

# Banner Blue News

## Dues News

The dues increase all members experienced in 2009 has provided less than 15% of the revenue needed to cover the significant increase in medical claims paid through September. To that end, a 5% increase will be implemented on January 1, 2010 on all plans with the exception of dues subsidized by Norfolk Southern (Plans 1 and 7). The 2010 monthly dues amount by plan number and description is shown below.

Plan #	Plan Name	New Monthly Rate
2	Active Secondary	\$122
3	Active Other	\$535
4	Disqualified / Disability	\$485
6	Retired or Union Secondary	\$122
8	60/30 Upgrade	\$175
9	Medicare Supplement (\$1,000 drug benefit)	\$210
10	Medicare Supplement (no drug benefit)	\$140
11	Spouse of Retiree	\$127
12	NS/Wabash Family - 1 dep (secondary)	\$115
13	NS/Wabash Family - 2 or 3 dep (secondary)	\$170
14	Assoc Member Standard	\$255
15	Assoc Member Optional	\$425
19	Retiree Under 65	\$572
21	COBRA with Active Benefits	\$430
23	NS/Wabash Family - 4 dep (secondary)	\$212

## Medical Management Services

Beginning January 1st, DBMS Health Services will perform Medical Management services for Wabash including pre-certification of hospital admissions, MRI, PET and CT scans, and outpatient mental health and substance abuse services. DBMS health care professionals will evaluate requests for medical services and facilities according to national benchmarks, guidelines and criteria under the provisions of your Wabash benefit plan. DBMS will determine the appropriateness, medical need and efficiency of requested services and direct providers and members toward the most cost-effective quality treatment available while continuing to monitor your care to assure quality and appropriateness of your overall treatment plan.

## Tax Deductible Contribution

What better way to support your Wabash family and remember your friends and loved ones than a tax-deductible donation to the Wabash Hospital Association Foundation. Make your tax-deductible check payable to Wabash Hospital Association Foundation (PO Box 1340, Decatur IL 62525). Call Tamara at 888-800-9161 for information on other ways to donate to the Foundation.

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Wabash members will be receiving new medical cards from Blue Cross Blue Shield in late December with the new contact phone numbers listed. The cards are shown below (Front on the left and the back of the card is shown on the right).



## Mental Health Benefit

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (Wellstone Act) requires that, effective January 1, 2010, benefits offered for mental health and substance abuse disorders be equivalent to medical and surgical benefits offered by the Plan. As a result, dollar and visit limitations will be no greater than those on other benefits. As with medical and surgical benefits, the Plan retains discretion regarding the extent and scope of mental health benefits relating to appropriate treatment and medical necessity. Services may require precertification.

## Membership Changes

Effective November 1, 2009 new membership is not available to applicants if their craft is not affiliated with the Association at the time of application. Exceptions may be made for applicants who were previously members on the Active plan for at least ten years.

## In Memory

Jerry Aikman  
James Alsbury  
Sherman Apt  
Lonzo Crabtree  
Sarah Fenton  
Leslie Hassinger  
Aileen Hays  
George H Hill  
Danny Hopper  
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Wabash extends condolences to family members and Wabash members who have recently passed away. Life can be the same after a trinket has been lost - but never after the loss of a treasure.



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## Fourth Annual Mobile Flu Clinic

Bonnie Musgrave, Office Manager, and Carol Sincebaugh, Membership Coordinator, brought the Wabash Mobile Flu Clinic to locations in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri and Illinois this fall. Since its inception in 2005, the Flu Clinic has shown increased participation each year so more Wabash members have received flu prevention. The flu clinic also gives you the opportunity to get current information personally from Wabash representatives while providing a service to our members. Wabash appreciates all who helped spread information about the flu clinics in your area, assisted with locations and the nurses.



Photos show members at the Flu Clinic in Peru, IN (top right), St. Louis, MO (below left), Detroit, MI (middle) and Kansas City, MO (below right).



## New Pharmacy Program

Effective January 1, 2010 LDI Integrated Pharmacy Services will administer the Prescription Drug Benefit Program for Wabash. Based in St. Louis, LDI was founded over forty years ago. With a history of delivering cost savings, innovative solutions and high level customer services satisfaction, LDI is committed to providing Wabash members with excellent pharmacy benefits and service. By delivering the most effective and appropriate medications with the greatest cost savings, customized plan designs and effective communication with Wabash to monitor success, LDI will enhance the Wabash prescription drug plan.

LDI also offers mail order pharmacy service and specialty pharmacy. Members with drug benefits will receive new prescription identification cards and further information on this new program from LDI prior to January 1, 2010.

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## Signals From The Past

The Wabash Hospital Pharmacy is shown below with Mr. Edward J. Haynes preparing medication for a Wabash patient. With a medical staff of fifty local physicians, the hospital opened a new addition in June of 1967 which included operating rooms and recovery rooms.



What year did the name change from the Wabash Employees Hospital Association to the Wabash Memorial Hospital Association?

The correct answer is 1965.

There were no correct responses.

## Holiday Hours

Wabash Association Administration Office, Outpatient Clinic and Fitness Center will be closed **December 24th and 25th** and **December 31st and January 1st, 2010**. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We will also be closed **Monday, February 15th, 2010 for President's Day**.

## Don't Forget

- The current Summary Annual Report for Wabash Association and our Privacy Notice are posted on our website.
- A copy of Tax Form 990 is kept in the Wabash Administration Office.
- Call and notify Wabash of address or phone number changes - (seasonal or permanent)