



HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
GROUP INSURANCE TRUST

October 17, 2016

Dear Retiree:

The Open Enrollment period for your Medex 2 with Prescription Drug Plan is currently underway and will run until November 18, 2016. If you are satisfied with your current Medex 2 with Prescription Drug Plan coverage, **you do not have to do anything**, but please understand that you will have to continue the coverage for the entire year of 2017. **If you want to discontinue your MEDEX plan, you must notify your former employer between now and November 18, 2016 and complete the necessary disenrollment form.**

The full monthly premium for 2017 will be \$340.20. Please note that this is the full monthly premium and your employer may pay a portion of this premium. The 2017 premium increase was driven primarily by the significant growth in pharmaceutical expenses.

Medicare changes to the Prescription Drug portion (dictated by the Federal Government) of your coverage is contained on page 2. There are **NO** changes to the medical portion of your Medex 2 coverage.

Please be aware that the Federal Government will be mailing you an informational packet in December. Please retain this packet as it will contain important information on your prescription drug plan. Finally, you **will not** receive new Medex cards for 2017. Your current Medex cards are still valid and active for 2017.

If you have questions or need assistance in the enrollment process call your former employer or call the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust at 413 584-1300 Extensions 140, 142, or 145. Sorry we cannot accept collect calls.

Joe Shea
Insurance Director

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Medicare Part D Coverage Limit Changes		
	2016 (this year)	2017 (next year)
Initial Coverage limit	\$3,310	\$3,700
Catastrophic Coverage	<p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,850 you pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.95 copay for generic and a \$7.40 copay for all other drugs 	<p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4,950 you pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3.30 copay for generic and a \$8.25 copay for all other drugs