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Insurance Committee Finalizes 2003-2004 Policies

The Insurance Committee was faced with major decisions regarding the 2003-2004 insurance programs. The renewal for the Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Plan increased 18.1%. The three members of the Insurance Committee: MTA, CSEA, and AMSA agreed to plan design modifications to both the Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Plan and the Kaiser Plan. California Care was not altered.

The Association members of the Insurance Committee, Pat Bayha (MHS), Pat Tonelli (BGE), and Brenda Wade (MAI), adhered closely to the Insurance Committee surveys distributed in June. The surveys showed that 89% of the respondents were willing to increase the incentive for mail-in prescriptions if enough money were saved. Also, 82% were willing to increase co-pays given appropriate savings.

Changes in Blue Cross Prudent Buyer

- The prescription program will now be \$10 for generics and \$20 for brand name per 30 day supply at a participating pharmacy; and, \$10 for generics and \$20 for brand name per 90 day supply through the mail-in program.
- Each office visit is now \$10.

Kaiser

- The prescription program will now be \$10 for generics and \$20 for brand name per 30 day supply.
- Each office visit is now \$10.
- The ER co pay is now \$50.

The changes are effective October 1. Risk Management will send information regarding open enrollment in Early September. The three major medical plans will be described in detail. Bargaining Unit members are encouraged to compare programs and select the insurance best suited to individual and family needs.

President Margie Granado Leads YRE Informational Meeting

Members from sites throughout the District attended the YRE Informational meeting at SUI Tuesday, August 11. Many site concerns were discussed.

Money Is Available for Text Books Even Consumables

Some site began school without text books. Members believed that there was no money for text books this year. President Margie Granado followed up the concern with the Instructional Division. Assistant Superintendent Gene Kerr reports "all reasonable requests for text books will be approved." He added that consumables are included in text book adoptions and therefore are available for teachers to use with students. *Consumables should be purchased not copied.*

Contact your site principal if text books are not available



Elementary Director Elizabeth Gasca (RPE) and Building Rep Juan Gastelum (SUE) participate in the YRE Informational Meeting at SUI Tuesday August 11