

## **Association of Ameritech/SBC Retirees<sup>sm</sup> Blue Bulletin**

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### **AT&T 2009 Healthcare Enrollment**

Congratulations to all involved – the 2009 healthcare enrollment went very well! Hewitt did a great job in providing the information to retirees in a timely manner – retirees responded accordingly... unlike the 2008 enrollment. AASBCR<sup>SM</sup> had few member requests for assistance.

### **e-Benefits 2009 Healthcare Enrollment**

There was one item of confusion. eBenefits is a paperless way of staying informed about benefits changes. It's good for the environment, it is cost effective, and it's fast. However, some AASBCR<sup>SM</sup> retirees were not aware that if you sign up for eBenefits you will not receive a paper copy of the annual healthcare enrollment package – unless you opt out by August. In working with AT&T Human Resources, AASBCR<sup>SM</sup> was able to resolve the unexpected situations that arose. To eliminate this confusion in the future, AASBCR<sup>SM</sup> will publish a REMINDER when it's time for the next enrollment.

### **AT&T Wireless Concession**

Be careful when changing wireless plans – do your homework. There is an Employee Discount website that provides the information on various employee discounts. You may need a FAN CODE and other information – all accessible through the access.att website located at the following URL: <https://access1.sbc.com/retiree/index.cfm> . Make sure that you have a list of all eligible cellular plans and the FAN code before you shop for your AT&T cellular service. Just in case – get the names of the sales representatives serving you. They are there to sell products – they are not there to look out for the best interest of consumers.