

## **Retiree Benefit Plan Changes**

**Effective January 1, 2014** 

## **Agenda**

- Retiree Medical Changes
- How this affects You
- Introducing Extend Health
- Medicare Marketplace
- Next Steps
- Company Life Insurance Policy Change
- Frequently Asked Questions



## What's Changing?

- Effective January 1, 2014, Air Liquide will replace the current company-sponsored medical and prescription drug benefit plan for Medicare eligible retirees and dependents with a new program that provides access to a variety of options in the individual Medicare marketplace.
- Beginning December 31, 2016, Air Liquide will eliminate companypaid retiree life insurance. Plan participants will have the opportunity to continue coverage through the plan's conversion options after coverage ends in 2016.



## Why This Approach?

- Through Extend Health's services, retirees will have access to a greater choice of plans in the Medicare marketplace, including Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage plans and Part D prescription plans. Extend Health will help participants choose and enroll in coverage from a selection of plans administered by the largest and most popular national and regional insurance companies, including United Healthcare, Aetna, CIGNA, Humana and Blue Cross Blue Shield plans.
- You have the option to select one plan for yourself and a different plan for your Medicare-eligible spouse, if desired.
- You'll now have the option of enrolling in an individual dental and/or vision plan at rates similar to group rates through Extend Health.
- Extend Health specializes in providing these services for retirees across the U.S.



#### **How This Affects You**







#### What you pay

 May change depending on the coverage you select

#### Enrollment

 You will work with Extend Health to enroll in a plan that meets your medical and prescription needs

#### Who you contact

 Extend Health licensed Advisors will help you understand and choose the best coverage options







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## Who is Extend Health?

- An independent company
- Partners with 85+ health plan carriers
- Objective and Trusted US based benefit advisors
- Focused on helping each participant make an informed and confident decision

## Why Extend Health

- Personalized services, such as one-on-one counseling to assist with plan selection, enrollment and ongoing customer service support and advocacy.
- Experienced in helping people just like you
- Services are at no cost to you

## Next year, we are changing our name!

- Towers Watson acquired Extend Health in 2012
- Next year, we will become fully integrated with our parent company and will drop Extend Health from our name
- We will send you a notice to let you know when the change is complete
- Look for the Towers Watson logo:



## Market-Leading Private Sector Clients

## 250 Employers – 45 Fortune 500 Companies















































































Over 500,000 enrolled

## **Plans & Partners**

## **All Medicare Plan Types**

- Medicare Advantage
- Medicare Supplement
- Prescription Drug (Part D)

#### **Dental / Vision**



Over 85
National/Regional
Carriers

## **The Process**

 Educate Evaluate/ Enroll Manage

## **Education**

# Gather information and prepare for your enrollment call

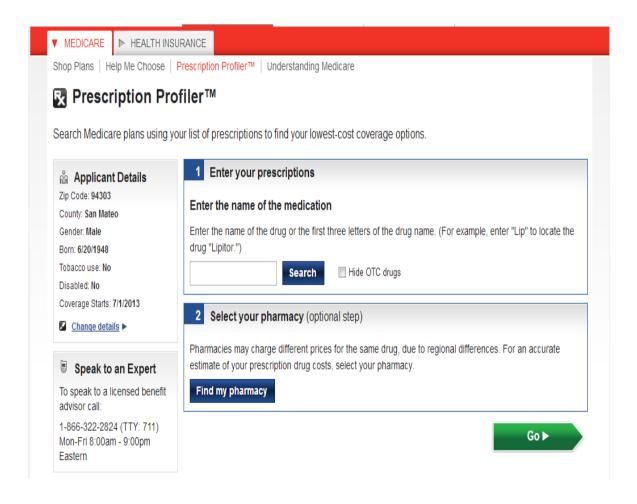
- Prescriptions and Doctors
- Pre-existing conditions will not limit your plan selection\*
- Review Medicare basics
- Give us a call or visit our website
- 1-855-342-2307
- www.extendhealth.com/airliquide

\* Pre-65 age with end-stage renal disease



## **Decision Support Tools**

- Help Me Choose
- Prescription Profiler



## **Evaluate and Enroll**



#### **Licensed Benefit Advisor**

- 100% domestic workforce
- Objective advocacy
- Neutral compensation
- Extend University
- Licensed, certified, appointed
- Average age 43

Contact a Benefit Advisor at 1 (855) 342-2307 (TTY 771)

