



PCESC *News Flash*

December 2008

What's a *News Flash*

PCESC *News Flash* is our newest communications tool to keep you informed of news and events between our bi-monthly newsletters. The next newsletter is the Jan/Feb 2009 issue.

Insurance Renewal Update

By Shannon Clark
Treasurer

It is again time for insurance renewals. The board voted to continue with Medical Mutual for 2009. However, because rates have increased, there will be an extra withholding from your payroll checks to help offset the expense. Beginning in January employees with single coverage will have an extra \$2.50 withheld from each payroll check and employees with coverage other than single will have an extra \$5 withheld from each payroll check. All coverage is the same as it was for 2008 with exception of a trip to the emergency room, which will be \$150 instead of \$100.

The board voted to change dental insurance companies from Principal to Oasis Trust, the reason being cost. Principal raised their rates considerably and Oasis Trust quoted much better rates than Principal. Because of that, there will be no additional cost to the employee for dental insurance. All coverage is the same as in 2008 and there is not a dental list, you can choose any dentist.

The board voted to keep VSP as our vision carrier. There was a rate increase, which the board is going to pay. The coverage is the same as in 2008.

December is open enrollment time for January insurance coverage. If you need to change/add/delete any insurance information/coverage, please let me know immediately.

If you have any questions, call me at (740) 474-7529, or e-mail me at: shannon.clark@pickawayesc.org.

Ohio Medicaid School Program

- The Ohio Medicaid School Program (OMSP) is replacing the former CAFS program – effective January 1, 2009.
- Services that can be reimbursed through OMSP are physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and audiology, nursing, psychology, targeted case management and mental health services (counseling and social work).

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- Claims back to July 1, 2005 will be reimbursable. Thanks for continuing to track and file paperwork.
- Continue completing paperwork through January.
- Training for OTs, SLPs, psychologists and special education directors/coordinators will take place at 1 p.m. on January 30. This training will be during and will be our scheduled staff meeting.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



Staff
Holiday
Luncheon
Dec. 19

A staff holiday luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on December 19 at Jennifer Sorrell's home, 119 N. Washington St., Circleville.

Please bring a covered dish to pass, and a \$5 gift exchange item.