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Medicare Advantage Plan Update

The Benefits Committee of our Health Trust met on April 26 to continue discussing the consultant's report on the benefits of switching to an Anthem Medicare Advantage Plan. You know from previous Hot Topics that REACTA was opposed to making this switch due to the negative impact on retiree's ability to access health care services. We are very pleased to report that based on our concerns as well as concerns from other Trustees, the Benefits Committee did not bring the MA proposal to today's full Trust meeting. As of now the matter is technically still pending but it is doubtful the Trust will move forward with an MA plan.

REACTA was able to step up and speak out successfully about the problems with Medicare Advantage because of our unique organizational structure. REACTA membership includes all classifications of former CTA employees. We speak on behalf of former CSO and CAS members, managers, supervisors and confidential employees. We are all impacted by decisions made by our Management and Labor Trustees. We understand their fiduciary responsibilities to ensure the sustainability of the Trust but believe this change was not necessary. We will continue to work with CTA management, CAS and CSO on our mutual interests.

Postcard from Blue Cross Blue Shield

You may have received a postcard from Blue Cross and Blue Shield about the settlement of a lawsuit. I sent a copy to Rose Luna, a Health Trust trustee and asked if individuals need to respond. I will let you know her response.