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## Blue Cross Family Rate Will Require Payroll Deduction

The MTA Insurance Committee has reviewed all the surveys and met with the CSEA and AMSA members of the Insurance Committee. Following many discussions and information from the insurance carriers, the District Committee has decided to continue the current health plans.

There will be no payroll deduction for Kaiser and California Care. There will be no payroll deduction for single and 2-party Blue Cross. There will be an annual cost of approximately \$4,608 for family Blue Cross participants. (Family means 3 or more people on the same plan.) The cost will be divided by 9 beginning November 1. Since the contribution will be deducted pre-tax, the actual deduction from net pay will probably be a little less than \$400 per month November 1, 2007 - July 1, 2008.

Open Enrollment Information will be sent to each home in the next couple weeks. The official information regarding the choices will come through District Risk Management. Risk Management will present information and answer questions at the summer informational meeting Tuesday, August 21, 3:30 p.m. at Suva Intermediate. More informational meetings will be scheduled by the District.

Everyone experiences stress now and then...

*If you or someone you love is troubled by alcohol or drug abuse, marital-family problems, eating disorder, depression, or thoughts of suicide, one simple call can begin the healing process...*

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(800) 882-1341  
(benefit)

## Are You a Member of the Catastrophic Leave Bank?

The Catastrophic Leave Bank (CLB) was negotiated in order to donate sick days to colleagues with catastrophic illnesses. Only those who donate to the CLB may benefit from the bank.

- You may donate a maximum of 3 days per year providing the donors own sick days do not fall below 10 days at the time of the donation.
- You may now automatically donate 1 day per year by checking the appropriate box on the form. *If you checked the box last year, you need not submit another form.*
- You are eligible to participate in the CLB during any year in which you donated at least 1 day.
- All decisions regarding the authorization of CLB days to a catastrophically ill member are made by the Catastrophic Leave Bank Committee.
- The deadline to donate days is **November 15**.

Ask your site secretary for a "Request to Donate Sick Leave" form or use the one on the back of this *Contact*. For more information contact Olivia Cervantes at extension 2311.

## Tickets Are Available from TSA Special Services

TSA Special Services offers discount entertainment and theme park tickets to MTA members. To find out more go to [tsaspecialservices.com](http://tsaspecialservices.com), link to the web page through [montbelloteachers.com](http://montbelloteachers.com) or call (800) 540-2373.

TSA Special Services also offers auto purchasing and leasing services, travel assistance, and investment services. The MTA office does not stock discount tickets.

You're Invited to the Summer Informational Meeting Tuesday, August 21 • 3:30 p.m. at

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