

EPO ANNUAL ENROLLMENT – 2007

If you are not the person this notice should have been sent to, please forward to the appropriate individual(s).
If this does not apply to your agency, please disregard.

Time Line:

The EPO annual enrollment will run from May 23 through June 25, 2007.

BCBS of North Dakota is mailing EPO Enrollment information to employees at their home address. The mailing includes the EPO Enrollment cover letter and benefit overview brochures. They will be directed to go to the NDPERS website for the applicable forms. The mailing will be released May 16th through May 18th.

Participants are instructed to turn in completed selection forms to their payroll/human resource office **by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2007.** Forms must be filed in the NDPERS office by June 30. BCBSND will process forms as they are filed with the NDPERS office to try to ensure EPO coverage is in place on July 1, 2007. Employees need to be aware that late filing of forms will cause a lag in setup and coverage may not be in place by July 1, 2007.

Resource:

You may access copies of the announcement letters and brochures sent to participants by going to our web site at www.nd.gov/ndpers and clicking on the EPO Enrollment icon. Participants may obtain the EPO Selection Form and Out-of-Area Waiver through the same icon. This site should be available the week of May 21st.

PeopleSoft Payroll System:

If you are on the PeopleSoft payroll system, you do not need to enter the EPO selection forms into PeopleSoft. When you receive the forms from your employees, make a copy for your records then forward the originals to NDPERS.

In September, NDPERS will receive an electronic file from BCBS that will show everyone who is enrolled in the EPO. At that time, we will run a process to update the employee's base benefit record. We will keep you updated when this actually happens. The coverage that the employee elects will be effective July 1, 2007. However, the new information **will not display** on their pay stub until after we have run the process to update the base benefit records.

Participating Networks:

MeritCare Medical Group – Fargo

Altru Health Systems – Grand Forks

Dakota Clinic, Ltd – Fargo

Craven-Hagan/Mercy Medical – Williston

Medcenter One, Inc. – Bismarck

PrimeCare health group – Bismarck