

September 18, 2007

Dear OSU Retiree:

Beginning January 1, 2008, BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma will be the health insurance provider for Oklahoma State University employees and retirees. As a retiree, this means your healthcare coverage, currently through the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board (HealthChoice) will terminate December 31, 2007, unless you retired prior to May 1, 1993, and you will need to select a BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma plan in order to continue health insurance coverage.

Keeping current health coverage with OSEEGIB is not an option unless you retired prior to May 1, 1993. However, if you are currently enrolled in an OSEEGIB dental or vision plan, you may continue that coverage.

Later this year in October or November, you will receive information about what you need to do to enroll in a BlueCross BlueShield plan. We will have enrollment meetings to explain options and assist you with the enrollment process. Meetings and enrollment will be specific to whether you have Medicare or are under age 65. If you are unable to attend an enrollment meeting, you may call a toll-free phone number staffed with BlueCross professionals who can take you through the enrollment process.

For those of you who are Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System retirees, we are committed to working with OTRS and BlueCross to ensure you will continue to receive the \$100 to \$105 insurance supplement. The premium for your BlueCross coverage, however, will no longer be deducted from your OTRS retirement check.

While no change is easy, we are excited about the new offerings through BlueCross BlueShield of Oklahoma. With the BlueCard, we hope to all enjoy the service offered by a single service center and providers in all fifty states.

Sincerely,

Kay Ensign, PHR
Manager, Employee Services