



# RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

## Chico Chapter 77

### January 2017 Newsletter

#### *Mission Statement:*

*We are active and retired California public employees working together to maintain and improve the quality of the lives of our members by protecting and improving our earned retirement, medical, and other benefits. RPEA represents the rank and file retired public employees.*

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### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017 - 11:15 A. M.

Manzanita Place (Chico Elks Lodge)

1705 Manzanita Avenue, Chico - (Lunch cost: \$15)

#### SPEAKERS:



Mike Wiltermood    Jolene Francis    Peter Magnusson

#### TOPIC: Overview of Enloe Medical Center

Mike Wiltermood, Chief Executive Officer of Enloe Medical Center, will discuss an overview of Enloe and how it is doing meeting the health care needs of our community.

Jolene Francis, CFRE, Director of Advancement and Communications, will discuss the particulars of Enloe's Cardiovascular Care Center and campaign.

Dr. Peter Magnusson, Medical Director of Cardiac Services at Enloe Medical Center, is a highly regarded physician. He will speak to the many facets of cardiac care history and future trajectory.

This will be an excellent program to kick off 2017, and the topic will be of interest to all of our members. Please make a special effort to attend, and bring a prospective member with you to enjoy this outstanding program!

#### DUES INCREASE

The Resolution was passed at the General Assembly held in July to increase RPEA membership dues 50 cents a month from \$4.50 to \$5.00. Annual dues will be \$60.00 effective January 1, 2017. Still a great bargain!



## HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT – AI Raitt

OptumRx, the pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) and the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) for CalPERS, beginning January 1, 2017, recently sent information to policy holders. This information included: New plastic ID card, 2017 Summary of Benefits (for the period January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017), Pharmacy Directory, and the 2017 Abridged Formulary.

The Summary of Benefits includes a discussion of the "tier" structure and associated co-pays. Tier I, their "Preferred Generic Drugs," has a \$5 co-pay for up to a 30-day supply, a \$10 co-pay for up to a 60-day supply, and a \$10 co-pay for up to a 90-day supply. Tier II, their "Preferred Brand Drugs," lists a \$20 co-pay for up to a 30-day supply, a \$40 co-pay for up to a 60-day supply, and a \$40 co-pay for up to a 90-day supply. Tier III, their "Non-Preferred Brand Drugs," has a \$50 co-pay for up to a 30-day supply, a \$100 co-pay for up to a 60-day supply, and a \$100 co-pay for up to a 90-day supply.

The Pharmacy Directory lists the "Network Pharmacies." The "Chain pharmacies" include: Walgreens, CVS, Kmart, Rite Aid, Walmart, Target, and Costco. In addition, there are some local "Retail

Pharmacies" that are part of the network. Generally speaking, prescriptions can only be filled through "Network Pharmacies" in order to be covered by OptumRx. However, there are some exceptions available on a limited basis. You can find out more about "Mail Order Pharmacies" by calling the number on the back of the new ID card.

Now that the "Abridged Formulary" (which in the front lists medications by "Condition," and in the back lists them alphabetically) is out, it would be prudent to look up any medication you are currently taking to see which "Tier" it is in and what your anticipated co-pay will be. For many who will be covered by OptumRx, there will be very little change in the process or co-pay. For some, however, there may be notable changes, and OptumRx plans to deal with these on a case-by-case basis.

For information, OptumRx has a toll-free number available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at [1-855-505-8106](tel:1-855-505-8106), and additional information is also available at their website at [optumrx.com/calpers](http://optumrx.com/calpers).

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