

# P/NW Health Benefits Consortium

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**We are scheduling two additional meetings with Aetna to discuss the new Medicare Advantage Plan that will become effective January 1<sup>st</sup> for most Medicare eligible members.**

## **New Medical/Hospital Insurance Program for 2013; Medicare Advantage Plan (Medicare Part C)**

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, most members with primary Medicare will be enrolled Aetna's Medicare Advantage Plan.

(Note: Medicare eligible members with non-Medicare eligible family members and members **with another employer's primary coverage are not eligible for the Medicare Advantage Plan**)

The Medicare Advantage Plan combines the benefits of Medicare parts A&B with enhanced supplemental coverage, which meets or exceeds the coverage you have today.

There are many different Medicare Advantage Plans and they differ in benefit levels and premiums. This Medicare Advantage plan is a PPO ESA (*Preferred Provider Organization-Extended Service Area*) plan that has been designed exclusively for the Consortium. It is not available to any person who is not a member of the Consortium.

Highlights of the Consortium's Medicare Advantage Plan include:

- Benefits that meet or exceed the current benefits;
- Enhanced wellness benefits such as vision and hearing screenings;
- Aetna's disease and case management services, which assists members with serious medical conditions;
- Access to all doctors who accept Medicare
- All medical/hospital claims are paid by Aetna and coordination with Medicare is not necessary
- There is **NO** additional premium for the Medicare Advantage plan. **However, if your income exceeds \$85,000\* single/\$170,000\* family, then the Social Security Administration may assess an additional charge which will be deducted directly from your monthly Social Security check.**

\* 2012 amounts; may change for 2013

To learn more about the new Plan and how it will affect you, you are encouraged to attend one of the below listed informational meetings.

**November 26, 2012**

**Monday**

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

PNW BOCES Tech South Amphitheatre

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**December 3, 2012**

**Monday**

2:30 PM-4:00 PM

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