TO: Participants in State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan (BCBS)
FROM: Robin Pack, Executive Director of Human Resources
DATE: January 20, 2015
RE: Tobacco Use Notice

The Mississippi State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan has kicked off a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of quitting tobacco use. The campaign includes tools to quit so that you can live a healthier life by reducing tobacco-related illnesses. A flyer that outlines the free services available to help you quit has been mailed to your home address. Along with the flyer is a Tobacco Use Attestation Form. All participants are required to complete and submit this form to the Office of Human Resources.

Beginning a July 1, 2015, the Health Insurance Plan will begin charging a $50 monthly tobacco Use Premium Surcharge. If you use any tobacco products and want to quit, please indicate on your Attestation Form that you will participate in a tobacco cessation program offered by ActiveHealth Management through our Health Plan. If you complete the program, the surcharge will be waived.

If you have questions about submitting your Tobacco Use Attestation Form, please contact Monique Jackson or Wanda Green in the Office of Human Resources. If you did not receive the Form by mail or if you have questions about the surcharge, please visit KnowYourBenefits.dfa.ms.gov or call Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi at (800) 709-7881.