Hours of Operation

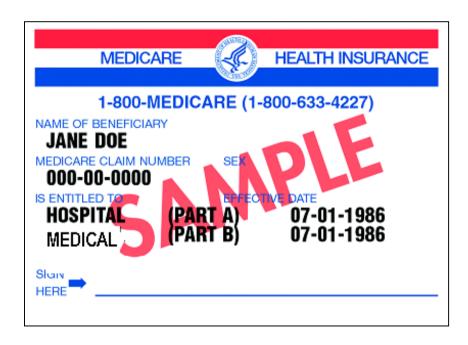
Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Central

## **Enrollment Process**



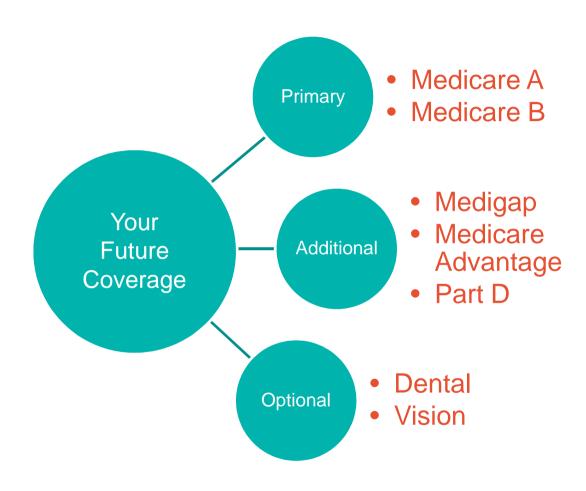
- Benefit Advisors can discuss coverage options with anyone – need to speak to the participant to complete the enrollment
- Once you have made a coverage selection, enrollment is conducted via telephone
- 100% of calls are recorded

## **Medicare and You**



Please have you Medicare card on hand when calling Extend Health. Your Benefit Advisor will need the information from your card to process your enrollment.

## **Your Future Coverage**



## **Medicare Plan Types**

#### Option 1: A Medigap plan plus a Part D plan

MEDIGAP: A Medigap plan fills the "gaps" in original Medicare



Part A and Part B coverage, meaning it helps pay the difference between the total costs and the amount original Medicare pays. These plans provide additional coverage for your doctor visits and hospital stays as well as other expenses partially covered by original Medicare. Medigap plans do not provide prescription drug coverage.

PART D: A Part D plan provides prescription drug coverage. These plans help pay for your prescription drug expenses.

## **Medicare Plan Types**

Option 2: A MAPD Plan (A Medicare Advantage plan that includes

Prescription Drug coverage)

MAPD:



A MAPD plan provides an all-in-one plan that bundles your Part A, Part B and prescription drug coverage together with additional benefits. These plans provide coverage for your doctor visits, hospital stays, and prescription drug expenses.

## **Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage**

Initial Coverage

- You Pay
- Deductible and co-pays for your plan
- Coverage for the first \$2850 in actual cost of Medication

Coverage Gap.

- You Pay
- 47.5 % of Brand Name and 72% of Generics
- Until your out of pocket cost reach \$4550

Catastrophic Coverage

- You pay
- \$2.55 for Generics and \$6.35 for Brand Name
- Or 5% whichever is greater



## **Next Steps**

Review

 Review the Enrollment Guide

Gather

 Gather Prescription and Doctor Information

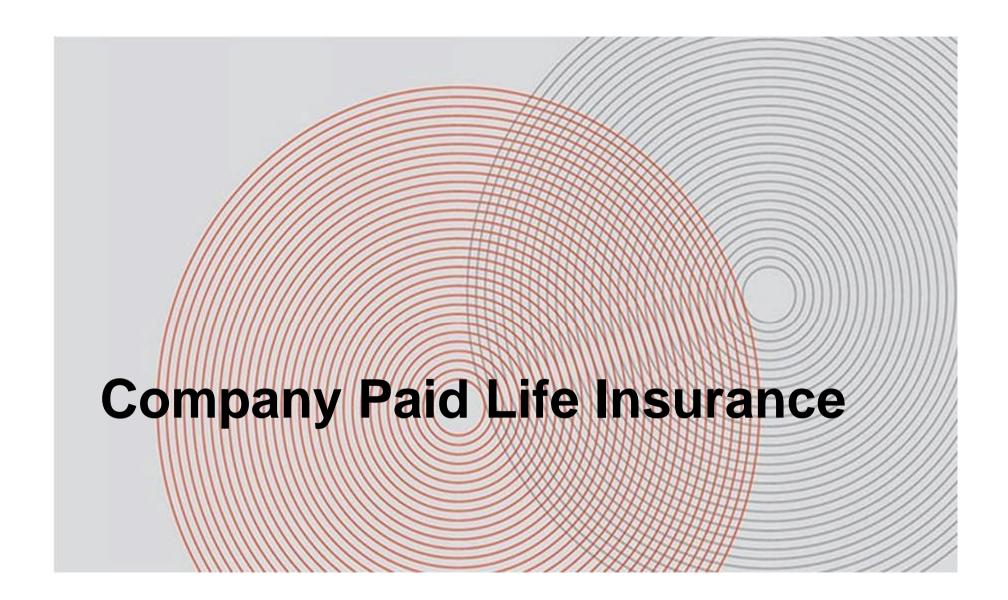
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## Post Enrollment Customer Service

