



## MEDICARE ADVANTAGE INFORMATION

### Total Retiree Advantage Illinois – Your Trail to Better Health

Members must make an election into one of the Medicare Advantage Plans offered by the State of Illinois if both of the following apply:

1. Member and covered dependents are enrolled in Medicare Parts A & B.
2. Member and covered dependents are living in the United States.

State of Illinois Medicare Advantage Plans Include:

Part A: Hospital                                      Part D: Prescription Drugs  
Part B: Physician Services

**Enrollment Period:** November 12, 2013 – December 13, 2013

**Effective Date of Change:** February 1, 2014

- You **MUST** complete the Open Enrollment Form that will be sent by CMS and return it to the State Retirement Systems postmarked by December 13, 2013, to have State-sponsored medical, prescription drug, vision and dental coverage after January 31, 2014.
- If you fail to make an election to a State of Illinois Medicare Advantage Plan, your health and vision insurance will be terminated effective February 1, 2014.
- Vision, dental and life insurance plans are not changing.
- You will be allowed to drop out of the health/vision plan and still keep your dental plan.
- The fall enrollment will become your annual Open Enrollment Period. Medicare Advantage Members will no longer make benefit changes during the May Benefit Choice Period.

## Members NOT Impacted by Medicare Advantage:

- Member not enrolled in Medicare Parts A & B
- Covered dependents not enrolled in Medicare Parts A & B
- Member/Dependents living out of the country

## Central Management Services (CMS) Mailings and Information

- CMS mailed announcement letters the week of October 21, 2013 to those members who must make a Medicare Advantage Election.
- Postcards announcing the fall Open Enrollment Period were mailed beginning October 30, 2013 to those members who will be impacted by Medicare Advantage.
- Enrollment kits (which includes the enrollment form, map and plan comparisons) will be mailed PRIOR to November 12, 2013.

**PLEASE NOTE:** One 1st class postage stamp will not be enough to mail the enrollment form to SRS. You can simply play it safe and attach 2 postage stamps or you can have it weighed at the U.S. Post Office (it should cost approximately 66 cents).

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## ***The Medicare Advantage Plans:***

***For specific questions about providers and benefits, IMPACTED members should contact the health plan that is available in their county (as provided by the CMS mailing):***

### ***UnitedHealthcare PPO***

1/888-223-1092 8 am to 8 pm

### ***Coventry Advantra HMO***

1/855-223-4807 8 am to 8 pm

### ***Humana Health Plan HMO***

### ***Humana Benefit Plan HMO***

1/800-951-0125 8 am to 9 pm



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***WANTED:*** Phone numbers and email addresses!

If you would like to receive phone calls, text messages or email announcements from SRS about the latest news/upcoming deadlines, please visit our website at [www.srs.illinois.gov](http://www.srs.illinois.gov), click on State Employees' Retirement System, and click on ***Member's Email & Phone Contact Information.***

Your email address and telephone number will not be shared with anyone outside of CMS, Bureau of Benefits and the State Retirement Systems. ***If you do not have access to a computer, please send us your telephone number and type (cell or home).***

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## ***CMS SEMINARS***

***CMS is conducting informational seminars. Locations and dates are included in your enrollment packet. Updates to the schedule will be posted on the CMS TRAIL website at [www.cms.illinois.gov/thetrail](http://www.cms.illinois.gov/thetrail). If you need assistance, bring your open enrollment form to the seminar.***

***SERS Call Center: 217-524-0389***

***(Available November 12, 2013  
through December 13, 2013.)***

## ***ADDITIONAL FACTS***

- Members continue to pay Medicare premiums through their Social Security check or quarterly bill.
- There is no "rolling" enrollment period. If a member became Medicare eligible after September 30 of this year, the member is not eligible for Medicare Advantage until next year's open enrollment period (Fall 2014).

***Information about Medicare Advantage is also available on our website at [www.srs.illinois.gov](http://www.srs.illinois.gov)***