

HEALTH BENEFITS E-NEWS

**Department of Human Resource Management
Office of Health Benefits**

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Annual Rate Notification for Medicare-Eligible Retiree Group Participants

Mailing of annual rate notification materials for January 1, 2011, will begin on November 8 to Medicare-eligible retiree group enrollees (retirees, survivors and LTD participants). Materials are only mailed to enrollees, not dependents, so a non-Medicare-eligible enrollee may get a package if he or she is covering a Medicare-eligible dependent. Remember also that only enrollees, not dependents, can request coverage changes.

All materials can be found at <http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/hbenefits/retirees/medicarenotification2011.html>. Highlights for 2011 include:

- Introduction of the Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program
- Eligibility change allowing the addition of dependent children through the end of the year in which they turn age 26
- Change in dental plan administrator to Delta Dental of Virginia and enhanced benefits for those enrolled in routine dental coverage
- Introduction of Blue View Vision for those enrolled in routine vision coverage

The content of the mailing will be different based on the plan in which the participant is enrolled:

- Those without prescription drug coverage will not get information about the Medicare Part D plan.
- Those without routine dental and vision coverage will receive information about the dental/vision plan changes in their booklet, but only dental/vision participants will receive Delta and Blue View brochures.

This mailing was based on Medicare-eligible retiree group participants with coverage on January 1, 2011, who were already keyed in BES on October 22. If you key any new Medicare-eligible retiree group participants after that date, please provide them with the 2011 information.

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