

ATTENTION ELDERS

Beginning with your April 10th Elder Security monthly payment, we will be offering the service of Federal Income Tax withholding. At this time, no state income tax withholding is available. A sign-up form for Federal Income Tax withholding is being mailed to all members receiving Elder Security monthly payments. Please fill out and return this form to the Tribe if you want Federal Income Tax withheld from your monthly payment. **This service is an option, so if you don't sign up, no tax will be withheld.**

If you have any questions, please contact your tax consultant or the Tribal Elder Tax Consultant, Doris Rose at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 1477 or 503-879-1477. If you would like to request a form contact Amy Whisler in the Member Services Department at 1-800-442-0346 or 503-879-2223.

ATTENTION: Grand Ronde Tribal Members IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING YOUR ODS HEALTH INSURANCE



EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2004, THE TRIBE WILL BE SWITCHING FROM THE CURRENT HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR "ODS" TO "UNITED MEDICAL RESOURCES" (UMR), a COMPANY BASED IN CINCINNATI, OHIO

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is pleased to announce its selection of **United Medical Resources, Inc. (UMR)** as the Tribe's administrator for our health benefits program for Tribal members, Tribal Elders, and non-Tribal Elder spouses (age 55 and older). This change will affect where you submit claims and where you call with questions about your claims and benefits.

Effective April 1, 2004, UMR will be processing all medical, vision, pharmacy and dental claims for members.

PLEASE DISCARD ALL ODS MEDICAL AND DENTAL ID CARDS AS OF APRIL 1, 2004.

Please watch your mailboxes on or about March 22, 2004, for further information and new white plastic Tribal-Logo ID cards (shown below). The new card must be used for all your medical, vision, pharmacy and dental benefits as of April 1, 2004.

	Group No: XXXXXXXXXX
Confederated Tribe of Grand Ronde Member Plan	
MemberFullName	
MemberID	
Send Claims to: WebMD/Envoy Payer ID 31107 or United Medical Resources, Inc. PO Box 145804 Cincinnati, OH 45250-5804 Include Group # to Expedite Claim Payment	 EXPRESS SCRIPTS RX Group # UMR RX Bin # 00888 RX Plan # A4 Pharmacy Help Desk 1-800-235-4367 RX Customer Service 1-800-692-5143 www.express-scripts.com

This card is for identification purposes only and is NOT a guarantee that benefits are still in force.

Recertification is required for all inpatient admissions. Please contact **United Medical Resources at 800-950-4867**. This program should be followed or your benefits may be affected.

Please refer to your summary plan description for detailed information. Physicians and Pharmacies For ESI Drug Authorizations Call: 1-800-417-8164 / Fax: 1-800-357-5577

For questions or coverage verification contact:
United Medical Resources, Inc.
 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM EST
 Monday - Friday
 513-619-3000 or 800-950-4867

Who do I call if I have questions?
 You may call the Tribe's Member Services Department at 1-800-442-0346, 503-879-2490 or 503-879-2221.

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,
 I would like to give my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Elders of Beaver Court for the blanket and Citizenship Award they gave me after I volunteered to shovel their sidewalks during the ice storm of '04.
Harvey Grout

Dear Editor,
 The family of Michaelle Kimsey would like to thank everyone for the prayers and emotional support you have us in our time of sorrow. Also, for the many beautiful flower arrangements, cards and the help with the meal preparation. We are very fortunate to have such caring, compassionate friends and family at times like these. Thank you all.
The Kimsey Family

Dear *Smoke Signals*,
 I want to thank all that helped out in the kitchen during my mother, Blanche Lillard's funeral and Al Billings' funeral. A special thanks to Jan D. Reibach and Jan "Looking Wolf" Reibach.
Donna Casey
 Roll #829

Smoke Signals 2004 Deadlines

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Fri., Jun. 18	JUL. 1
Fri., Jul. 2	JUL. 15
Mon., Jul. 19	AUG. 1
Thurs., Aug. 5	AUG. 15
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