



**Important Notice Regarding Charter Oak Premium Rate
For Members Whose Enrollment Takes Effect on or after June 1, 2010**

Dear Member,

We are writing to tell you about a change in the monthly premium amount for your Charter Oak Health Plan coverage.

As a result of legislation to reduce Connecticut's budget deficit (Public Act 10-3), there is now a single premium amount for all members whose enrollment and coverage in Charter Oak takes effect June 1, 2010, and afterward.

With this change in law, state premium assistance for new members enrolled on or after June 1, 2010 will end. This results in a different premium than you were originally assigned.

The information below will tell you what this means to you:

- A new single premium rate has been set by the Department of Social Services at \$307.00 per month, applicable to all new members effective June 1, 2010 and afterward, regardless of income. In accordance with state law, this eliminates all state subsidization of member premiums.
- If you received an approval notice after applying for Charter Oak but had not enrolled in a Charter Oak managed care organization for an enrollment start date of May 1, 2010, or earlier, the rate you were initially assigned is no longer valid. If you choose to enroll now for an enrollment start date of June 1, 2010, or afterward, the new rate will be \$307.00 per month. (Charter Oak enrollment always begins on the first of a month.)
- If you were enrolled effective June 1, 2010, or afterward, and were initially assigned a monthly premium that was below \$307.00, you will need to pay the difference between the initial premium charged for the month of June and the new premium (\$307.00) in order to stay covered under Charter Oak
- Your next payment should include this adjustment, as well as the next month's premium (\$307.00). Please see your invoice for the billing details.
- All premiums are due by the 15th day of the month prior to the coverage month. Grace period extensions will no longer be allowed due to the need to ensure sufficient and timely premium collection to pay for health care costs incurred by the program.

- Your income level is still important because it determines the level of your annual deductible and annual maximum co-insurance. Your income level is also important because it may qualify you for another health coverage program with lower costs. If there are changes in your income, they should be reported to Charter Oak customer service at 1-877-77-CTOAK (1-877-772-8625).

Again, these changes are necessary due to the passage of a recent state law adjusting state expenditures and reducing the state deficit.

If you need assistance with this information, please contact Charter Oak customer service at 1--877-77-CTOAK (1-877-772-8625)..

Sincerely,

CT Department of Social Services