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Great News!

On February 6, 2007, the Board of Trustees ratified the Medicare Reimbursement programs and approved to eligibility criteria to include all retirees and dependents. Reimbursements occur quarterly March, June, September and December of each year. Submit your documentation by March 15 in order to be included in the first quarter reimbursement cycle.

With this approval, you are entitled to receive reimbursement of your premiums if you meet the following criteria:

1. you are **retired** from Peralta Employment
2. you (and/or your spouse or domestic partner) have **assigned** Medicare as primary to a Peralta group insurance medical plan
3. you are **paying** Medicare premiums

AND

4. you **submit** the appropriate **documentation\*** which confirms the amount you pay for Medicare.

Acceptable documentation includes:

1. Medicare quarterly billing statement and proof of payment from Center for Medicare Services (CMS)
2. Monthly STRS statement
3. The Social Security Statement which announces your monthly premium

Enclosed with this letter are:

1. the **Medicare Premium Request for reimbursement** which should be completed and submitted to Benefit Dynamics annually
2. **Medicare Reimbursement Plan Policy Statement, February 2007.**

#### **What can you expect in the future?**

With your reimbursement scheduled for March 2006, you can expect to receive the Summary Plan Description which outlines the governances of the Medicare Reimbursement Program.

#### **What we expect from you in the future?**

We expect that you notify the District within 30 days of either a change to your premium or the loss of your dependent. The grace period for claiming 2006 un-reimbursed expenses from the District is March 30, 2006.

#### **Turning 65 in 2007?**

Social Security will contact you directly with instructions. You should apply for Medicare within 30 – 60 days of your milestone birthday. Retirees receiving an annuity from the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) may be eligible for the Medicare Premium Payment program. contact STRS for more information on eligibility and process. You may call

Or visit the website: [http://www.calstrs.com/help/forms\\_publications/Forms/Medttotalpack1](http://www.calstrs.com/help/forms_publications/Forms/Medttotalpack1).

#### **Still have questions about the process? What does Medicare mean to you?**

Social Security and District Personnel will host an informational session on Wednesday, March from in the District Office, plan to attend-bring your questions. Representatives from Social Security, Coresource and the District Office will be present to cover features of Medicare coordination.

Very truly yours,

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