

This bulletin has been distributed to all school districts where the local teachers' association has voted to adopt the new teachers' Provincial Extended Health Benefit plan and all current BCPSEA Buying Group participants.

Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan

Selection of Benefit Plan Provider/Insurer

BCPSEA is pleased to announce that **Pacific Blue Cross** has been selected as the benefit plan provider/insurer for the extended health and dental plans for BCPSEA Buying Group participants, including the new teachers' Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan.

Work will commence immediately to begin the transition process, both for those groups newly participating in the BCPSEA Buying Group with Pacific Blue Cross and those groups already participating that are now moving to the new teachers' Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan.

Implementation Date

It is anticipated that the new teachers' Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan will be implemented January 1, 2013. All other employee groups newly participating in the BCPSEA Buying Group and newly moving to Pacific Blue Cross will do so between February 1 and July 1 2013. The date for those groups will be determined between Morneau Shepell, Pacific Blue Cross, and the school district in the coming months.

As set out in *Benefits Bulletin* No. 2012-04, BCPSEA and the BCTF will participate in a mediation–arbitration process on November 26 to resolve various outstanding issues with respect to the implementation of the Provincial Extended Health Benefit Plan. One of those issues is any retroactive application of the new plan provisions. Further information will be provided once available.

Questions

If you have any questions related to the plan, please contact Candice Wright at 604 730 4504 or candicew@bcpssea.bc.ca.