IMPORTANT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF TAX FORM 1095-B

In compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), as amended by the Paperwork Burden Reduction Act (PBRA), the Health Options for Public Entities Joint Self-Insurance Risk Pool Association (aka "HOPE Trust") is required to provide Form 1095-B to covered individuals (upon request) and to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Form 1095-B contains information about individuals who were covered by minimum essential coverage (MEC) via the HOPE Trust for the prior year.

- Form 1095-<u>B</u> is <u>separate</u> in purpose <u>and distinct</u> from Form 1095-<u>C</u>, which you may or may not separately receive from your employer, if applicable, depending on whether they are required to issue such a form.
- Form 1095-B is <u>not</u> issued by the HOPE Trust to individuals for periods of time when such individuals were solely enrolled via the HOPE Trust in a reimbursement plan, dental and/or vision plan, or other non-MEC.

Form 1095-B is available upon request.

If you would like to receive a copy of your Form 1095-B confirming your coverage for the prior year, please contact HOPE Trust Plan Administrator, Snedeker Risk Management, Ltd. (SRM), using one of the following methods:

- Email: Send your request to Jason Boothe at jason@clientsadvocate.com
- Phone: Call 800-331-0546
- Mail: Send a request to: HOPE Trust, Attn: Jason Boothe, 400 W. Main St., Havana, IL 62644

Requests can be made at any time, and the form will be provided to you by January 31, or within 30 days of your request, whichever is later.