

# **HEALTH BENEFITS E-NEWS EXTRA**

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## **Medicare-Eligible Retiree Group Rate Notification**

The Annual Rate Notification for Medicare-Eligible Retiree Group Participants started mailing on Friday, November 6. The notification booklet includes premiums for 2016, which will also be posted separately online with all other materials at <http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/healthcoverage/medicareretiree/medicare-rate-notification-2016>.

If you have an employee who retires or starts LTD and enrolls in a Medicare-coordinating plan with an effective date before January 1, 2016, or an employee who will retire January 1, 2016, or later, and you have not provided 2016 premium rates and information, please provide him or her with a copy of these materials to explain plan and premium changes for 2016.

Retiree group participants enrolled in plans that include the Express Scripts Medicare Part D (prescription drug) coverage have also received their Annual Notice of Changes directly from Express Scripts.

Of particular note in this package is the change in dental plan administrator to Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (this does not affect dental coverage through Delta Dental for active employees and non-Medicare retirees). Also, all Medicare-coordinating plan participants will have a new hearing benefit effective January 1, 2016.

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