

Important Tribal member health plan change

We are pleased to announce that the Tribal Member Health Plan will be moving our claims administration and customer service to Shasta Administrators effective Jan. 1, 2009. Shasta Administrators, based in Bend, Ore., will be the new claims administrator as of Jan. 1 and will take over all customer service and claims processing functions for the health plan. UMR will continue to administer claims and customer service for CTGR through Dec. 31, 2008.

Over the next few months we will be holding community meetings and sending information explaining this change and the impact to Tribal members.

What does this change mean? Basically, Tribal members should not see any changes to their benefits (i.e. co-pays, co-insurance, out of pocket maximums). But, it does mean that Tribal members will be receiving a new ID card. Please be sure to keep this new ID card and present it when you receive medical services or purchase prescriptions on or after Jan. 1. Please remember that the change does not go into effect until the first of the year; you will need to keep and use your current UMR ID card through the end of 2008.

Claims billing for services provided through Dec. 31, 2008, will continue to be sent to and processed by UMR in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Provider Network — The Medical network will be changing from the

current United Healthcare Network to a new provider network; depending on where you live will determine your network. You will be receiving more information via mail on the provider network. Your prescription drug coverage will remain with Express Scripts and your Dental network will remain PPOUSA.

ID cards will be mailed out on Dec. 15, 2008. Please remember to allow ample mailing time as mail is slower during the holiday season. Should you fail to receive your new ID card, Shasta Administrators customer service can be reached at 1-800-880-5877 from 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Pacific Standard Time. This also will be the same contact number for Shasta Customer Service beginning Jan. 1, 2009.

We will have an information table and be doing a presentation at the Dec. 7, 2008, General Council meeting, as well as on per-capita distribution day from 7:30 a.m. until noon. There will be an information meeting held at the Portland Tribal Office on Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. as well as the Eugene Tribal Office on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Also, please look for an informational notice with your per capita check.

Should you have any questions regarding this change, please feel free to contact Barbara Steere at 503-879-2487 or Jim Holmes at 503-879-2221. ■

OPEN FOR COMMENT

PROPOSED ELECTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Election Board and the Tribal Attorney's Office, has proposed amendments to the Election Ordinance. The first reading of the proposed amendments was made at the Nov. 5, 2008, Tribal Council Meeting.

The primary purpose of the proposed amendments is to reduce misuse of the Voters Address List. The proposed amendments modify the Voters Address List provisions to state that only a Voter's name, city and state will be provided to Candidates and that a Voter's name and complete address will be provided to a mailing service selected by the Tribe through which Candidates may send campaign material. Voters also still have the option of keeping their name off of the List by checking the box on the Signature Verification Form.

The proposed amendments also include the following:

- ◆ Elimination of the requirement that the Election Board oath be administered by the Tribal Council Chair at a General Council meeting;
- ◆ Modification of the time period when the Election Board must keep minimum office hours;
- ◆ Change the last day Absentee Ballots may be mailed by the Election Administrator from 3 business days before an Election to 5 business days before an Election to ensure sufficient time for receipt and return of Ballots; and
- ◆ Addition of provisions to assist with obtaining updated signatures on Signature Verification Forms.

For a copy of the proposed Election Ordinance amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347, or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2008.

Tribal Council Christmas Party set for Dec. 21

The 2008 Tribal Council Christmas Party will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, in the Tribal gymnasium.

Events will start at 11 a.m. with a visit from Santa Claus. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own camera.

Lunch will be served at noon and at 1 p.m. children will be invited to sing and candy bags will be distributed.

For more information, call Stephanie Grim at 503-879-2078. ■

IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In the Matter of: PETERS,
Deitrich, II
Petitioner,
For
RAMSAY, William, Jr.
Minor

CASE NO. C-08-04-001
ORDER AND DECREE
CHANGING NAME

This matter came before the Court on October 8, 2008. Based on the allegations set forth in the Petition for Name Change, Minor, filed on April 7, 2008 by the Petitioner in the above entitled case, and based on the Court's examination of the Applicant, the Petitioner and the child's mother, at the Show Cause Hearing held on October 8, 2008,

THE COURT FINDS THAT:

1. Petitioner is over 18 years of age and is the parent or legal guardian of Applicant, a minor child;
2. This Court has jurisdiction in this matter because Petitioner is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.
3. Petitioner is the father of the minor child. Mrs. Angela Peters, mother, signed a consent to the name change and appeared at the hearing to consent to the name change.
4. The minor child has not been granted a change of name by the Tribal Court within the past twelve (12) months;
5. Both parents wish to have the child's name change to reflect the father's last name.
5. No objection to the Petition has been filed by any person and no objection was raised at the Show Cause Hearing; and
6. The proposed name change is in the best interests of the minor child.

THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS, THE COURT ORDERS:

1. That the name of the minor child be changed from William Ross Ramsay Jr. to William Ross Peters;
2. That the Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be published in the Tribal Newsletter;
3. That the Clerk of the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of this Order to the Tribal Enrollment office;
4. That the Clerk of the Court shall provide a certified copy of this Order to be submitted to the Registrar of Vital Statistics in the state in which the applicant was born;
5. That upon receipt of the certified copy of the Order, the Registrar shall issue a new birth certificate of the applicant to reflect the new name of the applicant as stated in this Order.

DATED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2008.
Suzanne Ojibway Townsend,
Chief Judge

Attention Parents and primary caregivers of Grand Ronde children with disabilities, special needs, or extra challenges:

We are creating a support group for parents and caregivers of Grand Ronde children with special needs. We will first begin an e-mail and telephone contact list and later we will be coordinating meetings with the group.

If your child, grandchild, foster child, etc. has extra challenges (medically, emotionally, or developmentally) and you would like to collaborate and share resources with other parents, please send your contact information in an e-mail to: lewis.dm@comcast.net or call us at 503-566-3093.

Thank you,

David (2741) and Donna Lewis

parents to Saghalie (5132) and Inatye (5323)



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