Early Announcement of New UC Medical Plans for Open Enrollment
UC is offering a revamped menu of medical plans for 2014: Two new plans: Blue Shield Health Savings Plan and UC Care. Four plans ¡ª Anthem Blue Cross PPO and PLUS, Anthem Lumenos with HRA, and Health Net Full HMO ¡ª are being discontinued. Health Net Blue & Gold, Kaiser Permanente, Western Health Advantage and Core (by Blue Shield) will still be available...

Family, Friends Can Call Protective Services in Case of Emergency
Employees can call Protective Services for assistance at the Lab 24/7. Now can family members and friends in case of an emergency or if a staff member needs to be located. The callers can check on an employee’s welfare, deliver an urgent message, or assist with any other family concerns. Family emergency plan should include this contact information.

New Interactive Map to Explore Berkeley Lab
Berkeley Lab can be a confusing place for first-time visitors and long-time employees alike. To help them, the IT Division and Public Affairs teamed up to create a new interactive map. It was designed for anyone who wants to learn more about Berkeley Lab and navigate from place to place. The map includes the main site and off-site locations, bus stops and roads, historical info, research highlights, and more.

Informational Town Hall on Open Enrollment
To help employees navigate changes to and options to 2014 plans, the Lab's Human Resources and CUCSA representatives were hosting a town hall meeting on Monday, Oct. 21, from 1:30 to 3 pm. Attendees learned about new medical plans and why changes were made, and participated in a Q&A session. Representatives from UC and participating medical plans were on hand.

Annual Runaround Race
Nearly 700 runners and walkers completed the 1.86 mile annual runaround. Each of them received a t-shirt with a design that was voted on by employees from eighteen entries. Music, was provided by Pete Montoya Band, and a special BBQ was featured in the cafeteria lawn area.

New UC President Janet Napolitano Visits Lab
Newly appointed UC President Janet Napolitano came to Berkeley Lab for a day visit on Oct. 15. It included discussions with senior leadership as well as presentations from a variety of Lab scientists highlighting various aspects of the Lab's research. CUCSA current and former delegates were invited to meet her during the Women Scientists and Engineers Council and Diversity and Inclusion Council discussion.

Lab's Celebration of Cultural Diversity
On Oct. 28, employees came together to celebrate the rich and diverse cultural heritage represented by the Berkeley Lab. The booths and performances displayed a strong cross-section of our individual identities, expressed through food, dance, music, and cupcake challenges.

Talk with Medical Provider Reps at Open Enrollment
Employees could learn more about the 2014 medical plans by attending an Open Enrollment event at the Lab on Thursday, Nov. 14, Representatives from UC health care providers as well as CONEXIS Flexible Spending Accounts were on hand to give talks and answer questions.

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