

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.



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



Dental Annual Maximum Benefit Increased to \$1,500!

The annual dental maximum benefit has increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Staying in-network will offer you additional savings. To find in-network dentists use the Labor+ network at www.dnoa.com or call 1-866-522-6758.

Flu Shot—Hope everyone is taking advantage of getting the flu shot covered at 100% when given at a participating pharmacy or by making arrangement for the nurse to give the shot without making an appointment to see the doctor.

Bariatric Surgery A new benefit for 2018!

A wide range of bariatric surgery procedures are now covered. These new services will be available for members who meet certain medical criteria. For more information, please contact Professional Benefit Administrators (PBA) at 1-800-435-5694 and consult with your physician.



1095B and 1094B

Look for your 1095 B form in the mail, proving you had insurance in 2017, to avoid the penalty for not having coverage. The fine has not been waived for this year.

For housing authorities with less than 50 employees, Professional Benefits Administrators, Inc. (PBA) will be mailing the 1095-B tax form to employees that had medical coverage during 2017. PBA will also file the 1094-B with the IRS. This form reports to the IRS who has been covered by minimum essential coverage and not liable for the individual shared responsibility payment. If you need additional information on the 1095-B or 1094-B transmittal, please contact calonzo@pbaclaims.com.

Naturally Slim

Wishing much success to those on the Naturally Slim program that started January 29. When on the program you may notice on your explanation of benefits (EOB) a charge for NS that is paid in full as preventative care. Participation in this program is paid in full by the plan. There is no cost to the participant. The program is available to those that have medical coverage with HBP. Those that did not sign up for the January session, will have the opportunity to enroll in the program when it is offered again in April. Lose weight. Not pleasure.



Monthly Invoice

Mercer Monthly Invoices are produced on or around the 5th day of each month - except for December. Please be sure to check your email inbox for the Invoice Notification email to assure that payments are made and received by the due date, which is the 25th of each month.

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