



Pension Fund Announces Health Care and Dental Premiums 2009

The Pension Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), trustee for Christian Church Health Care Benefit Trust has announced premium rate increases for 2009 Churchwide Health Care participants. For participants who were enrolled in CWHC prior to January 1, 2006, health care rates generally will be increased by 3.0%. Participants who enrolled after January 1, 2006 will see 5% increases. However, persons in the age 60 - 64 in either group will have no increase in premium rates. Check the CWHC website www.discipleshealth.org for complete premium tables.

In making the announcement, James P. Hamlett, president of the Pension Fund, expressed his delight that after a number of years of rate increases in excess of 10%, there is finally some relief from the trend of the last few years. Hamlett stated that “these increases are based upon our claims experience and the favorable impact of the multi-denominational buying coalitions through which health and pharmaceutical claims are managed.” “These increases are less than half of the national health care inflation rate,” he added.

Medicare plan rates will increase by 5% beginning in 2009.

Premium rates for dental coverage will remain the same for the third straight year.

For more information about Churchwide Health Care and premium rates or to join the program, visit www.discipleshealth.org