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Subject: Mental Health Parity Act -Opt out notice and SBC postcard 2014
Attachments: Mental Health Parity Notice to Members 09-01-14 NOTICE FINAL_pdf.html; Postcard Notification_pdf.html



This email is being sent to all of the Superintendents, Board of Managers Members and Bookkeepers we have on file for the Egyptian Trust. If you received this email in error please forward to the appropriate party and contact Krista Gotto (krista.gotto@meritain.com) at the Metro East Service Office of Meritain Health to update the contact information.

Dear Participating Employer Group:

The Egyptian Trust continues to opt out of full compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity law. As a nonfederal governmental plan, the Trust has the right to opt out of compliance with this law. Until final regulations are issued, the Board has chosen to wait to make a decision on whether and how to change the mental health and substance abuse benefits provided under the Plans. **To opt out, you are required to provide the attached notice to participants before September 1, 2014 explaining the decision to opt out of the parity requirements.**

Also, we recently sent you FAQ's concerning the distribution of the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) that is required to be distributed. You may recall that last year we provided you with postcards you distributed to your members to advise them of where they can find the SBC's (www.egtrust.org). We have attached a copy of that postcard that you may feel free to print and send to your membership.

We are sending you both the Mental Health Opt Out Notice and the SBC postcard so that you may print these documents and get them to your members at the same time. If you have any questions about this please feel free to contact me directly. Thank you.

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