

THE BENEFIT

Housing Benefits Plan (HBP) is the medical plan provided to you by your housing authority utilizing the Blue Cross/Blue Shield or CIGNA networks. HBP is directed by housing authority Executive Directors from across Southeast and Southwest NAHRO for the benefit of housing authorities.

Please share this with all of the HBP participants at your housing authority, including retirees and Cobra participants.



Open Enrollment ends December 4

For any employees needing to make changes to coverage the enrollment/change form must be submitted to Sheila by **December 4**. This form can be found on the website at <http://www.housingbp.com/links>. Email it to Sheila.Stockman@mmc.com or fax it to 1-319-887-4220.

Select statins to be covered at 0% cost-share

Effective December 1, 2017, members who meet specific coverage criteria may receive select statins at 0% cost. Prior authorization is required in most cases. Visit www.optumrx.com for more information.



Seeing the Dentist - Call PBA

Dental providers are to always call the PBA number on the ID card to verify eligibility and benefits. Calling DNOA will not provide this information.

Allow 30 days when Adding New Employees

When enrolling new employees for coverage, do it 30 days before the employee's coverage would become effective. If you wait until the employee is eligible for coverage, he/she will be late getting enrolled and ID cards will be delayed in reaching the employee.



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The HBP website at www.housingbp.com provides more information and helpful links. Questions or comments? Email us at sstrange@oecwildblue.com or call 318-377-9268



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Medicare Exception

For all agencies with less than 20 employees the Medicare Exception applies. Each participant in the medical plan that reaches the age of 65 must enroll in Medicare Part B in addition to Part A. Medicare will become the primary coverage and the HBP premium will be significantly reduced for this participant. Bonnie Cooper of PBA will contact members when this applies and walk them through the steps.



"Don't step on it... it makes you cry."