

## **MPTA Benefit Fund for Active and Retired Members Summer 2018**

**Vision News**— Raymond Opticians offers a spare pair of eyeglasses along with our plan of one pair of eyeglasses for employees and one for dependents. The spare pair can be transferred to any family member. The Mount Kisco store has recently closed. All files have been transferred to the Mount Pleasant Store. Our plan year runs from July 1 to June 30. If you use another optician, you file your claim with Davis Vision.

**Legal News**—Chris Harold and his associates will provide legal services to our extended family members (parents, in-laws) at a discounted rate. They will draw up a simple will, living will, medical care proxy and a general power of attorney for \$500 for our family members. The cost is usually \$1000+ for all 4. (These services continue to be free to our members).

Chris is also offering a 20% discount on Elder Care Planning. The work will be done by Littman Krooks in White Plains. If you are interested in Elder Care Planning, please contact Chris and he will set up the appointment with Littman Krooks. Chris can be reached at 914-683-2500.

**Retirement Benefits** — we are happy to offer vision, legal, dental and health advocate to our retirees. The cost will be \$1015 for single and \$1745 for family memberships. Information was recently sent to retirees via email. Retirees must notify Ellen or Kerri if their email changes.

**Enrollment Changes** – If you change your address, add a dependent, etc... you need to fill out a new enrollment form. Please see the attached form and send it to Ellen at HES.

**Dental** - Forms are attached. Please make sure the address is for Wallingford CT and not Chicago!

**COBRA** – If your employment has been terminated (resigned or temporary leave) or your child is no longer in school, you are entitled to continue dental and vision coverage for 18 months. Please see the attached forms for more info.

**Health Advocate Program**— Contact them at [healthadvocate.com](http://healthadvocate.com) or 1-866-695-8622. This program is available to you and your family including parents. They will help answer medical issues and billing problems.

**Employee Assistance Program** – For more information, please visit their website – [www.EducatorsEAP.com](http://www.EducatorsEAP.com)

**Insurance Programmers Inc.** – If you have an issue with a claim, please contact Zenith American Solutions at P.O. Box 5817, Wallingford, Ct 06492 or 1-800-446-8646 ext. 3222 for Shauna.

A new program will be added on July 1st - Stacey Braun Financial Services...More info to follow.

\*\*There is a \$30.00 charge for stopped checks/replacement checks.

**Have a Happy and Healthy Summer!**

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