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Open Enrollment for Members Covered Under the Railroad Employees National Health and Welfare Plan Begins October 1st

Members will be receiving materials in the mail in the near future which will provide details of the 2018 Open Enrollment. During the period of October 1 until October 31, 2017, members can securely access the Railroad Enrollment Services online at www.yourtracktohealth.com/public/Login.aspx to review and make changes to their benefits or personal record for 2018.

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RRB Releases Q&A...

Acting for Impaired Railroad Retirement Beneficiaries

According to Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) policy, every annuitant has the right to manage his or her own benefits. However, when physical or mental impairments make a railroad retirement annuitant incapable of properly handling benefit payments, or where the RRB determines that the interests of the annuitant so require, the agency can appoint a representative payee to act on the annuitant's behalf. A representative payee may be either a person or an organization selected by the RRB to receive benefits on behalf of an annuitant.

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Railroad Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Will Increase Due to Adjusted Sequestration Rate

Beginning October 1, 2017, the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will reduce railroad unemployment and sickness insurance benefits by 6.6 percent, down from the current 6.9 percent reduction, as required by law.

The adjusted reduction amount is based on revised projections of benefit claims and payments under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. It will remain in effect through September 30, 2018, the end of the fiscal year. Reductions in future fiscal years, should they occur, will be calculated based on applicable law.

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