

**MEMORANDUM**  
**2009- 1**

**TO: PAYROLL/PERSONNEL OFFICERS--POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

**FROM: SRINIVAS GOLUGURI, BENEFIT PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR**

**DATE: MARCH 2009**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE CHANGE**

Our group health insurance contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota (BCBSND) is set to be renewed for the July 1, 2009-2011 biennium. The following are the proposed rate changes effective July 1, 2009. The rates will not be finalized until after the legislative session adjourns. You will be notified of any adjustments. Please note that this biennium employers who participate in the Wellness Program will be assessed the A rate and those who do not participate in the Wellness Program will be assessed the B rate. Pursuant to that renewal, the new rates for your group will change effective July 1, 2009 as follows:

<b><u>PPO/BASIC OPTION</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE 7/1/2009-11</u></b>	
	<b>"A" Rate</b>	<b>"B" Rate</b>
SINGLE	\$424.96	\$429.20
FAMILY	\$1026.62	\$1036.88
 <b><u>PPO/BASIC COBRA RATES</u></b>		
SINGLE	\$433.46	\$433.46
FAMILY	\$1047.14	\$1047.14

The above rates will be in effect through June 30, 2011.

Also, as currently proposed, the EPO will not be an option after June 30, 2009. The PPO/Basic plans will remain and will include some plan enhancements. Details about these changes will be provided in the near future.

The premium rates for retirees have also been adjusted. However, because each individual's circumstances may vary, please direct these inquires to NDPERS at 701-328-3900 within the Bismarck/Mandan calling area or call our toll free number at 1-800-803-7377.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us.