



Special Election Results

Virginia Yates has been elected by the SERS annuitant

members to serve a five-year term as the retired trustee on the SERS Board of Trustees beginning July 2, 2009.

A total of 14,154 annuitant member ballots were returned to the State Board of Elections, declared valid and certified on June 30.

Visit our website for additional election information at www.state.il.us/srs.



Dental Policy Changes



Effective October 1, 2009, retirees and survivors in the State Employees' Group Insurance Program will be charged the same monthly premium for dental benefits as active state employees.

The current monthly premium is \$11 for the member, \$17 for the member and one dependent, and \$19.50 for the member plus two or more dependents.

You should have received a letter in late-August giving you the option to continue your enrollment in the dental plan or the opportunity to waive your state dental coverage.

Address Changes



Notification of a change of address is required in writing!

Failure to do so could result in insurance claim problems and not receiving important notices from SERS.

If your check or other SERS correspondence is returned to us due to insufficient address information, your benefit and group insurance coverage will be suspended until we are notified of your new address.

Written notification should include:

- Your date of birth
- Social Security number
- Former address
- New address
- Telephone number
- Your signature

You may also download and complete the Change of Address form from our website. Address changes should be mailed to:

State Retirement Systems
2101 S. Veterans Parkway
P. O. Box 19255
Springfield, IL 62794-9255

SERS strives to provide our members with fast and efficient service. Correct mailing addresses are essential in meeting this goal.

Social Security Offset Summary

On July 1, 2009, the Governor signed legislation removing the Social Security offset on SERS survivor benefits.

The benefit offset is usually applied to the SERS widow or survivor benefit when the survivor becomes eligible for Social Security benefits.

Members retiring after July 1, 2009, have the option at retirement of removing the offset by reducing their monthly retirement annuity by 3.825%.

MRR Open Dates

We still have a number of the Myths & Realities of Retirement (MRR) workshops available during the remainder of 2009. Please call 217-785-6979 to register for this free, one-day workshop.

Oct. 6	Effingham
Oct. 14	Springfield
Nov. 17	Marion
Nov. 24	Joliet

A complete listing of the 2010 MRRs is on the back page.

The Benefit Statements for SERS annuitants will be mailed in late March.

2010 Myths & Realities Workshop

Circle the 2010 MRR Workshop That You Would Like to Attend

Please disregard the numbers in parentheses. They are for internal office use.

SERS offers the Myths and Realities of Retirement (MRR) workshop to retirees, survivors, disability benefit recipients and their guests. Registration for the 2010 MRR begins September 1, 2009.

The MRR is a free, one-day workshop examining financial scams, the effects of inflation, estate planning, group insurance, and health & leisure.

If you would like to attend an MRR workshop, complete and return the application to us or call our office to register. After you're registered, we will confirm your enrollment and advise you of the workshop address and time.

Jan. 5	Springfield (01)	Jul. 7	Springfield (01)
Jan. 26	Lincoln (19)	Jul. 20	Bloomington (04)
Feb. 9	Rock Falls (66)	Jul. 28	Chicago (02)
Feb. 17	S. Jacksonville (39)	Aug. 17	Carbondale (50)
Feb. 24	Glen Ellyn (71)	Aug. 24	Gurnee (48)
Mar. 2	Springfield (01)	Aug. 31	Utica (30)
Mar. 9	Rockford (90)	Sep. 14	Rockford (90)
Mar. 23	Tinley Park (95)	Sep. 21	Springfield (01)
Mar. 30	East Peoria (82)	Sep. 28	Kankakee (12)
Apr. 8	Springfield (01)	Oct. 5	Springfield (01)
Apr. 13	Schaumburg (77)	Oct. 7	Moline (46)
Apr. 20	Quincy (36)	Oct. 19	Effingham (67)
Apr. 27	Chicago (02)	Oct. 26	Collinsville (24)
Jun. 2	Collinsville (24)	Nov. 16	Springfield (01)
Jun. 15	Champaign (37)	Nov. 23	Tinley Park (95)
Jun. 22	Mt. Vernon (32)	Nov. 30	Chicago (02)
Jun. 29	Rockford (90)	Dec. 14	Joliet (47)
Jul. 1	Marion (07)		

Return This Form To:

State Retirement Systems

Field Services Division

2101 S. Veterans Parkway

P. O. Box 19255

Springfield, IL 62794-9255

217-785-6979

Fax: 217-557-5154

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Social Security Number _____

Are You Bringing a Guest? _____





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2009 Flu Shot Schedule*

Over the next several weeks, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is offering free seasonal flu shots to active state employees and SRS retirees enrolled in the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or a state-sponsored managed care plan.

