TOOL & DIE UNIT

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BENEFITS COMPANION WEB SITE

The website www.benefitcompanion.com is a joint project between the UAW and Ford Motor Company which will make it easier for individual members to go online and get information about the different health care plans that are available to them and much more. Benefit Companion offers you and your family the opportunity to compare, assess, and understand your benefit plans. It also allows you to stay on top of your health plan's performance, research topics on the web, and more.

By using the Benefit Companion website you can see what plans are available for your area. You can compare coverage between the different plans and find a doctor and see which plans he participates in. You can see what hospitals are available and compare the quality ratings for the plans and the hospitals. Dental coverages are also compared and you can find a dentist and see which plans he/she participates in. If you are retiring soon and moving to another state, you can use this site to see what health care plans are available in the area to which you are going to move. By using the Healthy Living section, you can get information on general health, fitness and diet, kids, and preventive medicine.

The Benefit Companion site has numerous links to other sites such as Just Move, an American Heart Association site, and the United States Department of Agriculture site, which provides a wealth of information on food and nutrition.

Those wanting to use this site should go to www.benefitcompanion.com, type in the company name "uawford" and put in the password "myhealth," and a wealth of information will be available to you an your family.

UNIT PICNIC

The Tool and Die Unit Picnic will be on June 8, 2003 at Warrendale Park. The park is just off Warren, east of Telegraph in Dearborn Heights. The Unit is putting on this picnic itself, so there will be a fundraiser during April and May to help cover the cost of the picnic.