



LOCAL 36 BENEFIT FUNDS

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Dear Arkansas Welfare Participant,

This is a notice to all Active Arkansas Participants that our COBRA rates have changed for this period. This does not mean that you have lost coverage. We have to notify you by law when the COBRA rates change. These changes take effect every July 1.

Federal Law requires that a participant and or his dependent that have lost coverage due to certain qualifying events be allowed to self -pay for continued coverage under his/her Welfare Plan through the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). COBRA rates are calculated by the Plan Consultant based on claims experience from the previous plan year and a percentage of administrative cost.

The rates have been calculated and have taken effect on July 1, 2017. Because the Plan's claims experience was lower during the last period the rates have been decreased.

If you are currently paying COBRA premiums you will receive new coupons in the next week for your July payment. If you have already made your July payment, you will be issued a credit towards your August premiums.

COBRA rates for the Arkansas Active Plan effective July 1, 2017

Active Medical, Vision, RX and Dental

Current Rates

Rate's Effective July 1, 2017

Self or Spouse	\$ 553.33	\$ 486.93
Dependents only	\$ 980.20	\$ 862.58
Family	\$ 1386.67	\$ 1220.27

Disability Medical, Vision, RX and Dental

Current Rates

Rate's Effective July 1, 2017

Self or Spouse	\$ 756.76	\$ 716.07
Dependents only	\$ 1340.57	\$1268.49
Family	\$ 1896.48	\$1794.51

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our office.

