

**CWA Local 4250 RMC
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To: All RMC Presidents - Legacy SBC & ATT Bargaining Units
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From: Kristie Darling, CWA Representative

Subject: **Medicare Part B & Caremark Prescription - CHANGE**

Effective January 1, 2012, approximately 3400 Midwest Legacy SBC & 3200 National Legacy **ATT MEDICARE Primary Retirees** will see a change in their Prescription coverage when CVS Caremark will begin to "electronically" co-ordinate benefits with Medicare PART B for **SOME** prescriptions drugs or supplies (without requiring a paper claim).

MAIL ORDER ONLY:

Medicare requires an Assignment of Benefits (AOB) form be signed by the individual in order for medicare to be billed. **THIS IS A ONE-TIME REQUIREMENT... however....FAILURE TO SIGN & RETURN THE AOB W/IN 60 DAYS WILL CAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AMOUNT MEDICARE WOULD HAVE PAID.** This amount will be added to Caremarks outstanding mail order balance. (The reason retail is not affected is that you are usually signing an AOB at the retail pharmacy when you sign for your prescription.)

Caremark will send out the AOB (requesting signature) the first time the Part B medication or supply is dispensed through mail order in 2012. If not signed and returned w/in 30 days, another notice will be sent and, if again it is not returned, the final request, along with an invoice for what Medicare would have paid, will be sent.

Details regarding this change are expected to be mailed out to impacted retirees mid Dec 2011. Some Drug & Supply Examples: certain diabetic supplies like testing monitors, test strips, lancet devices and lancets, blood sugar control solutions, certain oral cancer drugs, drugs used with some types of durable medical equipment, like a nebulizer or external infusion pump.

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