

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

Dear Participant:

On January 1, 2006, the federal government will begin offering a prescription drug benefit as part of Medicare. Enrollment for this benefit, called Medicare Part D, will begin on November 15, 2005. Recently, the Health Fund's Board of Trustees determined that once Medicare Part D goes into effect, the Health Fund will continue offering its Prescription Drug benefit to Medicare-eligible participants.

What does this mean to you? You have a choice. You can choose to enroll in Medicare Part D and pay a premium (about \$37/month and subject to change every year). In addition, you will be subject to the Medicare plan's \$250 deductible (**The Health Fund has no deductible for prescription benefits**) and you will have to choose from a long list of Part D providers with different lists of preferred drugs. ***Or you can choose to remain covered under the Health Fund and continue using our prescription benefits which are equal to or better than what these other plans will offer.***

It is important to note that, as long as you remain covered under our prescription drug plan, you will not lose your *future right* to elect Medicare Part D. If for some reason later on, you choose to make the switch to Medicare Part D, or if your Health Fund coverage should end, you will be able to elect Medicare Part D without penalty.

In most cases the Medicare benefit will not provide any advantages over your current prescription drug plan. But if your annual household income is less than \$14,000 for individuals or \$19,000 for couples, you may qualify for government assistance to help pay for some of the costs not covered by the Medicare benefit. For more information or to apply for assistance, visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213.

Important: Enclosed is a request for updated information. It is **imperative** that you complete and return [this form](#) to our office by **September 6, 2005**.

We will be making every effort to contact all Medicare-eligible participants between now and November 15th, to ensure that all your questions are answered before the Medicare Part D enrollment period begins. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the Writers' Guild Industry Health Fund Medicare Part D hotline at: 1-800-970-3106. To contact Medicare directly, please call 1-800-633-4227 (or at 1-877-486-2048 if you are hearing impaired), or visit their website at www.medicare.gov.

Sincerely,

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