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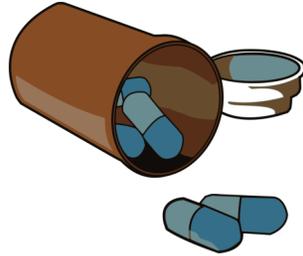
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### Reminder: Prescription Drug Change



Beginning January 1, 2017, Express Scripts will only cover the generic version of certain drug classes. **Impacted Medicare and Non-Medicare members received a letter regarding this change in October.** The letter provided a list of affected brand drugs currently being taken and provided information on how to work with physicians to get new prescriptions for a covered generic version of the drug.

Members who cannot take the covered generic version can request an exception by asking for coverage of a certain brand-name drug. If the exception is approved, the drug will be covered under the Tier 3 copay (\$115 for a one-month supply at retail or \$230 for a 90-day supply through mail order in 2017).

### 2017 Medicare Part B Premium & Deductible

In October, the Social Security Administration announced the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Social Security benefits will be 0.3 percent for 2017. Because the low COLA, a statutory “hold harmless” provision designed to protect seniors, will largely prevent Part B premiums from increasing too substantially for about 70 percent of beneficiaries. Starting January 1, 2017, those beneficiaries will pay \$109 per month for the Part B premium and the remaining roughly 30 percent of beneficiaries will pay \$134. (These numbers may be higher depending on income.) Beneficiaries not subject to the “hold harmless” provision include those who do not receive Social Security benefits, those who enroll in Part B for the first time in 2017, those who are directly billed for their Part B premium or those who pay an income-related premium. Additionally, the Medicare Part B annual deductible will increase to \$183. **To learn more on this subject, [click here](#).**



**Don't forget! Effective January 1, 2017, all Trust members must be enrolled in Medicare Part A at age 65.**

### Reminder: Tax Reporting Forms

The Trust will provide households with non-Medicare members the 1095-B tax form, which must be post marked by January 31, 2017. Non-Medicare members enrolled in an HMO plan will receive a form from the health plan carrier. Members enrolled in Medicare will receive a form from Medicare. In certain circumstances, some members may receive multiple forms. **The information on these forms is reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the copies sent to members is for their reference only.** While the information may assist in completing a member's tax return, these forms do not need to be filled out or attached to the tax return.

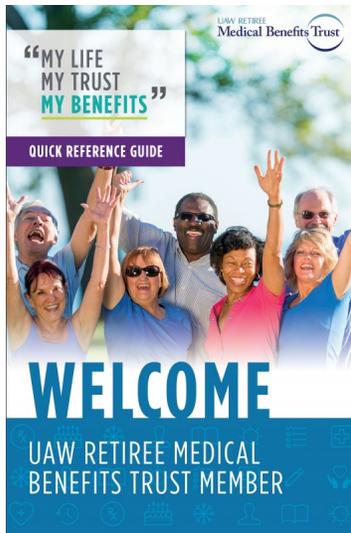


**Questions? Contact Retiree Health Care Connect (RHCC) at 866-637-7555.**

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## NEW: Welcome Book for New Members & Surviving Spouses



This fall, the Trust began distributing a “Quick Reference Guide Welcome Book” to new members. This book was created with the intent of providing new members a foundation to better understand their medical benefits and how to get the most out of them. All newly retired members, as well as new surviving spouses, will be mailed this booklet.

The book is also accessible online for [download here](#).

## NEW: Tobacco Cessation Program

The Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Quit the Nic program has been replaced. BCBS has introduced a new program called the **Tobacco Cessation Coaching program**, powered by WebMD. The new program is designed to be more engaging. Members will receive at least five calls from a health coach over a 12-week period. Once members have completed the program, they will have unlimited access to their health coach if additional support is needed.

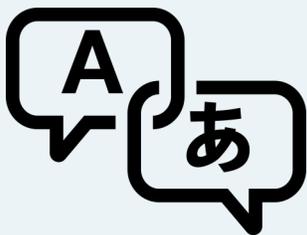
There is a new phone number for this program, but members will be transferred if they call the old number. Members can call **855-326-5102** to schedule their first Tobacco Cessation Coaching call.

## Reminders & Updates



### Language Translation Availability

Members who require or desire Trust information translated in another language (the 15 most common languages nationally) can now do so. The Trust is required to provide language assistance, translated documents and oral interpretations at no charge and in a timely manner for members who request it. Instructions on how to go about getting assistance is [available online here](#). All significant communications mailed to members (i.e. Benefit Highlights, Summary Annual Report, etc.) will include a printed copy of instructions on how to obtain the translation services.



### Summary Annual Report (SAR)

The Summary Annual Report (SAR) was mailed to members in November. There is a version of the document for each auto based on its financial statements. Most figures in the communication relate to calendar year 2015, the last year for which audited figures are available. The performance for 2016 will be communicated in a letter next fall. These documents can be accessed online here: [UAW-Chrysler](#) | [UAW-Ford](#) | [UAW-GM](#).

### Beacon Health Options (formerly ValueOptions)

As the days get shorter and the temperature drops, many individuals begin to feel the impact of [Seasonal Affective Disorder \(SAD\)](#). This coupled with the holiday season, which can be a difficult time for many, can have a strong affect on mental health. Behavioral health and wellness is important. This holiday season, we want to remind members of their access to mental health services available through Beacon Health Options. For information on coverage details, contact Beacon Health Options at **877-228-3912**.

