



Insurance Info July 1, 2009

New Insurance Rates

Beginning October 1, 2009, JRS retirees, survivors and their dependents will be charged for **dental coverage**. The rates will be the same as current monthly employee rates as follows:

Member:	\$11.00
Member and one dependent:	\$17.00
Member and two or more dependents:	\$19.50

You have the option of staying in the dental plan or you may waive and terminate dental coverage on October 1, 2009.

Managed Care Plan (HMO/OAP)

- New prescription deductible of \$50 per individual per plan year.
- Prescription co-payments for preferred brand and non-preferred brand increase to \$22/\$44 respectively (generic remains \$10)

Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) Changes

- New prescription deductible of \$75 per individual per plan year.
- Prescription co-payments for preferred brand and non-preferred brand increase to \$26/\$52 respectively (generic remains \$11).
- Dependent health contributions have increased \$6 in every category.

If you have questions, call 217-782-8500.

Active Judges Benefit Statement

Enclosed with this edition of the Panel is your annual Benefit Statement if **you are currently serving on the bench**. Keep your Benefit Statement in a safe, secure place.

Your JRS Benefit Statement shows any reciprocal service you may have, along with a retirement benefit estimate at your normal retirement date using the Reciprocal Act. To determine your total benefit, add the projected JRS benefit to the amount from the reciprocal system(s).

If your statement shows reciprocal service but no amount, you either don't have enough service to use the Reciprocal Act, you have concurrent service with JRS and another system, or you don't need the service to qualify for the maximum benefit. Although we make every effort to provide you with an accurate benefit estimate, it is only an approximation. If you have questions, contact our office at 217-782-8500.

Benefit Statements for retirees & survivors are NOT included with this Panel. These statements will be mailed in March, 2010.

JRS Legislation



During the spring legislative session, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 369 (Public Act 96-0207) which became law on August 10, 2009.

Anyone becoming a member of JRS after this date will have their pension calculated using a final average compensation of the highest four consecutive years within the last ten years of service.

Reciprocal service earned prior to becoming a judge, has no effect on this new law.

Keep Your Beneficiaries Current

Your named beneficiaries on file with JRS are located in the Death Benefits section of your Benefit Statement. You may change your beneficiaries at any time by filing a new Nomination of Beneficiaries form with JRS. This form can be downloaded from our website, completed and returned to our office.

It is your responsibility to keep your designations up-to-date. If no beneficiary is on file, any death benefit will be paid to your estate.

2009 JRS Deceased

	<i>Date of Death</i>
David DeDoncker	1-06-09
James Quetsch	1-21-09
Delmar O. Koebel	2-11-09
Albert G. Webber III	2-12-09
Earl Strayhorn	2-15-09
Myron Gomberg	4-02-09
James Bumgarner	4-03-09
John Virgilio	4-04-09
John Hogan	4-13-09
Joseph Spitz	5-09-09
Byron Koch	5-17-09
Joseph Schneider	5-18-09
James McCourt	5-21-09
Richard Kelly	6-14-09
Fred G. Suria	7-11-09
Charles A. Covey	7-19-09

Judges Preretirement Workshop



Judges of all ages and years of service should attend the *Education for Tomorrow's Choices* (ETC) preretirement

workshop. This very popular, one-day workshop is held each year in Chicago and southern Illinois.

The ETC features a certified financial planner to discuss money management and investment strategies. Other speakers cover Deferred Compensation, Social Security, insurance and JRS benefits.

The next judges ETC will be held **Tuesday, November 17, 2009** in Chicago. To make a reservation for this workshop, call the JRS office at 217-782-8500.

1-on-1 Counseling Schedule

The dates and locations for the remaining 1-on-1 counseling sessions in 2009 are listed below. The Court Administrator at each location will be asked to contact the judges in that area about our upcoming 1-on-1 sessions. The Court Administrator will then schedule 1-on-1 appointments for judges to meet with Jayne Waldeck from the JRS office.

September 14

2nd Municipal District
Skokie

September 15

4th Municipal District
Maywood

October 5

Appellate Court Conference
Oak Brook

October 22

LaSalle County Courthouse
Ottawa in the afternoon

October 23

Will County Courthouse
Joliet in the morning

October 23

Kankakee County Courthouse
Kankakee in the afternoon

November 5

6th Municipal District
Markham in the morning

November 5

5th Municipal District
Bridgeview in the afternoon

November 6

3rd Municipal District
Rolling Meadows in the morning

November 17

Judges' ETC Workshop
Chicago

December 9

New Judges' Seminar
Chicago

FY10 JRS Salaries

The Illinois House and Senate rejected the Compensation Review Board's salary recommendation, limiting the FY10 salary increase to a 2.8% COLA, effective July 1, 2009.

Supreme Court Justice	\$201,819
Appellate Court Justice	\$189,949
Circuit Court Judge	\$174,303
Associate Court Judge	\$165,588

Mailing Address

Active judges must keep their address current with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. If a JRS benefit recipient changes their address, they will need to complete a new W-4P form with our office.

You can download and print the W-4P form from our website, complete it and return it to us. Failure to do so could result in not receiving important notices from JRS.

If you have questions about your mailing address, call us at 217-782-8500.