

# REACTA HOT TOPICS

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## **New Medicare Part B Reimbursement Policy**

At the CTA Employees' Health and Welfare Benefits Trust meeting, held on April 5, 2023, the Trust Attorneys presented a new Medicare Part B Reimbursement Policy that was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

The new policy contains a conditional request for **one-time documentation**. All **new** Medicare retirees, and eligible dependents, will (within 12 months of enrolling in Part B) need to submit a copy of their Medicare Enrollment card and a signed affidavit to the Trust Administrator. This will be a one-time submission.

Since the reimbursement verification process for 2023 has concluded and the Trust Administrator believes compliance has been fulfilled, **current** Medicare retirees, and/or dependents, receiving the reimbursement will not be required to do anything this year. Starting next plan year, current Medicare retirees will need to submit a one-time signed affidavit to the Trust Administrator. If the substantiated documentation is not returned, there will be no reimbursement.

The new policy and affidavit also addresses repaying the Trust any reimbursement overpayments, due to a cease in enrollment in Medicare Part B or nonpayment of Medicare Part B premiums.

More information will be sent to Trust participants in the future.

A shout out to the **REACTA Executive Board** (past and present), and to REACTA members who advocated and supported their efforts to simplify the reimbursement process. It will be incumbent on all of us to reach out to our current colleagues during the next plan year to assist where needed. REACTA will continue to work with the Trustees to

help make this transition go smoothly. When we work together, we can make positive changes for our members!

**EARHART** has a new contact person for CTA retirees regarding issues with health and welfare benefits. Our new contact person is Pam Howard. She can be reached at [pam.h@wcearthart.com](mailto:pam.h@wcearthart.com) or 503-331-8209. We have been assured that Pam has worked for Earhart for a long time and knows our plan well.

**Plan to attend one of the upcoming REACTA Spring Luncheons (all REACTA members are invited)**

**Region 2:** May 17, 2023, at noon. Bennett's Kitchen, 1595 Eureka Road, Roseville, CA. The restaurant will allow for individual checks. RSVP to Joe Colton at [jrcolton92260@gmail.com](mailto:jrcolton92260@gmail.com) or 650-245-9179.

**Region 3:** May 18, 2023, 11:00 am–1:00 pm. Shenandoah at the Arbor, 10631 Los Alamitos Blvd. Los Alamitos, CA 90720. \$35 per person **must be paid in advance no later than May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Checks and entrée choice (Granny's Fried Chicken, Salmon Greek Salad, or Nature's Best Veggie Sandwich w/fruit) must be mailed to Patricia Williams, 7890 Spring Street, Unit 26F, Long Beach, CA, 90815. For more information and to RSVP, contact Patricia at 562-619-0737.

**Region 4:** April 25, 2023, 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Vineyard Rose Restaurant at South Coast Winery. 34843 Rancho California Road, Temecula, CA. RSVP to Kathleen Casas at [kcasas@aol.com](mailto:kcasas@aol.com) if you will be attending and be prepared to pay in cash.

**SAVE the DATE: June 1<sup>st</sup> It's 5 o'clock Somewhere** Zoom Happy Hour. 4:00pm-6:00pm. More information to follow....