



**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Group Administrator Memo #05-08

To: TLC Group Benefits Administrators
From: Mary P. Habel, Director
State and Local Health Benefits Programs
Date: October 25, 2005
Re: •Communication to Medicare-Eligible Retirees on Medicare Part D

Effective January 1, 2006, The Local Choice health benefits program will no longer offer prescription drug coverage as part of its Medicare supplemental health plans (Advantage 65, Advantage 65 with Dental/Vision and Medicare Complementary (Option I). Enclosed is a letter telling Medicare-eligible retirees about the TLC decision and giving them their options before program prescription drug coverage ends on December 31, 2005.

Please distribute this letter to all Medicare-eligible retirees covered by your group in a TLC Medicare supplemental plan, and also enclose an enrollment form for those who wish to withdraw from the program. Retirees who take no action will remain in their current supplemental plan automatically. However, the Advantage 65, Advantage 65 with Dental/Vision and Option I plans will become medical-only offerings with no prescription drug coverage. Premiums for these plans will be reduced by approximately \$200 per month effective January 1.

Should you have questions or concerns, contact Walt Norman, TLC program manager, by e-mail at walter.norman@dhrm.virginia.gov or at (804) 786-6460.

Thank you for your assistance as we make this transition in coverage.