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From: chuck.harold@sbcglobal.net
To: chuck.harold@sbcglobal.net
Date: Monday, March 29, 2010 at 03:34 PM MST

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-----Original Message-----
From: "Thomas Herz" <Thomas.Herz@ucop.edu>
Date: Mon, 29 Mar 2010 14:58:12
To: <chuckharold@yahoo.com>
Cc: Sheehan-Watanabe, J. Bridget<bsheehan@chr.ucla.edu>
Subject: RE: document?

Hi Chuck:

I am not aware of any settlements that UC has made that specifically exempts one individual from the general insurance regulations that govern this process and I doubt that legal counsel would have established this kind of precedent in your case.

I am sending a cc of this to Bridget Sheehan-Watanabe, the Health Care Facilitator at the UCLA Benefits Office in the hopes that you may want to get this further clarified with her. She is very knowledgeable and savvy and has assisted numerous employees and retirees in matters like this.

It seems highly unlikely that getting a determination from SSA as to whether you are eligible for their disability benefits would in any way jeopardize or countermand your settlement with UC.

I hope this helps illuminate that matter a little more and that you avail yourself of the expertise available at UCLA as well as this office to remain in compliance.

Best wishes,
Tom Herz

-----Original Message-----
From: chuckharold@yahoo.com [mailto:chuckharold@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 2:15 PM
To: Thomas Herz; Chuck Harold
Subject: Re: document?

Hi Tom,

Good explanation for most UC retirees. What I am saying is that I have a specific legal settlement with UC that I believe makes me an exemption to the UC insurance rule. I negotiated lifetime medical coverage from UC. Perhaps we should look into this more before we proceed? I just want to make sure I am not violating or modifying my own agreement by making improper choices.

Chuck
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-----Original Message-----
From: "Thomas Herz" <Thomas.Herz@ucop.edu>
Date: Mon, 29 Mar 2010 12:22:47
To: Chuck Harold<chuck.harold@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: RE: document?

Chuck:

The requirement does apply to you as it does to all other retirees on disability.

Lifetime medical is not a vested benefit for any UC retiree although we have provided this benefit for decades. It has moved into the realm of myths in the oral tradition since there is nothing in writing in our guidelines that promises this in perpetuity. Retiree medical coverage is subject to annual approval from the regents based on the state budget allocations.

It is also not the case that if you (or any other UC retiree) becomes Medicare eligible that you fall off of Anthem or any insurance carrier you may be covered by through University benefits. What happens is you transition into the Medicare version of the Anthem Blue Cross plan you are already in. Your cost and UC's cost to the carrier goes down since Medicare becomes primary and Anthem is secondary payer. Your copays remain basically the same.

Of course, if you are not eligible for SSDI, which would make you Medicare eligible after 24 months, then we still need a copy of the denial of SSDI benefits. In that scenario, you remain in the non Medicare version of the medical plan.

I hope this helps clarify our requirements. Either way, we need a copy of the finding from SSA. This is why I advised you to go down and make the query. Without such documentation, you remain out of compliance and jeopardize your UC medical benefits.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks for your assistance on this.

Tom Herz

-----Original Message-----
From: Chuck Harold [mailto:chuck.harold@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 9:28 AM
To: Thomas Herz
Cc: 'Chuck Harold'
Subject: RE: document?

Thanks Tom,

I do not think this applies to me. My retirement settlement stated I have lifetime medical through UC not Medicare or Social Security. Even if I was eligible I do not think it applies to my retirement agreement. Can you check on this please. The way I read the UC news letter I received last month, if I am eligible for SS I fall into Medicare and I am off UC Anthem Blue Cross. That will not work for me or the family. Am I incorrect?

Chuck

-----Original Message-----
From: Thomas Herz [mailto:Thomas.Herz@ucop.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 9:07 AM
To: chuck.harold@sbcglobal.net
Subject: RE: document?

Hi Chuck:

As far as the cyber snags you are having, I am afraid I don't have any answers for how to navigate them.

I recommend that you call SSA and see about making an appointment at a local office. I always suggest bringing reading material so that you can multi-task there if there is a line and you have something constructive you can do while waiting.

UC needs a determination of whether or not a person is eligible for SS disability benefits as that affects Medicare eligibility. Someone who is deemed eligible will be Medicare eligible after 24 months of benefits.

That is the rationale behind our request for this information. If you have further questions, please let me know.

Thanks,
Tom Herz

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From: chuck.harold@sbcglobal.net [mailto:chuck.harold@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 5:43 PM
To: Thomas Herz
Subject: Re: document?

Hi Tom,

Well I initially logged in and started the process then I didn't have the info I needed so I got the info and now I can't get back in the system because my password does not work and I cannot obtain a new password online because I am "forbidden" from doing that under my login so I tried to get them to mail me a password but I can't do that because I don't have a password to do that so I am stuck in a Dilbert cartoon and a Joseph Heller novel and I am not interested in wasting my time with the government any longer unless you have another way and this is the longest compound complex run on sentence I have ever seen.

What are your suggestions? I don't have time to stand in line at the SS office and I am not old enough to be interested in their benefits. Why does the UC need this document. How does it benefit UC or me please?

Chuck
------Original Message------
From: Thomas Herz
To: Chuck Harold
Subject: document?
Sent: Mar 8, 2010 4:19 PM

Hello Chuck: What progress have you made in obtaining any document from Social Security as to whether or not you are eligible for SSDI? We still

need a copy of a determination from them.

Thanks,
Tom Herz
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