

# SMWIA Local 49 Family Health Plan

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## – IMPORTANT NOTICE –

### NEW MEDICARE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE HICN NUMBERS

TO: ALL PLAN PARTICIPANTS

FROM: TRUST FUND OFFICE

#### \*\*\*\*\* ENROLLMENT FORM FOR FAMILY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS \*\*\*\*\*

New federal regulations require that your health plan gather and report social security numbers to Medicare beginning this year. The reason that Medicare requires this information is so they don't pay as the primary payor when your health plan should pay first. Significant penalties will apply if this information is not provided to Medicare.

In order to gather this information, please complete the attached enrollment form and return it to the Fund Office in the enclosed, return envelope by March 30, 2009. It is imperative that you provide the social security numbers for all family members. You must also provide Medicare's HICN number if you or any of your family members are eligible for Medicare. A copy of the Medicare ID card will suffice.

#### **Failure to provide this information may result in benefit and eligibility termination for your dependents.**

Although the enrollment form asks that you submit copies of birth and marriage certificates and/or divorce decrees, you **DO NOT NEED** to submit these documents **IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED** that information to the Fund Office. *You are no longer required to complete the Annual Enrollment Form as you have done in previous years. You will be required to complete a New Enrollment Form only in the event of a change of address, a change in dependents or dependent's coverage and/or a change of beneficiary.*

The purpose for this enrollment form is to gather social security/Medicare HICN numbers for your family. Please complete those sections of the enrollment form carefully and be sure to sign and date the form.

For information regarding Medicare's reporting regulations, you can read the text at:

<https://www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep/Downloads/SupportingStatement082808.pdf>

Thank you for your cooperation. Please call our Customer Service Department if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

TRUST FUND OFFICE  
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