## Advocacy and support services

- Toll Free number to contact Extend Health representative
- Direct support for claims issues, appeals and network questions
- Renewal process ability to pick new coverage for future years. Benefit Advisors will guide you on the choices you have available next year.
- Ongoing enrollment services



## **Company Paid Life Insurance Policy**

- Beginning December 31, 2016, Air Liquide will eliminate companypaid retiree life insurance. Plan participants will have the opportunity to continue coverage through the plan's conversion options.
- If you choose to convert your retiree life insurance to an individual
  whole life policy, rates are set by your age at conversion and do not
  change. Whole life policies build cash value from which you can take
  loans or receive a cash refund if you surrender the policy.

# Company Paid Life Insurance Policy (continued)

- No action is required at this time to convert your policy.
   More information about this option will be supplied prior to the expiration of the policy in 2016.
- If you have questions about conversion or would like information on obtaining an individual policy prior to 2016, contact a MetLife representative at

1-877-275-6387



#### Q: Do you offer plans that cover me in multiple states-I am a snowbird?

A: Medigap plans are accepted by every Medicare-participating provider in the U.S., with some emergency benefits worldwide. If you travel frequently or live part of the year out-of-state, these plans may be right for you. Part D plans provide nationwide coverage from participating pharmacies. Medicare Advantage plans cover urgent and emergency services nationwide, but some may not provide nationwide coverage for non-emergency services. If you live part of the year out-of-state, these plans may not be right for you.

## Q: I re-married after I retired—is my spouse eligible for Extend Health's services?

A: Extend Health can assist with enrollment into an individual plan.

#### Q: How often will I be billed? By whom? Can I pay by check?

A: When you enroll in a new plan, you will need to begin making premium payments to the insurance company in order to maintain your coverage. Some insurance companies may require the first month's premium payment during the application process. In this case, you should expect to make a payment within a few days of your enrollment. Please have your billing information ready when you make your enrollment call to Extend Health.

Most insurance companies give you several billing options for ongoing payments: direct billing, paid by check each month, Electronic Funds Transfer from your checking account, or automatic deduction from your social security check. You can choose to pay monthly, quarterly, or yearly.

#### Q: If I don't like the plan that I enrolled in, when can I change?

A: Every year you will have an Annual Medicare Enrollment Period during which you can investigate other medical and drug plans and potentially enroll in a different plan. However, during future Medicare Annual Enrollment Period your current medical conditions may limit the plans available to you. You will receive notification from Extend Health of the Annual Medicare Enrollment Period (October 15-December 7), we encourage you to contact us should you have any questions.

# Q: Will I be refused coverage due to a pre-existing condition? Will I pay more? Can my policy be cancelled once I am enrolled because of my condition? Can my rate be raised for that reason?

A: If you enroll in a Medigap plan when you first transition from group coverage, and you wish to change to another Medigap in the future, you will go through Medical underwriting. You will not necessarily be denied, but your monthly premiums could be higher. You policy cannot be cancelled once you are enrolled unless you do not pay your premiums and your rate will not be raised for medical reasons. If you wish to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, they are always guaranteed issue.

#### Q: Will my premium rates increase every year? If so, by how much?

A: In general, insurance premiums do increase every year. The increase in plan cost year-to-year can vary widely. We advise our enrollees to contact us and compare other plans if you experience rate increases in the 10-15% range. The national average is 3-4%.

## Q: Are there plans that will cover me when I travel domestically or internationally?

A: Medigap plans are accepted by every Medicare-participating provider in the U.S., with some emergency benefits worldwide. If you travel frequently or live part of the year out-of-state, these plans may be right for you. A few Medicare Advantage plans also have world wide emergency coverage. Individuals may consider purchasing a separate travel health coverage specifically for international travel.

## Q: How does Extend Health make its money? Will our services be free next year?

A: On a high level, Extend Health, Inc. is paid just as any agent would be, by the carrier, not the University. Our services are always free to you.

## Q: Can I obtain Medical and Rx from one carrier or will I need separate plans for each?

A: Some Medicare Advantage plans have limited provisions for all of these needs. If you enroll in a Medigap plan, you will need to enroll in each option separately. Your Benefit Advisor can help you find the best combination for you.

# Thank You!



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