

On the Move...

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AEA MedNetwork is Here!

Health care costs increase. No substantial raises. We know how bad it is. AEA doesn't accept the status quo – we ACT! And we have a visionary solution!

With the AEA MedNetwork member benefit, your AEA membership covers your primary care visit copays (**at participating providers**) beginning September 1 in select counties and expanding statewide during the 2017-18 school year. At the present time, Madison, Montgomery, Mobile, Baldwin and Tuscaloosa Counties are set to go live with the AEA MedNetwork on November 1, 2017. Other counties will be added as the school year progresses.

AEA understands how valuable your time is and how difficult it can be to get an after-school appointment. In addition to your AEA membership covering your primary care visit copays (**for participating providers**), AEA has also negotiated reserved appointments for our members. A certain number of appointments will be held out each day for AEA members. Members will be able to log on to the MedNetwork website or download the MedNetwork app, choose their doctor, see available appointments, and schedule appointments. You will also be able to call the toll free MedNetwork phone number to make an appointment. It's fast and easy!

Every AEA member will receive a MedNetwork membership card that must be used at every appointment. The cards will be distributed by your local UniServ director and mailed to non-medicare eligible retirees. AEA members, their spouses, and dependents who are currently on their PEEHIP insurance are eligible to take advantage of this benefit.

AEA MedNetwork has been specifically designed to lighten the load of educators. We've watched insurance premiums increase, copays rise, and additional time-consuming responsibilities be placed on educators. This benefit respects both your dollars and your time.

HUNTSVILLE EDUCATION

ASSOCIATION

2017 Special Election

Candidates for:

- **HEA Board of Directors-3 Certified positions,**
- **HEA Board of Directors 1 Support position**
- **AEA Delegates—6-Certified positions**

Nominations: September 20—September 27, 2017

Nomination Deadline: September 27, 2017 - 4:30 p.m.

Campaigning: September 25—October 13, 2017

Voting: Monday, October 16—Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Ballots Due: October 19, 2017

Food for Thought ! Membership is more than just adding members, we need more activity. Please bring your ideas and resolutions, volunteer for committees, and start initiatives. That's the only way we can make progress on the working conditions, salaries, and resources for our members. It is up to the local members—the Huntsville Education Association—to take the lead on issues affecting the membership.

MedNetwork—Frequently Asked Questions

Who can participate? All non-Medicare eligible AEA members, their spouses and dependents covered on their PEEHIP insurance.

When is it available? Jefferson and Shelby counties have already started the program; Madison and several other counties are set to begin November 1. The program should be statewide during the 2017-18 school year.

What does the benefit cover? The benefit (by virtue of your AEA membership) covers your **Copay** for a **participating** primary care doctor visit.

When/how can I be scheduled? Can I schedule my spouse/children? You may schedule yourself, your spouse or your child by either calling the toll free MedNetwork phone number to make an appointment, or you can log on to the MedNetwork website or download the MedNetwork app. From there, you may choose a participating provider, see available appointments, and schedule appointments.

Can I schedule an appointment in a county other than my residence? Yes. For example, if you are on vacation at the beach, you can utilize the benefit in Baldwin County when it is available. As an AEA member, you will be able to visit any **participating physician** anywhere in the state once the program is fully implemented statewide.

HUNTSVILLE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

2017-18 Meeting Dates

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 12, 2017

November 2, 2017

December 7, 2017—Holiday Reception

January 4, 2018

February 1, 2018

March 1, 2018

April 5, 2018

May 3, 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 28, 2017

October 26, 2017

November 16, 2017

December 7, 2017—Holiday Reception

January 25, 2018

February 22, 2018

March 22, 2018

April 26, 2018

May 17, 2018

UPDATES

MEMBERSHIP— Access into schools has greatly improved this year; since July 1, we have signed up 135 new members. Membership is the lifeblood of the organization. Our strength is in our numbers. Membership is everybody's business — have you asked your colleagues to join?

PEEHIP lawsuit—A judgement was handed down which ruled the 2016 meeting where increases were passed to be illegal, HOWEVER, PEEHIP is appealing this decision to the State Supreme Court and we await a final ruling.

FY17 4% raise update—After months of advocacy, by AEA/HEA the CFO announced at the first budget hearing that the issue of some employees not receiving the entire 4% raise (last school year) would be corrected. Affected employees should have received a retroactive deposit on September 15, and it should be correct going forward.