The benefits office will be closed on Fridays. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Medicare Part B Special Benefit

The Medicare Part B reimbursement of \$76.20 will no longer be offered effective August 1, 2009. Those who retired prior to October 1979 will still be reimbursed.

This change does NOT affect Medicare in any way. Medicare is still your primary insurance.

Retiree Vision and Dental Coverage

The Vision and Dental Program has been eliminated for retirees, surviving spouses and their dependents.

Delta Dental is offering an individual product to purchase. Information is available at deltadentalmi.com or (888) 607-7001.

Blue Cross is also offering a product. Information is available at (877) 469-2583.

*As you purchase an individual policy make sure you are aware of the benefit levels.

Garden City Group Mailings - Active and Retirees

Materials describing the proposed Retiree Settlement Agreement have been finalized and printed. Each retiree and surviving spouse should receive documents in the mail. These materials describe in detail the process for court approval and summarize the terms of the proposed sale and Retiree Settlement Agreement. The full documents are also available on the Web at <http://gmcourtdocs.com>. From that site, click on the link "**GM-UAW Court Documents**" for access to the full documentation. There is nothing to respond to as these documents are for information only.

Blue Cross / Blue Shield

Retirees are eligible for one routine PSA per year; please note that the digital PSA test is not a covered benefit.

A few tips to ease the stress of the BC/BS interactive phone system:

- 1) Dial either of the two numbers given for BC/ BS on the back of this report.
- 2) **Listen only** to the voice response system. Do Not press Any keys and Do Not respond verbally.
- 3) The system will assume you're having trouble and get the next available service representative available to speak to you.

Web Addresses to Remember

Vehicle vouchers: www.gmfamilyfirst.com

Monitor your pension application process: www.gmbenefits.com

Access Unemployment Compensation Benefits: www.michigan.gov/uia

Federal pension guarantee: www.pbgc.com

BEST WISHES!

Moving on, Denise DeBoer has accepted a transfer to Indianapolis, Sylvia Lillard has accepted a transfer to Flint Metal Fab. We thank them for their service and wish them the best in their new plants. We will certainly miss them!