



## Health Insurance Update



The Sangamon County Circuit Court has directed SERS to

discontinue withholding, as soon as possible, the retiree and survivor health insurance premiums that have been in effect since July 2013.

Due to the timing of the order and computer system limitations, we are unable to eliminate the entire premium immediately.

For the September 2014 benefit checks, the premiums withheld will be reduced to 1% of annuity for retirees and survivors covered by Medicare and 2% of annuity for retirees and survivors not covered by Medicare.

SERS will eliminate the entire amount of these disputed insurance premiums for the October 2014 benefit checks. The refunding of premiums paid since July 2013 is unresolved and may be decided by the Courts in November 2014.



The "State Retirement Systems of Illinois" is on Facebook! Search for us on your Facebook page and then 'like' or 'follow' us. News updates will then be automatically posted to your Facebook page.

## Revisiting the Member Services Website

SRS is pleased to have a new Member Services Website which allows retirees and survivors to access account details and manage their account.

To access the SRS Member Services website, open the internet, navigate to our home page at <https://memberservices.srs.illinois.gov>, select your retirement system and click on the link "Obtain an Illinois Public ID" to view your online account.

You can connect to this site once you create an Illinois Public

Account. This Illinois Public Account is maintained by CMS and allows you secure access to your account information on the SRS Member Services website.

You must complete a one-time registration process during your first sign-on to connect to your account information online. If you already have an Illinois Public Account you can use your account number to sign into the SRS Member Services website.

If you have questions about this website, call us at 217-782-4202.

## Member Services Website Statistics

Total Registered Users: 7679  
Average # of Members per Day: 250

### Members Logging in From:

Illinois:	85.0%
Missouri:	2.4%
Florida:	2.1%
California:	1.1%
Indiana:	1.1%
Arizona:	1.0%
Texas:	1.0%
All Other States:	5.8%

### Devices Used to Access Site:

Desktop Computers:	87.3%
Tablets:	7.5%
Mobile Phones:	5.2%

# 2015 Myths & Realities of Retirement Workshop

Circle the 2015 MRR Workshop That You Would Like to Attend

Beginning October 1, 2014, SERS retirees will be able to register for the MRR workshop online. Registration will be completed using our website ([www.srs.illinois.gov](http://www.srs.illinois.gov)) and following the instructions. After you register, we will confirm your registration and send you reminders via email.

If you don't have access to a computer, you can complete and return the application below to us or call our office to register. After you're registered, we will confirm your enrollment.

The MRR is a free, one-day workshop examining various issues affecting retirees.

Feb. 10	Springfield	Jul. 21	Moline
Feb. 24	Jacksonville	Jul. 28	Chicago
Mar. 10	Glen Ellyn	Aug. 4	Utica
Mar. 17	Bloomington	Aug. 11	Effingham
Mar. 24	Orland Park	Aug. 18	Mt. Vernon
Apr. 14	Collinsville	Aug. 25	Schaumburg
Apr. 21	Marion	Sep. 8	Springfield
May 5	Springfield	Sep. 22	Kankakee
May 12	Chicago	Sep. 29	Carbondale
Jun. 2	Litchfield	Oct. 6	Quincy
Jun. 9	Carbondale	Oct. 20	Gurnee
Jun. 16	East Peoria	Oct. 27	Fairview Heights
Jun. 23	Rockford	Nov. 17	Springfield
Jul. 7	Springfield	Dec. 8	Chicago
Jul. 14	Rock Falls	Dec. 15	Joliet

**Return This Form To:**

State Retirement Systems

Field Services Division

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Springfield, IL 62794-9255

217-785-6979

Fax: 217-557-5154

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are You Bringing a Guest?  Yes  No



# 2014 Springfield and Chicago Flu Shot Schedule\*

The Department of Central Management Services is providing free seasonal flu shots to State of Illinois employees, retirees and survivors enrolled in a state-sponsored health plan. Many county health departments partner with the State to provide flu shots at no charge to members. Call your local health department for the exact dates, times and locations that the shots will be offered.

