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AT&T 2010 Healthcare Update

Last year's AASBCR® Blue Bulletin Vol. 4 No. 5 dated October 23, 2009 mentioned that because AT&T was still in negotiations with the southeast (former Pac Bell) and east (former SNET) groups, AT&T HR could not discuss changes for previously bargained for retirees.

Since then, most contracts have been signed. One notable change that AT&T HR could now discuss with AASBCR® involves a benefits enhancement with CVS/Caremark. Beginning Jan 1st many retirees are able to fill up to a 90-day maintenance prescription at any CVS or Longs network retail pharmacy instead of using the CVS Caremark mail order pharmacy, and pay only the mail order copayment if they so choose. As with many of the changes AT&T makes to our benefits, this enhancement is available only to certain retirees.

AT&T HR has verified with AASBCR® that previous management retirees are being offered this enhancement as well as the following previously bargained for retirees:

- Retirees from legacy Bell South retired after 1/1/92
- Retirees from Southwest retired after 9/1/92
- Core CWA & IBEW retired after 1/1/93
- Retirees from legacy AT&T retired after 3/1/90

As much as your retiree group, AASBCR®, does try to research these changes and verify them, AT&T HR was quick to point out that there are literally hundreds of differences between all of the health care plans offered and assuring that the information is 100% accurate and complete is very difficult.