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President's Report

I have recently had some questions about Endocrine Associates of the Quad Cities and their network status after the merger with Genesis Health Systems. In speaking with the Company liaison for our healthcare coverage, it was determined that Endocrine Associates will remain an in-network facility for Premier plan members. Please keep in mind that any admissions to the hospital from them would still need to be with an in-network facility. Genesis Health Systems is not in-network, other than the hospital in Aledo, IL. It's always a good idea to contact UnitedHealthcare by calling the number on the back of your insurance card to confirm if a provider is in-network or not. If you have any questions about this, please contact me at the Union Hall.

Also, I have been made aware that any retired members in the North Carolina/South Carolina area using providers within Prisma Health may need to find new providers. There is an apparent dispute between UnitedHealthcare and Prisma Health when it comes to the contracted amounts paid to the providers and Prisma Health is no longer part of the UnitedHealthcare Choice Plus network and they are not accepting the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Plan, either. Please contact UnitedHealthcare to get assistance with finding a new provider that is part of the network. If you have any questions about this, please contact me at the Union Hall.

Just a reminder on "Prior Authorizations" and "GAP Exceptions". A "Prior Authorization" is the approval from UnitedHealthcare of a specific procedure(s). This means the procedure(s) will be covered by UnitedHealthcare as an in-network procedure. A "Prior Authorization" can be granted for an in-network facility or out-of-network facility. It is the members responsibility to make sure the facility and the doctor performing the procedure will also be covered by UnitedHealthcare. A "GAP Exception" would come in to play when a member is seeking to have a procedure or visit with a doctor or facility that is considered out-of-network. The member and their doctor would need to go through the process of applying for a "GAP Exception". UnitedHealthcare would typically check the network of doctors and facilities under our coverage to see if it is something that can be addressed with an in-network doctor or facility first. They will also check to see if the procedure(s) being requested are clinically proven and FDA approved or if they are still in the experimental or trial stage. This is where the doctor requesting the "GAP Exception" would need to give as much detailed information as possible on why the service being requested is medically necessary. As always, it is the members responsibility to make sure any service they are having is covered at the in-network level by contacting UnitedHealthcare at the number on the back of the insurance card. If you have any questions about either of these feel free to contact me at the Union Hall.

In Solidarity,
Brian Moens
President

Veterans Committee

Greetings 434 Membership! I am assuming the role of Veteran's Committee Chair as our last Chairperson resigned from the position. I am a Veteran myself and have been wanting to be more involved with this committee for some time. I would like to invite any Veterans as well as any other interested members to reach out to me if they would like to join the Veteran's Committee. Anyone interested should come to the April 21st Membership Meeting as we will meet immediately after the regular Membership Meeting concludes. I hope to see you there!

In Solidarity
Jason Ebert
UAW Local 434

Holidays 2024

May 27

July 4, 5

September 2

November 11,28,29

December 23 thru

January 1

Safety Report YTD

Passing's:
David "Dave" Johnson
71 of Moline,IL
07/23/52 to 02/16/24

Seeding
First Aid 36
OSHA 6
Near Miss 128 11 open

Cylinder
First Aid 6
OSHA 8
Near Miss 17 3 open

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This months Union meeting is Sunday,

April 21, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

E-board meeting at 7:45 A.M. and Steward Council at 9:00 A.M.

Next months meeting is May 19, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

COME TO A MEETING!



ATTENTION 434 RETIREES



FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Lunch starts at noon and doors open at 10 if you want to come early and catch up! Call for your reservation by Noon Monday prior to the meeting.

Cost is \$8.00 per person.

Bob Buller at 309-738-3740



Notice to Retirees: Due to a price increase from our vendors, our Retiree members have voted to increase the cost of dinners from \$7.00 to \$8.00 effective at our September meeting.

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Chairman's Report

Hello brothers and sisters,

Seeding has started their shutdown, for questions about unemployment or holiday pay contact Rob Held @ 309-748-3299, Clint Biekert 309-748-7855, or Tim Depaoli 309-207-0951.

We will be having step 3's on April 5th. We will be taking 6 grievances

At this time, at Cylinders the factory average is running 135.74%, for step3's cylinders has 3 of the 6 grievances.

Overtime is running 12.84% for the month.

Najee Hull is the new bull for cylinders, he is from Des Moines.

In all everyone please be safe.

In Solidarity,

Clyde Septer

UAW Local 434 Chairman

Important Telephone Numbers

Local 434 Union Office 1-309-755-5046

434 Committee Office 1-309-765-7077

or 1-309-765-7088

MetLife Legal Service 1-800-821-6400

Mental Health or Chemical
Dependency/United Behavioral Services
1-800-867-6758

Fidelity Investment 1-800-354-3427

Deere Direct 1-888-432-3373

United Healthcare 1-888-533-3731

You can create an account

www.myuhc.com

Benefits Center 1-844-689-7833

www.yourbenefitsresources.com/deere

www.region4.uaw.org/uaw-local-434

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Retiree's monthly lunch menu

May is Roast Beef,

June is Chicken,

July is Swiss Steak,

August is Pork Chop