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Dear Regence Member:

We would like to notify you of some important changes that will impact your new or recently renewed Regence health insurance policy, effective January 1, 2012.

#### **Self-administered Anticancer Medications**

The Washington legislature passed a law requiring health insurers to provide coverage for prescribed, self-administered anticancer medication on a basis at least comparable to cancer chemotherapy medications administered by a physician or hospital. **These self-administered anticancer medications will now be subject to the same deductible and coinsurance amounts as your medical benefits; however, you will obtain these medications from your pharmacy.**

#### **Prescription Medication Annual Dollar Limit**

To comply with essential benefit regulations under the Health Reform law, medications under your prescription benefit will no longer be subject to an annual dollar limit. To ensure that we are adequately covering costs associated with this benefit enhancement, your premium could increase. These rates have been filed with the state. To see the Office of the Insurance Commissioner's most current information about our rate filing, you can visit its website at [www.insurance.wa.gov/health-rates.shtml](http://www.insurance.wa.gov/health-rates.shtml). For January, your current rate will remain in effect. As required by law, we will notify you 30 days in advance of any rate change.

Please see the enclosed Summary of Changes for more details and a listing of other policy changes. We will send you an updated policy reflecting these benefit changes in the very near future.

Please do not hesitate to contact your agent/producer or a Regence Customer Service Representative at 1-800-714-2468 for more information.

Sincerely,

Penny Garrett  
Director, Customer Service

Enclosure: Summary of Changes

