

## **RItE Care Update - Questions and Answers**

There were several questions asked at or after the workshop about which we promised to get back to you with the answers. Please see responses below.

### ***Q. Can you give us more information about RItE Care's new Generic Drugs Only Benefit?***

A. Originally scheduled to be implemented on November 1, 2008, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has moved the start date for this benefit change to December 1, 2008 at the earliest. DHS will have a public hearing on this benefit change on Thursday, October 23 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the DaVinci Center, 470 Charles St., in Providence. We will send additional detailed information about this benefit change when it is finalized by DHS.

### ***Q. How can pregnant women with incomes between 250%-350% FPL "buy-in to RItE Care?"***

A. Women with incomes in this range should apply for RItE Care through DHS using the standard RItE Care application and showing the required supporting documentation (including proofs of income, pregnancy, citizenship, identity and other documentation as required). Women in this category are covered for "in-plan" RItE Care benefits only for the length of their pregnancy and up to 60 days after delivery. "In-plan" benefits that are covered include hospitalization, doctors' visits and pharmacy (among others). In addition to a monthly premium of \$294.80, women in this income category must pay co-pays for in-plan benefits, including \$2 for prescriptions, \$5 for office visits, \$15 for ambulatory surgical procedures, and \$25 for inpatient hospital admissions. "Out-of-plan" benefits for which women in this program would not be eligible include dental services and others described in materials provided by her health plan.

### ***Q. Where can people call with questions specific RItE Share?***

A. You can contact the RItE Share Info Line/RItE Share Employer Contact Unit at 401-462-0311.

### ***Q. If there is a child with SSI who lives in a family that is enrolled in RItE Care and the family doesn't pay the premium that they are required to pay, will the child with SSI lose their RItE Care coverage as part of their sanction?***

A. A child receiving SSI benefits should not be closed to RItE Care. The DHS systems should correctly identify the SSI recipient and the child should remain enrolled. However, families should not assume that the system will identify the child and therefore should be sure that the child remains enrolled. If the family is going to be closed to RItE Care for failing to pay the premium, they will receive a notice in advance of the closing. The family should make sure that the notice provides that the child receiving SSI is not going to be closed. If the notice indicates otherwise, the family should call DHS and/or request a hearing to challenge the closure of the child receiving SSI. If the hearing is requested within 10 days of the receipt of the notice, the child should not be closed to RItE Care.

### ***Q. What is Rhody Health Partners?***

A. Rhody Health Partners (RHP) is a new health care option launched in April 2008 for adults who are 21 years or older who have Medical Assistance coverage. Eligible adults can voluntarily enroll in one of two participating health plans (UnitedHealthcare of New England or Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island) that will provide comprehensive health care. More information on RHP (including fact sheets, FAQs, and a comparison chart of Rhody Health Partners, Connect Care Choice and Medicaid Fee-For-Service), is available at the DHS website at [http://www.dhs.state.ri.us/dhs/whatnew/rhody\\_health.htm](http://www.dhs.state.ri.us/dhs/whatnew/rhody_health.htm)