

Southern California Dairy Industry Security Fund

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To: Participants in the Fee-for-Service medical plan
From: Administrative Office
Re: Change in Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)

PARTICIPANTS RESIDING IN CALIFORNIA: Effective August 1, 2014, Anthem Blue Cross will be the contracted PPO for the Fee-for-Service Medical Plan, replacing First Health. Anthem Blue Cross will be sending you a new ID card during the week of July 21st. If you do not receive your ID card by August 1, 2014, contact the Administrative Office for assistance.

After extensive analysis of the Anthem Blue Cross provider network and contract discounts, the Trustees agreed that by changing the PPO network, significant additional savings would be realized by both the Fund and participants.

The Anthem Blue Cross network is quite extensive and the majority of the First Health providers that the Fund participants are currently using are also in the Anthem Blue Cross network. To determine if your physician(s) are part of the Anthem Blue Cross network, included in this mailing are directions for locating this information on their website at www.bluecrossca.com. Or you may contact the Fund Office at (562)463-5033 or (866)481-5841 and request a directory.

PARTICIPANTS RESIDING OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA: First Health will still be available to participants residing outside California.

FOR ALL FUND PARTICIPANTS: Whether you reside inside or outside of California, pre-admission certification and continued stay review is still required for all non-emergency in-patient hospital confinements. If you do not receive pre-admission certification for your in-patient hospital confinement, your benefits will be reduced by 50%. If you are admitted to the hospital on an emergency basis, the hospital or your doctor must contact the PPO organization within 72 hours of the admission.

Remember, if you use PPO doctors and hospitals, your out-of-pocket expenses will be lower. Benefits may be reduced, or not covered at all, if you do not use a PPO doctor or hospital for your covered medical care.