



## East End Health Plan

# EAST END HEALTH PLAN NEWS & NOTES

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### EAST END HEALTH PLAN SETS NEW PREMIUMS EFFECTIVE JULY 2008

The East End Health Plan Board of Trustees met recently to approve new rates for the 2008/09 School Year. A priority of the Plan has always been to provide comprehensive benefits at a cost effective price.

The monthly rates which will go into effect as of July 2008 through June 2009 will be:

Individual Policy: \$601

Family Policy: \$1,362

In addition to the above rates, the rates for those retirees in the Plan who have Primary Coverage through Medicare will be as follows:

Individual Covered by Medicare:

\$526

One Spouse Covered by Medicare / One Not Covered by Medicare:

\$1,287

Both Spouses Covered by Medicare:

\$1,212

Please note that if you pay your premiums directly, such as retirees and COBRA enrollees, or if your district requires that you pay a premium contribution, the amount that you actually pay may be different from the above rates. This is due to the fact that the portion of the rates that you pay is based on the agreement in place with your district. If you have questions regarding this, please contact the Health Plan Coordinator at your district.

The Trustees are very pleased that the EEHP continues to offer its enrollees a comprehensive health benefits program at a cost effective price. The Plan will continue to closely evaluate the operations of the Plan so that we can keep the rate of increase in the premiums as low as possible.

The fact that the rates for those who are not Medicare primary increased by only 6% while the rates for our Medicare population increased at a rate well below 6% is evidence of the effectiveness of the EEHP.

### EAST END HEALTH PLAN CONVERSION TO UNITEDHEALTHCARE

The East End Health Plan has now been utilizing United Healthcare as our administrator for almost two years. While we are aware that there have been some issues associated with the conversion, we continue to work closely with United Healthcare to address those issues.

For those of you who have experienced problems, be assured that the East End Health Plan along with UnitedHealthcare is doing everything possible to resolve these issues. If you are experiencing problems, please contact the UnitedHealthcare Customer Service Unit at (888) 607-5214. If you are still experiencing problems after contacting UnitedHealthcare, then please contact the Health Plan Coordinator at your District.

Customer Service was one of the primary reasons why the East End Health Plan changed Administrators and it is a top priority of the Plan that its members receive the best service possible.



# EAST END HEALTH PLAN

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO RETIREES

April 2008

### Special Meeting for the Retirees Enrolled in the East End Health Plan

May 29, 2008

Eastern Suffolk BOCES Special Education Center Auditorium  
215 Old Riverhead Road  
Westhampton Beach

The East End Health Plan is pleased to invite you to an open meeting for our retiree enrollees on Thursday afternoon, May 29th. The Meeting will begin at 5:00PM at the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Special Education Center Auditorium at 215 Old Riverhead Road in Westhampton Beach.

We will be providing a light dinner as well as coffee and other refreshments at 5:00PM. Also, as in previous years, we will be raffling off prizes donated by the firms that work with the EEHP. The presentations will begin at around 5:30 with time for Questions and Answers.

Presentations will be made by UnitedHealthcare, the East End Health Plan's Medical Claims Administrator; Caremark, our Prescription Benefit Administrator; and Davis Vision, our Optical Plan Administrator. There will also be a financial overview of the Plan.

If you plan on attending, please return the RSVP Notice below. You can send it to the address noted, fax it to (631) 687-3067, or respond via email at [SPearson@ESBOCES.org](mailto:SPearson@ESBOCES.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

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Please send this RSVP to the following address:

The East End Health Plan  
c/o Eastern Suffolk BOCES  
201 Sunrise Highway  
Patchogue, NY 11772

Or Fax it to: (631) 687-3067

Or email your RSVP to:  
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☐ Yes, I am planning on attending the East End Health Plan Retiree Meeting.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

School District Retired From: \_\_\_\_\_