Flu shots will be available in various state agencies in Springfield and Chicago, as well as universities throughout the state.

Many county health departments have partnered with the State to provide flu shots at no charge to eligible State of Illinois employees and retirees.

Individuals interested in getting a flu shot from a health department should contact the county health department directly to learn the dates and times the shots are scheduled to be administered.

Employees must present an employment ID and their state health insurance card. Retirees must present their state health insurance card and another form of ID. If you are Medicare eligible, you may also obtain a flu shot from your physician.

NOTE: Spouses, dependents, contractual workers, consultants, students and any SERS members who opted out of health insurance coverage are NOT eligible for a free flu shot.

Flu shots will be given at the SRS Springfield office on October 13, 2009, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Additional flu shot information is posted on our website at www.state.il.us/srs.

Information About the H1N1 (Swine Flu) Vaccine

The seasonal flu vaccine is a separate vaccine from the H1N1 vaccine and is not expected to protect against the H1N1 flu. Instead, the H1N1 vaccine is intended to be used with the seasonal flu vaccine and does not replace the seasonal flu shot.

The H1N1 vaccine shouldn't be available until November and is not part of the free flu shot program. SERS members interested in receiving the H1N1 vaccine should contact either their county health department or family physician.

* Flu shots are subject to the availability of the vaccine

SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO AND UNIVERSITIES FLU SHOT SCHEDULE

All clinics will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 3 p.m., except where noted.

Chicago Area	Thompson Center	Sep. 30	DHFS	Oct. 22	
	Room 2-025	Oct. 22, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Bloom Building		
	IDOT, Schaumburg	Oct. 6	Attorney General	Oct. 23	
	201 W. Center		500 S. 2nd	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	
	Health & Family Services	Oct. 7	State Capitol	Oct. 26	
	401 S. Clinton		park at Stratton Bldg.		
	Student Asst. Comm.	Oct. 14	Alzina Building	Oct. 28	
	Deerfield	9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	100 N. 1st		
	CMS Suburban North	Oct. 23	DNR	Oct. 30	
	Des Plaines		State Fairgrounds		
Springfield	McFarland Mental Health	Oct. 5	Other Downstate Sites	Jacksonville Dev. Cntr.	Sep. 21
	901 Southwind Road	1 - 4 p.m.		1201 S. Main	12 - 4 p.m.
	Howlett Bldg.	Oct. 6		Logan Correctional	Sep. 30
	park at Stratton Bldg.			1096 1350th St.	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	State Police	Oct. 7		Lincoln	
	AIG Building	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.		IDOT - Peoria	Oct. 7
	SERS	Oct 13		401 Main St.	
	Veterans & Greenbriar			Jacksonville Correctional	Oct. 13
	Stratton Bldg.	Oct. 14		2268 E. Morton	12 - 3:30 p.m.
	401 S. Spring	Oct. 29, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Logan County DHS	Oct. 14
	IDOT	Oct. 15		1550 4th St.	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	2300 S. Dirksen	Nov. 2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Lincoln	
	Dept. of Agriculture	Oct. 19		Vandalia Correctional	Oct. 15
State Fairgrounds		Rt. 51 North	2 - 4 p.m.		
EPA	Oct. 20	State Police	Oct. 15		
1021 N Grand Ave.	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	1100 Eastport Plaza	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.		
Dept. of Corrections	Oct. 20	Collinsville	Oct. 28, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.		
Concordia Gymnasium	1 - 3 p.m.	Hall Regional Bldg.	Oct. 23		
Dept. of Revenue	Oct. 21	East St. Louis	10 a.m. - noon		
100 W. Jefferson		Taylorville Correctional	Oct. 30		
		Rt. 29 South	2 - 3:30 p.m.		

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