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Hi everyone! Hope all is well. Here is some important information

1. 2020 IRMAA Reimbursement.

If you are on Medicare, you and your Medicare-eligible spouse/legal partner should have received your 2020 IRMAA reimbursement on October 15, 2021, providing you were eligible for it and filed an application in a timely fashion. The Office of Labor Relations direct deposited the reimbursement check if that is the way you receive your pension or sent you the reimbursement check directly if that is your mode of payment.

If you are eligible for 2020 IRMAA reimbursement but have **NOT** yet applied, you can still do so. Just submit a completed 2020 IRMAA form to the CSA Welfare Fund Office, 40 Rector St., 12th Floor, New York, and N.Y. 10006. You can download the form from the CSA Welfare Fund website, www.csawf.org. Be sure to include with the form a copy of the November 2019 SSA and 2020 SSA-1099 letters if you collect Social Security. If you do not collect Social Security, you must include proof of payment for the Medicare Part B premium. Credit card statements or copies of canceled checks are acceptable proof.

2. What is the Impact of the NYC Medicare Advantage plus Plan?

As many of you know by now, a state judge has issued a temporary restraining order extending the opt-out of the NYC Medicare Advantage plus Plan (MAPP) beyond the October 31 deadline to give you and medical providers more time to learn about the provisions of the new plan. No new deadline date has been set.

The judge did reject the claims of Aetna & United Health that the bidding process was faulty and dismissed their lawsuit that made those claims.

He also ordered that those affected by the City's plan to have public workers change to MAPP, maintain their current health plan until the judge approves a newly revised plan that resolves the current roll-out deficiencies.

Simply put, the judge did not scrap MAPP, just its implementation. When that gets resolved a new deadline date will be set.

What does all of this mean to you? Only that the plan is on hold and you stay with your current plan (in most cases, Original Medicare & Senior Care). This is true whether or not you have already opted out. When a new plan is approved and a deadline date is set, then you can decide whether to go into the new plan or opt-out.

3. Question of the Month

Q. I am a non-Medicare retiree. I understand that I am entitled to a reimbursement for my drug co-pays. Is that so?

A. Yes it is. After an annual \$100 deductible, the CSA Retiree Welfare Fund will reimburse you 80% of the cost up to a max of \$10,000. Even better, the CSA Retiree Chapter will reimburse you an additional 20% of the Fund's reimbursement. Please submit your claim after you receive the last quarter's (Oct, Nov, Dec) printout, which must be included with your claim. Filing it quarterly or monthly puts an undue strain on the Welfare Fund. Please note that you do not have to submit a claim to the Retiree Chapter as you will automatically receive the 20% payment about 2 weeks after you receive the Fund's payment

Have a great & safe day!

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