

# News from the EUTF

## News from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF) Some important reminders for retirees:

### **Medicare Part B Reimbursement**

- Medicare Part B Reimbursements are made at the end of every calendar quarter, i.e., January – March premiums are reimbursed on April 1.
- Medicare Part B premium reimbursements are made by direct deposit. Therefore, you must submit a Direct Deposit Agreement Form (DDA) to the EUTF when you submit a copy of your Medicare Part B card.
- If you pay a higher income-related Medicare Part B premium (more than the standard amount of \$104.90 for 2014), please submit a copy of your Social Security Administration (SSA) Verification Letter to the EUTF as soon as possible. The Medicare Part B premium reimbursement amount is reset each January to the standard amount; therefore, you must submit a copy of your SSA Verification Letter every year that you pay a higher income-related Medicare Part B premium. Please note that the EUTF does not reimburse for any late enrollment penalties.
- If you are currently receiving your Medicare Part B premium reimbursement by check, please contact our Finance Department at 586-7390 or toll-free at 1-800-295-0089, so that we can arrange to have it deposited directly to your bank account just like your Social Security income benefit. It is a faster and more secure way to receive your reimbursement!

### **Coordination of Benefits (COB)**

Are you covered under another non-EUTF prescription drug plan? The following are the basic rules for how the plans coordinate coverage:

- An active employer plan is always primary to a CVS Caremark retiree plan or SilverScript Medicare Part D plan.
- With two non-Medicare retiree plans, your EUTF plan is primary for your expenses and your spouse's plan is primary for his or her expenses.
- Your EUTF SilverScript Medicare Part D plan is primary to a non-Medicare retiree prescription drug plan.

### ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STATE/COUNTY RETIREES WITH SAME-SEX SPOUSES***

If you entered into a same-sex marriage outside of Hawaii before December 2013, and your spouse was provided EUTF health benefits through civil union or domestic partner coverage and you received a Form 1099-MISC from EUTF, the income in box #3, Other Income, may be overstated. Please check with your tax advisor.

Any retiree who requires a revised Form 1099-MISC should email EUTF at [eutfadmin@hawaii.gov](mailto:eutfadmin@hawaii.gov).

We also remind retirees that you must complete an EC-2/EC-2H Enrollment Form and send it to EUTF if you wish to make changes to your marital status.

As a reminder, please be sure EUTF has your current address and phone number.

**Important:** The EUTF is a separate organization from the ERS. If you have any questions about information in this article, please **DO NOT** contact ERS. Please contact the EUTF directly at 586-7390 or toll-free at 1-800-295-0089, or email the EUTF at [eutf@hawaii.gov](mailto:eutf@hawaii.gov). You can also visit our website for more information @ [www.eutf.hawaii.gov](http://www.eutf.hawaii.gov).