

Delaware Public Employees' Retirement System NEWSLETTER

Retiree Edition

August 2021

Post Retirement Increases

The General Assembly passed House Bill 250 during the legislative session ending June 30, 2021, which included a Post-Retirement Increase based on the pensioner's effective date of retirement. Pensioners received the increase in their July pension payment.

Effective Date of Retirement	Increase
Prior to 7/1/1991	3%
7/1/1991 – 6/30/2001	2%
7/1/2001 – 6/30/2016	1%

Who is entitled to receive the PRI?

- State Employees' Pension Plan
- New State Police Pension Plan
- Revised Judicial Plan
- County and Municipal Plan – Police/Firefighters

One-Time Salary Supplement

The General Assembly also passed House Bill 251, which includes a one-time salary supplement of \$500 for most pensioners who retired prior to July 1, 2021. This one-time payment will be included with most pensioner's November monthly pension.

Eligible plans include:

- State Employees' Pension Plan
- New State Police Pension Plan
- Revised Judicial Plan

Pensioners that have returned to work as a casual/seasonal, temporary, or substitute employee may receive the \$1,000 one-time salary supplement as an active employee. Any pensioner that receives the \$1,000 one-time salary supplement will not be eligible for the \$500 pensioner supplement as well.

NEW PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER

CVS Caremark became the pharmacy benefit manager for individuals enrolled in a State of Delaware non-Medicare health plan administered by Highmark Delaware or Aetna **effective July 1, 2021**. Members with questions can call CVS Caremark Customer Service at (833) 458-0835. It is important to remember:

- Prescriptions **CAN** be filled at Walgreens, Rite-Aid, CVS, and other retail pharmacies.
- The current copay structure **DID NOT** change.
- Prescription drug savings programs for generic, maintenance, mail order, and diabetic medications/supplies remain in place.
- You must present your **NEW** CVS Caremark ID Card to get your prescriptions.

Medicare-eligible retirees will transition on **January 1, 2022**. More information will be provided to Medicare members during 2021 Fall Open Enrollment. Learn more at dhr.delaware.gov/benefits.

STATE EMPLOYEES CHARITABLE CAMPAIGN

September 1 – October 31
Celebrating 30 years of giving

This year is the 30th annual State Employees' Charitable Campaign (SECC). SECC provides state employees and pensioners the opportunity to support local nonprofit organizations through direct payment or payroll deductions. Your generosity helps participating charities provide benefits such as nutritious meals, shelter, and clothing to Delaware's homeless, veterans, disadvantaged, and families in need. To learn more about SECC and how you can support participating charities, visit secc.delaware.gov.





Dental Plans

We Want Your Feedback

The State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) is responsible for the management and selection of health, dental, vision and related insurance plans offered to State of Delaware benefit-eligible employees and pensioners.

The SEBC will be renewing the State of Delaware dental plan offerings for July 1, 2022. The SEBC is interested in your opinions of our current dental plans and understanding what is important to you and your family when choosing a dental plan. Your feedback to a short survey is appreciated in helping the SEBC evaluate dental plan options for our employees and pensioners.

To complete the survey, please visit our website at www.delawarepensions.com and select the Statewide Benefits Office's Dental Survey icon. This survey is anonymous and confidential allowing for valuable feedback in an effort to enhance and improve the dental plans offered.

OFFICE OF PENSIONS ANONYMOUS FRAUD REPORTING

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Hotline: (833) 590-0005

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Coming Soon - my.delaware.gov

Delaware has a new "one identity" validation solution for State of Delaware digital government, my.delaware.gov.

Soon, you will receive an email with a web link, requesting you to complete a quick registration process so you can access State of Delaware government services. Anyone currently using DE-Single Sign On (DE-SSO) must register to retain access to services.

When fully implemented in early 2022, you will simply login at my.delaware.gov to validate your identity to securely access your monthly pension direct deposit advice from any device, anytime, anywhere.

The Pension Office will be closed on the following dates:

Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2021
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25, 2021
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 26, 2021
Christmas Day	Friday, December 24, 2021
New Years' Day	Friday, December 31, 2021

Upcoming Pension Benefit Check Dates:

Pension benefits are payable on the last working day of each month, with the exception of December. The schedule for the remainder of 2021 is as follows:

Thursday, September 30, 2021	Tuesday, November 30, 2021
Friday, October 29, 2021	Thursday, December 23, 2021



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