



# IMPORTANT NEWS!

## RETIREES WITH MEDICARE AND OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS INSURANCE COVERAGE MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Dear Retirees:

Congress recently passed a Prescription Drug Benefit for individuals covered by Medicare. The program features a Prescription Drug Discount Card. Companies will soon be advertising for Medicare recipients to apply for this card.

- **What should you do if you are contacted about a Medicare Drug Discount Card?**

**DO NOT APPLY FOR THIS CARD** if you are covered under the Office of Group Health Insurance Benefits Program. Our program includes a prescription drug benefit. You should continue to use the prescription drug card that is part of your OGB benefits to purchase your prescription drugs. Your new drug card will be issued this June.

- **What if I apply for the card in addition to my OGB coverage?**

**YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE** the Medicare Discount Prescription Drug Card since you are covered under our Prescription Drug Plan. Individuals currently covered under prescription drug plans are not eligible for the Medicare program.

- **Should I apply for the card for my spouse who is on Medicare?**

No, if your spouse is covered under our policy, he or she would not be able to use the new Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card.

- **What if I am contacted by a private company to purchase a Medicare prescription drug discount card?**

There are 28 private companies soliciting for these new drug cards so you will probably be contacted. Do not respond to advertising by companies offering this benefit if you are covered under our prescription drug plan. Remember if you purchase this card you will not be able to use it at your pharmacy since you are covered under our plan.

- **What if my pharmacist says that I should purchase the card?**

This is a new benefit offered by Medicare and your pharmacist may not be aware that individuals who are covered by other prescription drug programs such as those offered by the plans in the Office of Group Benefits are not eligible.

- **What if I receive mail solicitations regarding this new Medicare program?**

Do not respond to mail solicitations, since you will not be able to use this prescription drug card if you are covered under Medicare and one of the Office of Group Benefits' insurance plans.

- **If you have any additional questions who should you contact?**

Call one of our Customer Service Offices around the state or seek information on our website: [www.groupbenefits.org](http://www.groupbenefits.org).

- **These are the Contact Numbers for our Customer Service Offices:**

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800.813.1578

**METAIRIE**

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**LAFAYETTE**

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**SHREVEPORT**

318.676.7026  
800.813.1574

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225.925.6625  
800.272.8451

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318.362.3435  
800.335.6206

**LAKE CHARLES**

337.475.8052  
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Sincerely,

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