



Dear Fellow Administrator:

School is now well under way across the state and we are all back to doing what we do best, educating our students and serving our communities by providing the best public education possible. Best wishes to you for a fantastic year.

**Thank you for your district's membership in our non-profit corporation.**

I speak for your Board of Directors in saying "thanks" for continuing your membership in the MEUHP, the largest statewide health program for Missouri educators with 96 member districts and over 9200 covered lives. We would also like to thank and welcome our new members for the 2011-12 plan year:

- New Madrid R-I
- Scott City R-I
- Scott County Central
- Richland R-I
- Bernie R-VIII
- Knox Co. R-I

**July 27 Board Meeting Update.**

All eight members of the Board of Directors met in St. Louis on July 27. We had a very productive meeting covering a number of topics important for the continued long term success and stability of our program, including: HC Reform, our utilization trends, open enrollment numbers, wellness plans, future plan options, one-child rate, and membership recruiting. After reviewing the one-child rate issue over the past year, the Board approved offering this new option, pending final review and approval of rates and administrative details at our September 30 Board meeting. Additional information will be forthcoming later this fall.

**Year Three of the MEUHP.**

Since we are now beginning the third year of our non-profit corporation and the formation of the MEUHP health insurance program, your Board has begun the review process for our plan options for the July 1, 2012-2013 plan year and beyond. FTJ has done a thorough preliminary job and the Board will be discussing this again at our September 30 meeting. Updates will be provided by your Regional Board member and our FTJ representatives.

The consensus of the Board is that we will not do anything throughout this process that compromises our momentum, plan guarantees, flexibility and most importantly, our stability. This includes:

- Membership growth from 78 to 96 districts
- Plan transparency and low plan administrative expenses
- Lower and more stable claim utilization trend
- Large claim pooling protection
- Higher participation in Consumer Driven Plans (now at over 39%)

- Member resources for wellness and care management
- Robust provider networks and negotiated discounts, and
- Good service.

Yet, obviously we want to make sure (as do you) that we are receiving the very best overall value and guarantees possible for next year and the years to come. Our competitive review process of carrier and plan options will help ensure this result. Let us all keep in mind that we are now in a position of strength and we should take this opportunity to reach out to other districts in our regions to work with us to improve the negotiation position for everyone in a unified way. After all, as a non-profit, member governed organization, the MEUHP was created by school districts for school districts--unified for strength, stability and service in a "statewide" program.

#### **New MEUHP Video.**

To underscore the points above, please watch our new eight minute video, "We Are All In This Together!" **You can also find this link on our website at [www.meuhp.com](http://www.meuhp.com).** It would be excellent to show to your Board and your staff, or to pass along to neighboring non-MEUHP member districts.

Lastly, let's not forget our most important role, leading our school districts and staff to help make possible the many good things going on in our schools for our students and communities. Be proud of all you do and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Ken Cook  
MEUHP President  
Superintendent, Malden R-I



**View the MEUHP Video**  
*We are all in this together!*