

ATTENTION STATE SYSTEM – APSCURF MEDICARE RETIREES

Over the next several months you will be seeing a lot of information and advertisements about Medicare prescription drug coverage, called Medicare Part D, and many different insurance companies will be offering and advertising Medicare prescription plans. At this time it is important for you to be aware of the following information:

You should not enroll in Medicare Part D.

Your PA State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Annuitant (retiree) Health Care Program provides coverage for prescription drugs under your Major Medical plan that is equal to or better than the Medicare Part D Plan.

You will be receiving additional information concerning your prescription drug plan and Medicare Part D directly from the PA State System of Higher Education over the next few weeks.

With the implementation of Medicare Part D and PASSHE's decision to apply for the federal subsidy, it is important for you and your dependents to use your Highmark Blue Shield/Medco RX card when obtaining your prescriptions from your pharmacy whenever possible. Medco is responsible for reporting prescription drug claims for the PASSHE and with the new guidelines and regulations under Medicare Part D to gather the most accurate retiree data for the prescription drug claims your Highmark/Medco card needs to be used when obtaining your prescriptions.

There will be no change in the process of submitting your prescription drug claims to Highmark Blue Shield. When obtaining your prescriptions, present your Highmark Blue Shield/Medco card to the pharmacist, any Medco discount will be applied, pay the amount indicated, complete a Member Submitted Health Claim form from Highmark, attach the prescription receipt(s) and mail to Highmark (address is located on the back of your health card). Your deductible will be applied, and once satisfied, Highmark Blue Shield will begin reimburse 80% of the prescription cost.