



Special Enrollment Period for Health Plan Changes

The Special Enrollment Period will be held October 10 through October 28, 2011, to switch to another health plan. These changes are effective December 1, 2011. A Special Election Enrollment Form is enclosed with this Informer. If you want to change to a different health plan, please complete and return this form by the end of business on Friday October 28, 2011. ***If you do not want to change health plans, DO NOT return the form.***

CMS will soon be mailing postcards to all members announcing the Special Enrollment Period. In addition to the CMS postcard, SERS is providing the enclosed form for your convenience. The Managed Care Plan Map is on the back of the form to assist you with your health plan options.

2011 Election Results



Shirley Byrd was elected by the SERS retirees to serve a five-year term as the retiree trustee on the SERS Board of Trustees beginning July 19, 2011.

A total of 13,083 ballots were returned to the State Board of Elections, and 12,956 ballots were declared valid and certified on June 7.

Shirley retired in 1991 after working at Manteno State Hospital for 21 years, and at the Tinley Park Mental Health Center for seven years. Immediately after retirement, she joined AFSCME Illinois Retiree Chapter 31, where she was elected to the office of Trustee, and presently to her second term as Executive Vice-President.



Patti Casey, Supervisor of the SERS Insurance Section, would like to introduce her staff! Pictured left to right are Julie Harms, Sheryll Clark, Ray Seymour, Debbie Skilbeck and Madonna Palazzolo. Julie, Sheryll and Madonna are the Group Insurance Representatives (GIR) who assist over 50,000 SERS annuitants with all insurance questions, inquiries and processing. Debbie is the insurance lead worker with over 20 years of insurance experience. Ray assists the GIR's when needed and is also in charge of the Insurance Financial Control System. The GIR's field a monthly average of 4,000 telephone calls & 400 customers, and process 2,800 pieces of mail.



Illinois Comptroller, Judy Baar Topinka, was sworn in as Chairman of the SERS Board of

Trustees on January 20, 2011.

*Check out our website
at www.state.il.us/srs*

2012 Myths & Realities Workshop

Circle the 2012 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 2012 MRR began September 1, 2011.

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.

Feb. 28	S. Jacksonville (39)	Aug. 7	Springfield (01)
Mar. 6	Springfield (01)	Aug. 14	Schaumburg (77)
Mar. 13	Glen Ellyn (71)	Aug. 28	Carbondale (50)
Mar. 20	Bloomington (04)	Sep. 11	Utica (30)
Mar. 27	Matteson (17)	Sep. 18	Mt. Vernon (32)
Apr. 4	East Peoria (82)	Sep. 25	Rockford (90)
May 1	Chicago (02)	Oct. 2	Springfield (01)
Jun. 5	Springfield (01)	Oct. 10	Kankakee (12)
Jun. 12	Marion (07)	Oct. 16	Effingham (67)
Jun. 19	Rockford (92)	Oct. 24	Champaign (37)
Jun. 26	Litchfield (11)	Oct. 30	Fairview Heights (18)
Jul. 17	Rock Falls (66)	Nov. 27	Joliet (47)
Jul. 24	Chicago (02)	Dec. 4	Chicago (02)
Jul. 31	Galesburg (23)		

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

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Are You Bringing a Guest? _____



2011 Flu Shot Schedule

Over the next several weeks, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is providing free seasonal flu shots to State of Illinois employees and retirees enrolled in the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or a state-sponsored HMO/OAP.

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 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 19 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Additional flu shot information is posted on our website at www.state.il.us/srs.

SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO AND DOWNSTATE FLU SHOT SCHEDULE*

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

Chicago Area	Thompson Center Room 2-025	Sep. 29, Oct. 19	Springfield Howlett Bldg. <i>park at Stratton Building</i>	Oct. 12	
	Ludeman Mental Health Park Forest	Sep. 30 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.		Stratton Bldg. 401 S. Spring	Oct. 13, Nov. 8
	Health & Family Services 401 S. Clinton	Oct. 4		Dept. of Agriculture State Fairgrounds	Oct. 18
	IDOT, Schaumburg 201 W. Center	Oct. 5		SERS Veterans & Greenbriar	Oct 19
	Elgin Mental Health 750 S. State	Oct. 14 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.		IDOT 2300 S. Dirksen	Oct. 20 Nov. 17, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
	Student Asst. Comm. Deerfield	Oct. 18 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.		McFarland Mental Health 901 Southwind Road	Oct. 25 1 - 4 p.m.
	Kiley Mental Health Waukegan	Oct. 20 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.		EPA 1021 N Grand Ave. E.	Oct. 27 9 a.m. - noon
	CMS Suburban North Des Plaines	Oct. 26 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.		DHFS Bloom Building, 201 S. Grand Ave. E.	Nov. 1

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Dept. of Corrections Nov. 3
1301 Concordia Ct. Gym 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dept. of Revenue Nov. 9
100 W. Jefferson

Alzina Building Nov. 10
100 N. 1st 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

DNR Nov. 15
State Fairgrounds

State Police Nov. 16
801 S. 7th Street

Attorney General Nov. 22
500 S. 2nd 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Other
Downstate
Sites**

Jacksonville Develop. Center Sep. 27
1201 S. Main Noon - 4 p.m.

Logan Correctional Sep. 28
1096 1350th St. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Lincoln

Vandalia Correctional Sep. 30
Rt. 51 North 6:30 - 8 a.m. &
2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Taylorville Correctional Oct. 4
Rt. 29 South 2 - 4 p.m.

Murray Develop. Center Oct. 6, Oct. 13
Centralia 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Jacksonville Correctional Oct. 11
2268 E. Morton 12 - 4 p.m.

Choate Develop. Center Oct. 12
1000 N. Main, Anna 7 - 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 20, 1 - 3 p.m.

DHS Oct. 12
1550 4th St., Lincoln 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

IDOT - Peoria Oct. 13
401 Main St.

Hall Regional Bldg. Oct. 19
E. St. Louis 10 a.m. - Noon

Alton Mental Health Oct. 26, 2 - 4 p.m.
4500 College Ave. Oct. 27, 6 - 7:30 a.m.

County Health Departments Providing Flu Shots Fall 2011

Many of the County Health Departments have partnered with the Department of Healthcare & Family Services to provide flu shots at no charge to eligible State of Illinois employees and retirees. ***Dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, students, as well as employees who have opted-out of the health insurance coverage through the state are NOT eligible for the free seasonal flu shot through this program.*** State of Illinois employees and retirees enrolled in either the Quality Care

Health Plan (QCHP) or a State-sponsored HMO/OAP are eligible to receive the free seasonal flu shot. Each employee will be required to present his/her state health insurance card and his/her State ID card. Each retiree must present his/her state health insurance card and another form of identification. Interested individuals should call their local health department for the exact dates, times and locations that the shots will be offered.

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