



# Kentucky Conference

## Board of Pension and Health Benefits

July 2010

Participants in the KY Conference Health Plan:

The Board is pleased to announce the selection of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield as our new health claims administrator and prescription drug provider **effective September 1, 2010**. The Board strongly believes Anthem will bring solid customer service with timely claims processing at a lower rate of premium increase.

Although our plan with Anthem starts September 1, 2010 with our current contribution rates continuing through 2010, the 2011 rates will be \$990 per month for the church or participating institution. The family plan contribution will be lowered in 2011 to an additional \$600 per month. The combined cost will be \$1,590 per month in 2011. The 2011 Medicare supplement premium for those with at least 15 years of service in Kentucky will be \$85 per month. For other Medicare supplement retirees on the plan, refer to the policies adopted at Annual Conference to determine the amount to be paid. For retirees, these premium amounts will be deducted from your pension income.

In order to make the transition to Anthem as smooth as possible, we would ask everyone in the plan do a few things:

- 1) Complete an enrollment form. You can use the one enclosed with this letter or download the application from the conference website at [www.kyumc.org](http://www.kyumc.org). Certain parts of the form have been completed or crossed out. The Sections you need to complete are #4 – choose one of the four categories of coverage concerning you and your family; Section #5 – complete your information; Section #6 – complete a section for each dependent you may be adding to the plan. If you need more spaces, include a separate sheet of paper; Put name and SSN on top of second page; Complete Section 8 and 9 if they apply to you. Send the form to the address listed below.
- 2) Send in your most recent Explanation of Benefits (EOB) you have from 2010 with your enrollment form. This serves as a way to check how recently your claims have been paid and will assist Anthem in loading your deductible and out of pocket accumulators.
- 3) For those taking medications, we strongly encourage you to fill any open prescriptions prior to August 31<sup>st</sup> if possible. This will eliminate any potential “gaps” in your medication schedule as Anthem loads our membership to their pharmacy system.

Our change to Anthem also means a change in obtaining mail order prescriptions. Anthem uses “Express Scripts” for this service. We have enclosed an order form to use after September 1. The address the mail order forms should be sent to is: Express Scripts; Home Delivery Service; PO Box 66584; St. Louis MO 63166-6584. We encourage you to use this service for your “maintenance prescription” needs.

Our goal is to have the new Anthem card in the hands of every participant by September 1<sup>st</sup>. In the very few cases this would not happen, Anthem will provide instructions on how to get a temporary medical card prior to receiving your permanent ID card.

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The enclosed packet gives detailed information about our health plan and the services offered by Anthem.

If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at the number or email listed below.

Sincerely,



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