2019 RETIREE INSURANCE CHANGES

As reported on June 11, 2018, the Oberlin College Board of Trustees approved an operating budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 which includes necessary reductions in employee and retiree benefit expenses. For 2019, the retiree medical plans will have no change in the level of benefits, however monthly premiums will increase.

In an effort to contain costs, Oberlin College recently released a request for proposals (RFP) to competing medical, pharmacy and vision providers. As a result of that process, we were able to negotiate new partnerships that will help to sustain the comprehensive health benefits that we have historically enjoyed. We are pleased to communicate that we successfully negotiated medical benefits consistent with the current plan designs while expanding in-network providers.

For 2019, Medical Mutual will replace Cigna as the medical plan administrator. CVS Caremark will be the new prescription drug benefit manager. Our vision plan will change to Medical Mutual/EyeMed. We have extended our relationship with Superior Dental Care for administration of all dental plans.

MEDICAL PLANS

Who is Medical Mutual?
Medical Mutual of Ohio has been a trusted health insurer for more than 80 years. As a mutual company, they operate for the benefit of their members without needing to meet the demands of stockholders or Wall Street analysts. Headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, Medical Mutual:

- Offers the largest preferred provider organization (PPO) network in Ohio, including Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals
- Covers more than 1.5 million members.
- Maintains accreditation from the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) – an independent, not-for-profit organization and leading evaluator of America’s health plans.
- Meets or exceeds NCQA customer service standards meet or exceed NCQA with nearly 95 percent of calls resolved during initial contact and processes thousands of claims every day, with 99 percent accuracy.

How can I find out if my physician or hospital is in the network?
Medical Mutual has the broadest network of physicians and facilities in the state of Ohio. You can access Medical Mutual’s online provider search tool by visiting: https://providersearch.medmutual.com to verify that your physician or a healthcare facility is included in Medical Mutual’s SuperMed PPO (Plus) network. When conducting your search, choose the SuperMed PPO network for Ohio Providers and Aetna Open Choice PPO when outside Ohio. You can also call Medical Mutual’s pre-enrollment customer service number, 877.480.3110 to ask about the network status of your healthcare provider.
Will I experience any “transition of care” issues?
In most circumstances, the doctor or hospital that you currently visit will be in Medical Mutual’s SuperMed PPO network. Medical Mutual’s network includes Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals. It is always important to confirm that your physician and/or healthcare facility is in-network. Please be certain to provide your Medical Mutual ID card to your provider for any services beginning January 1, 2019.

Transitions of Care Waivers are available in the unlikely event that you are in the midst of treatment from a non-network doctor or hospital. If you are engaged in a course of treatment with a physician, are pregnant, or have a surgical procedure scheduled with a non-network healthcare provider, you need to obtain a Transition of Care Waiver form from the Oberlin College Human Resources department. The form will allow you to continue your care with the non-network provider for a designated period of time.

I have a medical procedure scheduled for a date after January 1st; do I need to obtain prior authorization from Medical Mutual?
When you visit an in-network doctor or facility, all necessary steps to obtain prior authorization or pre-certification should be handled by the healthcare provider. It is important that you inform both the doctor and the facility where you will seek treatment that you have switched to Medical Mutual in advance of the scheduled procedure so they can initiate the appropriate steps to obtain any required prior authorizations or pre-certifications. If you have already received written prior authorization from CIGNA, provide that information to Medical Mutual.

I am also covered by Medicare. How does this change affect my medical benefits?
Your medical coverage with Medicare will remain primary for medical claims and the Medical Mutual coverage will be secondary. This is referred to as a Coordination of Benefits (COB). You may receive a letter from Medical Mutual verifying your Medicare coverage. Please be certain to respond to the COB letter when you receive it in the mail. Your response will only take a few moments to complete.

I am currently enrolled in the College’s Health Reimbursement Account (Stipend Plan). What happens to my Health Savings Account (HSA)?
For those retirees participating in the Stipend Option, Medical Mutual will take over the administration of the Health Reimbursement Accounts. The College is working closely with Cigna and Medical Mutual to implement after open enrollment is complete.

Will my monthly medical premiums increase for 2019?
Yes. Retiree medical premiums have not increased since 2015. In order to maintain the current level of benefits, the College finds it necessary to implement a 20% increase in monthly premiums for 2019. You will receive an open enrollment packet in the mail that will detail the rates.

