

Retiree Meeting – March 2009

Health Care Audit:

A GENTLE REMINDER: the health care audit is mandatory and the dead line just around the corner. If you have yet to provide dependent documentation you can still do so. If you have lost your work sheet and need another you can request one by calling Budco at 888-898-1101.

Medicare ‘A’ and ‘B’:

If you are already receiving Social Security benefits you should automatically receive Medicare A and Medicare B cards in the mail two to three months prior to your 65th birthday. You should not need to contact the social security office unless you don't receive a card or have not been receiving Social Security benefits prior to age 65. At the time you start receiving Medicare B it will become your primary insurance and BC/BS will become your secondary insurance. BC/BS will remain primary for any dependents under age 65 on your health care policy.

Medicare Part ‘C’ and ‘D’:

As GM Health Plans offer better prescription drug coverage than the plan offered by Medicare, GM plans have been identified as ‘Credible Coverage’. Therefore, you should not enroll in the Medicare ‘C’ or ‘D’ prescription program and are allowed to reject it without penalty.

Legal Services:

Need a Will drawn up or updated? Active and retired members have legal services benefits. You can reach a representative by calling locally 616-531-7722 or Michigan-other cities 1-800-482-7700 or outside Michigan 1-800-521-2979.

Life Insurance:

General Motors provides Basic Life Insurance to its members. You may contact Metlife at www.mybenefits.metlife.com or call 888-543-3461 to review or update benefits or update beneficiaries. If there is an ex-spouse on record and you have not changed your beneficiary to your current spouse or designee, the beneficiary of record will receive those benefits regardless! Don't wait until it's too late!

Benefit Office:

The office has moved. For those of you having difficulty with the stairs we are located by the elevator on the second floor. We currently are experiencing an extremely high volume of activity in our office and ask that you please call ahead to make an appointment so we can provide you with the best possible service.