



Benefit Statement Enclosed



Enclosed is your Annual Benefit Statement. Review your statement carefully, since it contains group insurance and death benefit beneficiary information. The Minnesota Life Insurance Company maintains your life insurance beneficiary information. If you would like to update this beneficiary, contact Minnesota Life at 1-888-202-5525. The enclosed statement also has a SERS identification card. Carry it with you as proof of your association with the state of Illinois for government and retiree discounts.

Returning to Work After Retirement

If you return to state employment on a non-permanent or permanent basis after retirement, you should notify the SERS Claims Division immediately.

If you receive a pension from more than one Illinois public retirement system which participates in the Retirement Systems' Reciprocal Act, you must notify each retirement system. Each reciprocal retirement system has specific rules to determine if retirees are eligible to receive pension benefits during reemployment.



Non-Permanent Reemployment

If your employment with the state will last for 75 or less working days during a calendar year (any part of a day is counted as a full day), you will continue to receive your pension payment while employed. During your employment, you make no contributions to SERS, but you do contribute to Social Security. A reemployment certification must be submitted to SERS

verifying your employment.

If you work more than 75 working days, your pension benefit will end on the 76th day, and you will resume contributing to SERS.

Federal Income Tax Withholding



You may have noticed an increase in the amount of federal tax deducted from your SERS benefit payment due to revised federal withholding tables that went into effect on January 1, 2012.

SERS withholds taxes based on your request on file with our office. To change your withholding, you must submit a new W-4P to SERS (the W-4P is available on our website at www.state.il.us/srs).

You may also contact a qualified tax advisor or the IRS at 800-829-1040 to ensure you have adequate withholding for the 2012 tax year.

SERS Member Snapshot June 30, 2011

Retired Members

Average age	69.5
Average annual benefit	\$29,063
Average number of years at retirement	26

Total Membership

Active	66,363
Retired	47,002

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
- Last four numbers of your 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.

SERS offers the Myths and Realities of Retirement (MRR) workshop to retirees, survivors, disability benefit recipients and their guests.

The MRR is a free, one-day workshop which runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. It examines financial scams, the effects of inflation, estate planning, group insurance, and health & leisure. Participants will find this workshop worthwhile and informative.

If you would like to attend an MRR workshop, complete and return the application to us. You can also call our office to register. After you are registered, we will confirm your enrollment by letting you know the exact workshop location.

Circle the 2012 MRR Workshop You Would Like to Attend

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

May 1	Chicago (02) FULL	Sep. 11	Utica (30)
Jun. 5	Springfield (01) FULL	Sep. 18	Mt. Vernon (32)
Jun. 12	Marion (07)	Sep. 25	Rockford (90)
Jun. 19	Rockford (90)	Oct. 2	Springfield (01)
Jun. 26	Litchfield (11)	Oct. 10	Kankakee (12) FULL
Jul. 17	Rock Falls (66)	Oct. 16	Effingham (67)
Jul. 24	Chicago (02)	Oct. 24	Champaign (37)
Jul. 31	Galesburg (23)	Oct. 30	Fairview Heights (18)
Aug. 7	Springfield (01)	Nov. 27	Joliet (47)
Aug. 14	Schaumburg (77) FULL	Dec. 4	Chicago (02)
Aug. 28	Carbondale (50)		

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Are You Bringing a Guest? _____

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