Who can I call if I have questions regarding my medical benefits?
During the Open Enrollment period, you can call Medical Mutual’s pre-enrollment customer number, 877.480.3110 with your questions. You may also contact Oberlin College Human Resources at (440) 775-8430.
**When will I get my new identification card and when should I start using it?**
You will receive your new Medical Mutual ID card in the mail in late mid-December. ID cards are mailed in sets of 2. If you have dependents 18 years of age or older covered on your plan, you will receive an additional set of 2 cards. You can begin using your new ID card on January 1, 2019.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN**

**Will my prescription benefits change for 2019?**
While the level of prescription benefit coverage will not change for 2019, *CVS Caremark* will replace Cigna as the new prescription drug benefit manager.

**Who is CVS Caremark?**
CVS Caremark is the nation’s second largest pharmacy benefits manager serving more than 2,000 healthcare plan sponsors. CVS Caremark manages employer-sponsored prescription benefits just like a health insurance company manages your medical benefits. This means helping you get the medication you need, when you need it, whether it’s once a month or once a year.

**Do I have to get my prescriptions filled at a CVS store?**
No. CVS Caremark’s national retail pharmacy network includes 68,000 pharmacies including independent pharmacies and retail chains such as Costco, CVS, Discount Drug Mart, Giant Eagle, Rite Aid, Sam’s Club, Wal-Mart, and Walgreen’s.

**How do I fill a 90-day prescription for my long-term medication?**
You may use CVS Caremark’s convenient home delivery option for utilize their 90-day retail pharmacies for your maintenance medication needs.

**How can I find out if my medications will continue to be covered by CVS Caremark?**
Each year the drug list is reviewed and updated to ensure you have access to safe, clinically effective and low-cost medications. View CVS Caremark’s [Preferred Drug List](#).

**Will I get a separate prescription drug ID card?**
No, the prescription drug plan information will be included on your Medical Mutual ID card.

**VISION CARE PLAN**

**Are vision benefits changing?**
Effective January 1, 2019, Medical Mutual/EyeMed will administer the vision plan for Oberlin College. Medical Mutual/EyeMed will duplicate the benefits previously offered by Cigna. 2019 employee premiums are 20% lower than 2018. For coverage information, please review [Vision Plan Highlights](#).
Will I need to change vision care providers?
EyeMed’s provider network is called Access. Find a participating provider by going here: Eye Med Provider Locator

Will I get a separate vision ID card?
Yes. If you enroll in the voluntary vision plan, ID cards will be mailed by Medical Mutual of Ohio (MMO) prior to January 1, 2019.

DENTAL PLANS

Are there any changes to the voluntary dental plans for 2019?
Superior Dental Care (SDC) will continue to administer our Core and Enhanced dental options. A NEW Network Only Plan option has been added for 2019 to replace the Cigna Dental HMO PLAN.

I am currently enrolled in the Cigna Dental HMO Plan. What are my options for 2019?
Superior Dental offers 3 plan options for 2019 – the existing Core and Enhanced plans and a NEW Network Only Plan. The 3 plans have benefit levels at different price points. The Network Only Plan is priced to replace the Cigna Dental HMO plan, but includes a much expanded dentist network.

How can I compare the benefit levels and monthly premiums for the 3 dental plan options?
For coverage and cost information, please review 2019 Superior Dental Care plans.

Will I receive a new dental ID card?
If you did not have dental coverage in 2018, and are enrolling in a dental option for 2019, you will receive new ID cards. If you had dental coverage in 2018, but are changing your option, you will receive new dental ID cards. If you are not making any changes to your existing Superior Dental coverage, you will not receive a new ID Card.

GENERAL OPEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

When is Open Enrollment?
Oberlin College and Conservatory’s open enrollment period begin Monday, October 8th and will continue through Friday, November 2, 2018 at midnight. This is your annual opportunity to review and make changes to your benefits. Any changes made will be effective January 1, 2019.

What happens if I miss the open enrollment deadline?
Open enrollment is important because it may be the only time during the year you can make changes to your benefits. Once November 2, 2018 has passed, your choices are binding until the next open enrollment period. The only exceptions allowed are if you have a qualifying event take place, such as marriage, divorce, birth/adoption of a child, change of dependent eligibility, change in employment status or loss of other coverage.
Where can I get additional information about open enrollment?
You will be mailed an open enrollment packet with instructions.
You may also call Oberlin College Human Resources at (440) 775-8430.