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Proudly representing retirees of the AT&T Midwest Region, SBC Midwest Region, Ameritech, and predecessor/successor Bell Companies of the New AT&T, located throughout the United States

Possible Healthcare Enrollment Problem

AASBCR has been informed of some incidents in which member retirees did not receive their enrollment packages from Hewitt either in a timely manner or at all. We want to be certain that no members have been harmed as a result. **IF** you either did not receive your enrollment package or received it after the enrollment period, **AND** you were denied enrollment either online or by Hewitt, please let us know by going to our AASBCR website, click on board member Tom Cotton, our VP for AT&T Relations, and send him an e-mail at: vpcomprel@asbcr.org or call Carole Lovell, President, at (440) 886-1575 from Dec 12 through Jan 25, and (239) 454-8686 from Jan 28 through the end of May. AASBCR will need your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. This may be an important issue and we will inform members of our findings.

Great News!

Illinois members may be delighted to learn that Advocate, which has eight hospitals in the State of Illinois, has signed up with United Health Care via an agreement effective December 1, 2007. Kathy Wilkinson, AT&T Director of Benefits Liaison, said it may take a little time for Advocate to appear on United Health Care's website, but she hopes to have it listed in early December!

Watch For The 2008 AASBCR Member Survey

Last year AASBCR conducted a member survey that elicited information regarding benefits, member perspectives on our focus, desire for retiree "town hall" meetings and member willingness to host a teleconference site for nearby fellow retirees for the AASBCR Annual Meeting.

This year, AASBCR is planning a more broad-based member survey that will encompass the membership of the entire coalition of AT&T Retiree Groups in the U.S.. We need your views on issues such as the high deductible health care plan and how it is affecting members' pocketbooks; how AT&T vendors such as United Health Care and Fidelity are performing; the ease or difficulty in obtaining information from AT&T and/or its vendors; the ease or difficulty in understanding the information AT&T and/or its vendors provide; and your views regarding executive compensation. Results should be available by the end of the first quarter of 2008.