

# Notice of Creditable Coverage

## Prescription Drug Information for the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP) Medicare Eligible Plan Participants

This notice confirms that your existing prescription drug coverage through the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP) is on average as good as or better than the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D). **You can keep your existing group prescription coverage and choose not to enroll in a Medicare Part D plan. Unless you qualify for low-income/extra-help assistance, you should not enroll in a Medicare Part D plan.**

With this Notice of Creditable Coverage, you will not be penalized if you later decide to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan. **However, you must remember that if you drop your entire group coverage through the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program and experience a continuous period of 63 days or longer without creditable coverage, you may be penalized if you enroll in a Medicare Part D plan later. If you choose to drop your Teachers' Retirement Program Insurance coverage, the Medicare Special Enrollment Period for enrollment into a Medicare Part D plan is two months after the loss of creditable coverage.**

If you keep your existing group coverage, it is **not** necessary to join a Medicare prescription drug plan this year.

**REMEMBER: KEEP THIS NOTICE**