



# Carpenters Southwest Administrative Corporation

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### TO ALL ACTIVE AND RETIRED CARPENTERS ENROLLED IN HOMETOWN HEALTH HMO:

As you are probably aware, the cost of health care coverage continues to escalate at rates much higher than the cost of other items and services. Because of these escalated rates, it has been necessary to make the following changes to the Hometown Health HMO Plan. Please read this announcement carefully and keep it with your Summary Plan Description booklet.

#### Prescription Drug Changes:

As of January 1, 2010, outpatient prescription drug coverage will again be provided through Hometown Health (Catalyst). The new prescription drug benefit will be as follows:

Walk-In Pharmacy	\$10 co-pay generic, \$30 co-pay formulary brand, \$50 co-pay non-formulary brand; 30-day maximum supply
Mail-Order Pharmacy	\$20 co-pay generic, \$60 co-pay formulary brand, \$100 co-pay non-formulary brand; 90-day maximum supply

If you have an open refill for a prescription with Medco's mail order pharmacy, you will need to get a new prescription from your doctor to submit to Hometown Health's mail order pharmacy.

#### Medical Co-Pay Changes:

Effective January 1, 2010, the member co-payment will increase as follows:

- Office visit to a Primary Care Physician (PCP) will increase to \$15
- Specialist visit will increase to \$30
- Admission to a hospital for both in-patient or out-patient services will increase to \$150
- Emergency room visit will increase to \$100
- Urgent care facility visit will increase to \$35

You will be receiving new medical identification cards in the mail prior to January 1, 2010 that will reflect these new benefits. For plan or provider information please visit [www.hometownhealth.com](http://www.hometownhealth.com).

**Lower out-of-pocket costs are available through the Health Plan of Nevada HMO (HPN) and your current doctor is likely still available through that network.** You may want to consider making this switch during the upcoming open enrollment period. You should be receiving information on the annual open enrollment soon. If you elect to change to HPN during open enrollment, it would take effect January 1, 2010. For more information on HPN visit [www.healthplanofnevada.com](http://www.healthplanofnevada.com) or call (800) 777-1840.

If you have any questions concerning the information in this announcement, please direct them to the Administrative Office in your area, where the staff will be happy to assist you. You may also visit the Plan's website at [www.carpenterssw.org](http://www.carpenterssw.org). Please keep this announcement with your Summary Plan Description booklet for future reference.

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