



Northwest Retiree Association

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November 9, 2020

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Board.

This letter is going out to a mix of people: the NWRA members as well as non-members who are impacted by the Insurance issue which we are attempting to monitor and provide support. There may also be some new members of the association who are receiving this email. My apologies if there are any redundancies in mailing. Welcome and peace to all. While some of the information here is new, other information is repeating as we continue our outreach. There are some new resources added below.

Posting of Past Communiques on the Insurance Issue

Our previous communiques are being posted on our website. Plus, the Zoom meeting with Krista Barcus from HR is also posted for those who missed it. There was some very good information discussed at the meeting. To access go to our auxiliary web site at: <https://nwretirees.org/> Scroll down for the button 'Insurance Transfer Information' Click there.

Up-Coming Zoom Discussion on Medicare with John Shaw

We are also hosting an addition Zoom meeting focusing on Medicare issues and plans. This will be hosted by our own NWRA member John Shaw who is are resident expert on matters Medicare. This meeting will be this Wednesday, at 1:00 pm. We will be posting it at the above link as well. You can join the meeting with your cellphone or with computer.

NWRA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NWRA Meeting concerning Medicare with John Shaw

Time: Nov 11, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95230320271?pwd=TUxRSzhWNFIWU0VndWtOTWN6b0tmUT09>

Meeting ID: 952 3032 0271

Passcode: 228918

Health Insurance Transition – Updates and Reminders

Contact Tracing

We continue to make headway in NWRA's outreach to all impacted retirees. However, we have not yet made successful contact with all 45 impacted retirees. We have currently heard from 28 retirees. If you

are aware of anyone so affected by the change to Northwest's Health Insurance coverage, please encourage them to contact me at jeiswer@nwmissouri.edu or 660 254-1564. Our purpose is to make sure that this transition goes smoothly for everyone and that no Northwest retiree is forgotten nor feels alone. Our Board will be meeting today and begin the outreach to everyone impacted of which we are aware.

Resources

Here are some resources that some of you may find helpful. We will be updating this resource list as we hear back from our impacted retirees who have found solutions and provide resources that they used.

For those who are **Medicare** eligible: US Medicare Official Site - <https://www.medicare.gov/>

Blue Cross Medicare Supplement Insurance agent helping some Northwest Retirees

Sherri Blankenship, agent 816-395-2916

For those interested in staying with **Blue Cross**: <https://www.bcbs.com/individuals-families>

Northwest Provided Contact – Health and Medicare Consultant

Courtenay Brummer cbrummer@choosemylo.com 913.981.3695

United Health Care

General Service used by some retirees upon retirement - <https://www.uhc.com/individual-and-family>

Additional Agents and Services Recommended by Members who have made Transition

Tony Rake runs Senior Solutions. His phone number is 816-244-2599.

Randy Arnold Insurance in Maryville, <https://www.arnoldinsuranceservices.com/> 660.562.2085

Both of these Agents have been highly praised by members.

Human Resources at Northwest

Krista Barcus at 660 562-1128

Brooke Hull at 660 562-1129

Again, we want to make sure that all of the impacted retirees are not feeling isolated and alone in the period of transition

On the Lighter Note

We will be having our Zoom Virtual Happy Hour again this Friday, November 13th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 (or until everyone leaves). We have had great conversation with friends at the previous two gatherings of this type. Hope everyone drops in to reconnect and visit with everyone.

Topic: NWRA Vitural Happy Hour

Time: Nov 13, 2020 04:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95257206778?pwd=em9MQjRBck9FYlB5NUg2NVpCSVlqUT09>

Meeting ID: 952 5720 6778

Passcode: 286755

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