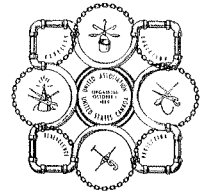


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IMPORTANT NOTICE

March 1, 2006

NEW COBRA SELF-PAY RATES

The Board of Trustees reviewed the costs associated with providing benefits to individuals who self-pay through COBRA programs. The Board of Trustees determined that an increase was necessary. Listed below are the rates that will be necessary to provide coverage effective April 1, 2006:

	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u> <u>Effective 04/01/06</u>
<u>COBRA MONTHLY SELF-PAY (medical, dental, vision)</u>		
Former Dependent Child		
Single Coverage	\$300 per month	\$ 316 per month
Family Coverage	\$1,042 per month	\$1,096 per month
Single Former Member or Spouse		
Single Coverage	\$1,042 per month	\$1,096 per month
Family Coverage	\$1,042 per month	\$1,096 per month

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