

UTA Retirees' Club

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2016

Next Meeting October 11, 2016

- Business

Rita Thompson opened the meeting welcoming attendees and encouraging them to attend future meetings starting in the fall. She said that we would not meet in September because there is such congestion on campus in early September. She hopes we can continue to meet in the classroom in the stadium since there is plentiful parking nearby. At the October meeting we will hear from Allan Saxe discussing the upcoming elections.

- Program

Rita introduced Yvette Rodriguez from the Human Resources Department. Yvette passed out information about insurance coverage for the coming coverage year. Open enrollment will occur July 15 through July 31. Coverage Option Letters will be sent out to arrive at the beginning of open enrollment. If you do not plan to make coverage changes, you do not have to take any action and should retain insurance cards you already have. If you do want to make changes, they should be made on line. Social Security Numbers will no longer be used to sign on to make changes. You can sign on with Employee Id or Benefits Id. Yvette reviewed the information in the handouts and opened the floor for questions.

When asked about Long Term Care Yvette said that it was no longer being offered in the group insurance but those with existing contracts will continue to be billed directly although they should expect a rate increase at the first of the calendar year. In response to another question Yvette explained that if a patient is enrolled in Medicare they need not call Medical Advisor for the copay for certain diagnostic procedures to be waived. For those not covered by Medicare, the copay will be waived if Medical Advisor is called whether the advice is followed or not. Claims for group life insurance should begin with a call to Human Resources who will start the process with Dearborn National. Yvette explained that this Blue Cross Blue Shield Group Health Insurance is considered a supplement to Medicare and, if a doctor accepts Medicare assignment, Blue Cross Blue Shield will automatically pick up the claim after Medicare has paid. Yvette reminded attendees that there will be a Benefits Fair on Monday July 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the MAC Lounge and representatives of the companies included in the group coverage will be available for questions.

Submitted by Midge Holliday

