

American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO Detroit District Area Local

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Dear APWU-DDAL Members:

After 35 plus years of our membership utilizing dental services from Midwestern Dental Plan, INC. (MDPI), the local was notified by telephone last week of MDPI *immediate termination* of dental services as of Friday, May 29, 2020. The local received an official letter on Monday, June 1, 2020. The letter read in parts as follow:

"Due to the economic challenges and uncertainties associated COVID-19, a decision was rendered to permanently close all seven locations of Midwestern Dental effective May 29, 2020."

"Due to these unfortunate events, Midwestern Dental Plans, INC. has been in contact with the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services about implementing a transition plan to ensure its subscribers receive necessary dental care in the near term. Thereafter, MDPI will work with the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services to formally dissolve."

Our goal is to provide you with following *options* best for yourself and family below:

Option #1: We have made arrangements with Golden Dental Plans to transition all Midwestern members to the respective Golden plan effective June 1, 2020. Therefore, we will need you to respond by completing and returning the enclosed application and payroll deduction form to the APWU DDAL Union Office immediately.

*Option #2: Cancel APWU DDAL Union sponsored dental insurance. You must notify the local in writing immediately. The local will be making appropriate adjustments to your dues/dental premium upon receiving your response.* 

Option #3: Call to enroll at 1-877-888-3337 or log on to <u>www.benefeds.com</u> to enroll into the Federation Employees Dental & Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) due to this qualifying life event of loss of dental coverage on May 29, 2020. FEDVID provides 6 National/International provider networks and 4 Regional provider networks can be payroll deducted.

Please respond in writing & it must be returned as soon as possible. No later than July 29, 2020.

In Union Solidarity,



Tamika Johnson-Smith Secretary-Treasurer

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