

SMWIA Local 49 Family Health Plan

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Dear Participant:

In March of this year, you were sent a letter describing Medicare's new regulations that requires all health plans to report the social security numbers of ALL eligible family members to Medicare. Significant penalties apply to health plans that do not comply with Medicare's social security number requirements.

As of today, our records show that you have not provided the social security numbers of your dependents.

Another enrollment form is enclosed. Please complete it and return it promptly in the enclosed return envelope. Unless we receive your completed form by November 15th, **eligibility for you and your dependents may not be available beginning January 1, 2010 until the information is received.**

PLEASE NOTE: For any employee or family member that is eligible for Medicare, we MUST HAVE THE MEDICARE ID number also or simply send us a copy of the Medicare ID card, if you prefer.

We understand that some of you may be wary about giving out your family's social security numbers and we understand your concerns. Southwest Service Administrators follows all government standards when it comes to protecting your private information and, for your information, the social security number data sent to Medicare will be done so in a government approved, secured and encrypted format.

To read more on Medicare's requirements, go to www.cms.hhs.gov/MandatoryInsRep.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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