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Mini Briefing

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Clarifying the information sent on August 30, 2013

As stated in the previous Mini Briefing, not all retirees will receive all of or maybe not any of the letters mentioned – Letter 1, Letter 2, or Letter 3.

However, Letter 3 is an audit of dependents covered under the state, community college retirees, and teacher's retirement health insurance plans. While it was assumed that the audit started with the university folks, it did not. Apologies to all of you! The audit actually started with the Community College retirees who have health insurance coverage under the College Insurance Program (CIP).

For those of you who called CMS and were told that the August 22nd letter only went to CIP enrollees with dependents - that was correct. However, CMS failed to elaborate on the fact that others in the SURS, SERS and TRS pension systems who are enrolled in the health insurance programs with dependents will also be receiving letters. The letters are being sent at different intervals through the end of the year or possibly through the first half of 2014.

The main reason for mentioning the letters is because SUAA had received telephone calls and emails asking about these letters. Plus, some people tend to put letters aside and then do not reply quickly or do not reply at all. So rather than put a cog in the system it was thought to be necessary to point these letters out. What a ruckus! Again, some of you will not be receiving a letter, any letter. If you do not, then you do not need to do anything. If you do, then please respond to the appropriate source.

Letter 2 - the Opt Out letter was sent to those who are under age 65. The Opt Out letter referencing the State sponsored health insurance is forthcoming - for retirees. No date has been set as yet or that is publically known.

What we did find out from the responses we received is that so many of our readers are unaware of possible changes to their health insurance coverage. SUAA does not want anyone to find themselves without health insurance on January 2nd. Watch for more coverage!