Members must present their state health insurance

card and another form of ID. If you are enrolled in Medicare Part B, you can obtain a free flu shot from your physician or participating pharmacy. *Spouses, dependents, contractual workers, consultants, students and any SERS member who opted out of health insurance coverage are NOT eligible for a free flu shot.*

**The schedule below is current as we went to print.** Flu shots will be given at the SRS Springfield office on October 21 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

*The entire flu shot schedule is posted on our website at [www.srs.illinois.gov](http://www.srs.illinois.gov)  
All flu shots will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., except where noted.*

## Springfield

IDPH/State Lab  
825 N. Rutledge  
9 a.m. - noon

McFarland Mental Health  
901 Southwind Road  
1 - 4 p.m.

State Capitol  
park on Monroe St.  
1st fl. south

Dept. of Agriculture  
State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon

DHFS  
Bloom Building, 201 S. Grand E.

Dept. of Revenue  
Willard Ice Bldg, 100 W. Jefferson

Stratton Building  
401 S. Spring

IDOT, Auditorium  
2300 S. Dirksen

Board of Education  
100 N. 1st  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

State Police  
801 S. 7th  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

DNR, State Fairgrounds  
1 Natural Resources Way

SERS  
Veterans & Greenbriar

EPA  
1021 N Grand Ave.  
9 a.m. - noon

Stratton Building  
401 S. Spring  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

IDOT, Auditorium  
2300 S. Dirksen  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Attorney General  
500 S. 2nd  
9 a.m. - noon

Oct. 15

Oct. 15

Oct. 16

Oct. 21

Oct. 22

Oct. 23

Oct. 28

Oct. 29

## Chicago Area

IDOT, Schaumburg  
201 W. Center, Room A  
Sep. 16

Thompson Center  
Room 2-025, 100 W. Randolph  
Sep. 18

Student Asst. Comm.  
1755 Lake Cook Rd, Deerfield  
Sep. 18

Health & Family Serv.  
Clinton Building  
401 S. Clinton, 1st floor  
Sep. 23

CMS Suburban North  
9511 Harrison  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Des Plaines  
Sep. 24

Thompson Center  
Room 2-025, 100 W. Randolph  
Oct. 2

Math & Science Acad.  
1500 Sullivan Rd. Aurora  
Oct. 2

*As we went to print, none of the other downstate locations had been confirmed. Check our website for the complete flu shot schedule.*

\* Flu shots are subject to the availability of the vaccine

# The Benefits of Direct Deposit

## ***The Direct Deposit program is reliable, safe and convenient!***

- Your money is electronically deposited to your account and available for your use on the morning of the scheduled payment.
- No need to worry about lost, stolen or misplaced checks.
- You avoid receiving your benefit payment late.
- If you choose Direct Deposit, you should allow one to two months for processing before future payments are electronically deposited into your bank account on the 19th of each month.
- If you receive more than one type of benefit from SERS, these benefits may only go to one designated bank account.

## ***The Comptroller and SERS encourage you to take advantage of Direct Deposit.***

Your monthly benefit payment from SERS is eligible for processing as an electronic direct deposit. Instead of waiting for your check to arrive by mail, you can enjoy the benefit of having your funds available on the scheduled payment date.

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You may download and complete the SERS Depository Agreement form on our website at [www.srs.illinois.gov](http://www.srs.illinois.gov) under the forms tab.

To enroll in Direct Deposit, fill out the top portion of the Depository Agreement and take it to your financial institution to complete their information. This form should then be mailed to our office to start

the Direct Deposit process. Once your bank information is updated in the SERS system, you will receive notification that your next check will be processed electronically.

For assistance with this safe and reliable method of payment, contact a Direct Deposit specialist at 217-524-8806.

Monthly earnings statements for all benefits paid by SERS can be

securely viewed through the SRS Member Services website. To view your account information, you may register through our website at [www.srs.illinois.gov](http://www.srs.illinois.gov) and navigate to the link "View PDF version on how to secure an ID." You will find the instructions for the one-time registration process that must be completed to access your account information online.