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**Re: Important Messages about Your Health Care Provider and Medical Coverage**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

Effective July 1, 2006, the Select Network Plan (formerly the Selections coordinated care plan) will feature a new performance-based provider network called Regence Select Network<sup>SM</sup>. Performance-based networks are designed to effectively measure the relative quality and efficiency of health care providers. This change, part of SPEEA's collective bargaining agreement with The Boeing Company, supports the commitment that SPEEA and Boeing have made to help "raise the bar" on health care quality and efficiency.

The performance-based network is part of Regence's commitment to improve the quality and efficiency of health care in the U.S.

The new Regence Select Network includes health care providers who deliver high-quality, efficient care as determined by an assessment of the medical practice patterns and treatment costs, as compared to their peers.

As a result of this evaluation, \_\_\_\_\_ MD will not be a network provider under the Select Network Plan. You are receiving this letter because you or a family member received care from \_\_\_\_\_ MD within the last 24 months.

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MD has been notified he/she will not be a Regence Select Network provider. Regence will review the network annually, and providers will have the opportunity to improve the quality and efficiency of their practices, and become part of the network in the future.

This change is important for you to know because:

- Beginning July 1, 2006, you must obtain all care from a Regence Select Network provider to receive benefits under the Select Network Plan. The Select Network Plan does not provide coverage for nonnetwork services except for emergencies and for dependent children attending school, living outside the service area.
- \_\_\_\_\_ MD will be a nonnetwork provider under the Select Network Plan beginning July 1, 2006. No benefits will be paid for care received from \_\_\_\_\_ MD after June 30, 2006.

Selecting a provider is a personal decision that is up to you and your family. You can visit the Regence web site at the address shown below to access a list of Regence Select Network providers in your area. Keep in mind that the Boeing Traditional Medical Plan will continue to pay benefits for nonnetwork providers. You will have an opportunity to evaluate your medical plan options during your upcoming Boeing health and insurance enrollment.

If you are currently undergoing a course of medical treatment that will continue beyond June 30, 2006, please call 1-800-422-7713 to discuss a plan to transition your care.

For more information about Regence Select Network:

- Visit [www.wa.regence.com/boeing](http://www.wa.regence.com/boeing) and look for the Regence Select Network link to learn more about this change and the performance-based network evaluation process.
- Go to [www.wa.regence.com/boeing](http://www.wa.regence.com/boeing) to find Regence Select Network providers.
- Call Regence at 1-800-422-7713 to speak with a customer service specialist.

In the coming week, you will receive an enrollment packet from The Boeing Company. The packet will contain information on how to enroll as well things to consider when choosing a new provider.

Sincerely,

Mary O. McWilliams  
President