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December 2010 Retiree Newsletter

Health Insurance Update: (excluding MPS, MATC, MMSD, UWS, and Veolia):

BASIC PLAN: New cards were mailed out **only** to new enrollees and members who made an eligibility change (addition/deletion of family members). If you have not received your card, contact Anthem at 1-866-926-7789. **ERS does not send out health insurance cards.**

UNITED HEALTHCARE CHOICE: New cards were mailed out **only** to new enrollees and members who made an eligibility change (addition/deletion of family members). If you have not received your card(s), please contact UHC at 1-866-873-3903. **ERS does not send out health insurance cards.**

UNITED HEALTHCARE PPO (formerly Secure Horizons): All enrollees should have received an "acknowledgement letter" which included your membership ID number; this can be used until you receive your ID card. **Please Note:** premium payment information in the acknowledgment letter **does not** apply to your ERS administered health insurance plan. If you have not received a letter, please contact United Healthcare PPO at 1-866-457-8506. **ERS does not send out the "acknowledgment letters" or health insurance cards.**

DEANRX PRESCRIPTION ID CARDS: ALL DeanCareRX members should have received a new ID cards. If you have not received an ID card, please contact DeanCareRX at 1-888-422-3326. **ERS does not sent out ID cards.**

NAVITUS PRESCRIPTION ID CARDS: If there were no changes in your membership for 2011, continue using your current ID card(s).

REMINDER: 2011 premiums will be reflected on your December 2010 pension check.

Please look at your check stub or direct deposit notification before calling our office.

Attention All Members – Especially Those Receiving Duty Disability Benefits:

Please be sure to retain all of your pay stubs, especially your December check stub or direct deposit advice. This statement summarizes your monthly annuity pay and deduction amounts for the calendar year. For example, you will see that all of your health insurance premiums paid for the year are found under the "Year-To-Date" column on your stub/advice.

IMPORTANT: If you receive a benefit which is not taxable and, therefore, not reportable on a form 1099R, **such as a duty disability** or accidental death annuity, this year-end statement will be the only record you will have of your payments. **You will not receive a 1099R form; please refer to your final pay stub for this information.**

In Memoriam

ERS Retirees who have recently died:



Helen Belderr -MPS
Maynard Blanchard -DPW-ME
Jack Cooper -DPW-Fleet Svcs & Operations
Norma Crowley -MPS
Henry Deer -DCD
John Dodge -MPD
Robert Eisch -MPS
Paul Gabor -DPW-Sewer Maint
Carol Graham -Health
Frederick Linder -DPW-Muni Equip
John Malesa -MPD
Gregory McGee -Health
Virginia Nuedling -Dept of Building Inspection
Donald Ollie -Community Development Agency
Margaret Pagenkop -MPS
Ward Peterson -Health
Ruth Revels -Library
Vicky Ruege -MPS
Ethel Ruprecht -MATC
LaVerne Schlueter -MPS
Glenn Skenadore -MPS
Giovanna Szuta -MPS
Mitchell Turner -DNS

1099-Rs for 2010:

If your pension benefit is subject to Federal income tax, the 1099-R for the pension benefits paid to you in calendar year 2010 will be mailed by the end of January 2011 in accordance with IRS regulations. If you are a recent retiree and received a GPS lump-sum bonus during 2010, you will receive a separate 1099-R for that portion of the bonus you rolled over. Any portion taken in cash will be included with the 1099-R containing your monthly annuity payments. If you receive multiple benefits from ERS (e.g. your own retirement benefit as well as a survivorship benefit from the account of your deceased spouse), you will receive a separate 1099-R for each benefit you received in 2010. Your 1099-R will be mailed to the address on file with this office. If you want this form mailed to another address, you must inform the ERS office in writing no later than January 7, 2011. Please note that all 1099-Rs will be mailed on the same date, but they may arrive at your address at different times. The post office will be delivering millions of these forms at about the same time, so there is a possibility your form might be delayed in the mail.

Important: Do NOT make an appointment with your tax preparer/accountant until you receive your 1099R form. If you have not received your form 1099-R, please wait until February 14, 2011 before you contact this office for a replacement. No replacements will be processed before that date. Also, replacement 1099-Rs are not processed on a walk-in basis. Requests will be processed in the order received.

2011 CPI COLA Factor is 1.1432% (*NOTE: This affects certain Police and Fire Retirees only)

Every December, the ERS calculates the rate to be used to determine COLA factors provided most protective service members based on the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). In November 2010 the index was 218.803 as compared with 216.33 in November 2009, an increase of 1.1432%. COLA increases granted in calendar year 2011 to protective service members will be 1.1432% except for those eligible for a minimum of 2%. Generally, those eligible for the minimum of 2% are:

- Local 215 and MPA members retiring from service after 1997
- MPSO members retiring from service after 1998
- Other Protective service members retiring after 1999

The CPI statistics can be found on the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics website: <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/surveymost?cu>

To calculate the CPI, select the first index in the list presented on the website. Take the November 2010 index and subtract the November 2009 index. Divide this answer by the November 2009 index.

Recently Retired ERS Members

***Deferred**

Thomas Balistreri –MFD
Robert Bartnikowski –DPW-
Water
Larry Beckley –DPW-Parking
Marie Bjelde –Health*
Denise Brewer -Municipal Court
Johnny Burnom -MPS
Fredy Canales -DPW- Infra
Maria Cantres –MPS
Jesse Carter –DPW-Operations
Robert Chalhoub –Health
Donald Doro -MFD
David Dulek -DPW-Infra
Neil Garfinkel–DPW-Sanitation*
Willie Green –DPW-Infra
Richard Herrera –MFD
Ronald Honzelka –DPW-Parking
Richard Jensen –DPW-Parking
William Kappel –DPW-
Municipal Equipment*
Fred Kiekhaefer –DPW-Infra
Rose Kraker -Library
Thomas Kruszka, Sr –DPW-
Sanitation
Sharon Livingston –MPS
John Moser- DPW-Water
Kathleen Myers -Library
Beverly Nelson –MPS
Dennis Palenski- DPW-Forestry
Lina Romero –DCD-HACM
Michael Ryczek -MPS*
Douglas Schmitt –DPW-
Infrastructure
Mohammed Shareefuddin -DPW-
Water
Thomas Szuta –DPW-Infra
Mary Uriegas -DCD-HACM
William Van Clief -DPW-Water
Larry Winters –DPW-Water
Ada Wright –MPD-Civilian
Diane Zierer –ERS

IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY

January 3, 2011 – New Year's Day Holiday (ERS closed)

January 10, 2011 – Affidavits for lost December checks will begin to be taken.

January 17, 2011 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday (ERS closed)

Your January 2011 benefit payment will be mailed on January 28 and made payable for January 31.

Direct deposits will be in accounts on January 31.