



North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees
100 Benefitfocus Way
Charleston, SC 29492

September 2015

<First Name> <Middle Name> <Last Name> <Suffix>
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<Address>
<City>, <State> <Zip>

Dear <First Name> <Middle Name> <Last Name> <Suffix>:

You are receiving this notice because you **are currently enrolled in the Traditional Pharmacy Plan with the North Carolina State Health Plan (Plan), you are 65 or older or you will be turning 65 in 2016.**

Please read and keep this important notice.

Please note: If you will turn 65 in 2016, the State Health Plan may auto-enroll you in a Group Medicare Advantage plan with Humana or UnitedHealthcare. If you do not want a Medicare Advantage plan, you have the option to enroll in the Traditional 70/30 plan as a Medicare primary member. If you choose that option, this notice applies to you.

Enclosed you will find your annual **Notice of Creditable Coverage** for the State Health Plan and Medicare Part D prescription coverage. This notice serves as proof that the coverage you receive from the Plan is equal to, or better than, a standard Medicare Part D plan that you may purchase.

Every member should evaluate his or her own coverage needs. However, the State Health Plan prescription drug benefit is equal to, or better than, a prescription benefit offered by a standard Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. Taking this into consideration, the State Health Plan suggests that members and their covered dependents do not need to purchase a Medicare prescription drug plan unless they are Medicaid eligible or eligible for low-income assistance.

Note: Members who may be eligible for low-income assistance may complete an online application at www.socialsecurity.gov.

<Form Code>

Be sure to keep the attached notification from the State Health Plan, entitled **Notice of Creditable Coverage**, as proof that you have creditable prescription drug coverage from the State Health Plan. If you have any questions about this notice, you may call 855-859-0966, or visit the Plan website at www.shpnc.org for more information. Be sure to sign up for the Plan's monthly *Member Focus* e-newsletter by visiting the Plan website, www.shpnc.org.

Sincerely,

State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees

Enclosure: Medicare Part D **Notice of Creditable Coverage**