



October 2016

Dear Retiree:

You are receiving this letter since you are a member of the Penn State retiree medical program, **Signature 65**. As you are aware, 2016 is the last year that the University will be offering this plan.

Therefore, you will be **AUTOMATICALLY** moved to the Highmark Freedom Blue PPO plan, effective January 1, 2017. **You do not need to take any action to remain covered by the University's health plan.**

If you do **NOT** wish to remain in the University-sponsored health plan, please complete the enclosed dis-enrollment form. You will receive this same dis-enrollment form from Highmark, since they are required by Medicare to send you such. If you choose to dis-enroll from the University-sponsored health plan, you only need to complete the dis-enrollment form once. *Please understand that if you dis-enroll at any time from the University's retiree medical program, you will NOT be permitted to re-enroll at a later date.*

You will receive the following information directly from Highmark, as a new member of the Freedom Blue PPO plan:

- New ID cards
- Welcome Kit (includes Evidence of Coverage, Confirmation Acceptance Letter)

Highmark has scheduled a meeting for current Signature 65 members who may have questions about moving to the Freedom Blue PPO plan. It is scheduled for November 10th from 3:00 – 4:00 pm in the Living Room at Foxdale Village, 500 East Maryland Avenue, State College, PA.

For those who cannot attend this meeting in person, a conference call will be held on November 14th at 10:00 am EST. To join the call, please dial 888-276-8689 and when prompted enter the access code: 3896748.

Retirees unable to make the meeting or join the conference call or anyone who would like a one-on-one conversation can contact the Highmark Call Center. Call **866-456-7739** seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (TTY users call 711). Please have the reference code **17FB8428** available when you call.

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Service Center: (814) 865-1473, Fax: (814) 865-6820

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Information about Freedom Blue PPO is available on our website at: <http://ohr.psu.edu/retiree/benefits> or you may call Highmark Blue Shield with any questions at 866-918-5285.

Freedom Blue PPO contribution rates for 2017:

- **ALL other Retirees:** \$79/person per month
- **Retired AND Age 70 Prior to 1/1/2007:** \$48/person per month
- If you have a spouse and/or dependent child(ren) enrolled in a non-Medicare Penn State health plan, you will receive information regarding their 2017 rates via separate letter

Lifetime Benefit Solutions (LBS) will continue to bill you on a quarterly basis in 2017. Information about your coverage, premium due dates and copies of letters can be securely accessed through the LBS Member Portal. Please refer to the Welcome Letter for your registration information.

If you have any questions regarding registration or your premium, please contact Lifetime Benefit Solutions Customer Service Department at 1-800-828-0078, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

Sincerely,

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