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Members and Affiliates:

I wanted to take a moment to inform you about the health care rate increases for the upcoming 2023-2024 year. Due to a variety of factors, including rising medical costs and increased utilization of healthcare services, we will be implementing the following:

- 7.98% premium increase for medical/prescription drug
- 5.75% premium increase for dental
- 2.50% premium increase for vision

We will also be recommending one (1) premium holiday, for those who are eligible, to be taken in fiscal year 2024.

While an increase in health care rates may be concerning, it is important to note that our increase is still beating state and national trends. In fact, many other sectors across the country and throughout Ohio are experiencing double-digit rate increases. Our team has worked tirelessly to negotiate with our health care providers to ensure that we are getting the best possible rates for our groups, while still providing the highest and most comprehensive coverage available.

The actual rates will be calculated and sent to you. Please contact Kim Sanford if you need additional information or have questions regarding this premium increase. If you are an employer with a bargaining unit(s) and you will be bargaining a contract, please contact Julie Morgan, COG Director of Insurance Programs, 6057 Strip Avenue NW, North Canton, OH 44720, Julie.Morgan@apps.sparcc.org, 330/492-8136 for the most up to date contract language.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the Stark County Schools' Council of Governments Health Benefit Program. We believe that by working together, we can continue to provide affordable, high-quality health care coverage for all of our employees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Chaddock".

Joe Chaddock
Chairman

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