



BENEFIT CHOICE ENROLLMENT PERIOD

This year's Benefits Choice Period will be held in May, 2007. During this month you have the opportunity to make changes to your existing benefit plans. Changes requested in May will be effective July 1, 2007.

You should receive a new Benefit Choice Options Booklet in the mail by the first of May. Please read this booklet carefully to ensure you understand the changes coming July 1, 2007. The new Benefit Choice Options Booklet will also be available on our website: www.state.il.us/srs. A new Benefit Choice Election Form is included in the Booklet. Read this form carefully as documentation is required for some changes.

You should only complete the Benefit Choice Election Form if you are making changes. If you decide to make changes, complete, sign and date the Benefit Choice Election Form and mail to the address below BEFORE the close of business May 31, 2007. Please include your telephone number on the form.

State Employees Retirement System
2101 South Veterans Parkway
P. O. Box 19255
Springfield, IL 62794-9255

Important Changes Effective July 1, 2007:

Managed Care Plan (HMO/OAP) Changes

- Outpatient surgery co-payment increases to \$150
- Dependent health contributions have increased. Details are on page 13 of the Benefit Choice Options Booklet.

Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) Changes

- General out-of-pocket maximum for individuals increases to \$1,100

- General out-of-pocket maximum families increases to \$2,750
- Non-QCHP hospital out-of-pocket maximum for individuals increases to \$4,400
- Non-QCHP hospital out-of-pocket maximum for families increases to \$8,800
- Prescription co-payments increase to \$11/\$22/\$44 (QCHP members only)
- Emergency room visit co-payment increases to \$400
- Dependents health contributions have increased. Details are on page 13 of the Benefit Choice Options Booklet.

Quality Care Dental (QCDP) Changes

Coverage now includes dental implants, inlays, onlays and adult sealants.

Benefits Handbook Amendment
Effective this year, the State Benefits Handbook will be updated via an amendment within the annual Benefit Choice Options booklet. Tear out pages 3-8 of the Benefit Choice booklet and keep with your current State Benefits Handbook dated 2004.

Disease Management Program

A new disease management program, Well Aware for Better Health, administered through CIGNA by Healthways, is now available to QCHP members and dependents who have diabetes or cardiac health conditions. Eligible QCHP members and dependents may receive an invitation to participate in one or both of these disease management support programs.

Medicare Part D

The '06-'07 Notice of Creditable Coverage is available on page 8 of the Benefit Choice Options Booklet. **Members should not enroll in a Medicare Part D Plan unless they qualify for low-income/extra-help assistance under the Social Security Administration.** If you have questions about Part D, contact the CMS Group Insurance Division, Medicare Coordination of Benefits Unit at 800-442-1300 or 217-782-7007.

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Helpful Reminders

- If you need a new medical card, contact your health plan carrier.
- If you need a new dental card, contact CompBenefits.
- If your pharmacy administrator is Medco and you need a new Medco Pharmacy card, please contact Medco at 1-800-899-2587.
- If you are experiencing problems with the payment of claims, please contact your health/dental/vision or pharmacy administrator/provider before contacting your SERS Insurance Rep or CMS Group Insurance Division.
- Plan Administrator phone numbers and website addresses are located on pages 32 & 33 of the Benefit Choice Options Booklet.
- Remember to notify SERS when you have a change of address.

Transition of Services: If you choose a new health plan during the Benefit Choice Period, members or dependents involved in an ongoing course of treatment should contact the new plan to coordinate the transition of services and providers.

If you or your dependents are hospitalized before July 1, contact both the current and future health plan administrators as soon as possible.

SERS INSURANCE CONTACT INFORMATION

In an effort to provide more efficient and personal service, the SERS Insurance Section has assigned all annuitants a personal Group Insurance Representative (GIR) based on the last two digits of your Social Security number. The phone numbers, e-mail addresses and fax numbers for your GIR are listed below.

If the last two digits of your SSN are 00-24 your GIR is Sheryll Clark: 217-785-7145; sclark@srs.state.il.us; fax 217-547-9771

If the last two digits of your SSN are 25-49 your GIR is Julie Harms: 217-785-7150; jharms@srs.state.il.us; fax: 217-547-9772

If the last two digits of your SSN are 50-74 your GIR is Madonna Palazzolo: 217-785-7138; mpalazzo@srs.state.il.us; fax: 217-547-9768

If the last two digits of your SSN are 75-99 your GIR is Beth Maney: 217-785-7093; bmaney@srs.state.il.us; fax: 217-547-9770

Example: John Doe ***-**-5525. His personal GIR would be Julie Harms.

Springfield Insurance Section Fax: 217-557-0510

TDD: 217-785-7218

Chicago Office: 312-814-5853

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Due to the high volume of calls to the Insurance Section, you may be asked to leave your name, phone number (including area code) and your Social Security Number. Your GIR will respond to your phone call as soon as possible.

