



July 1, 2016

Dear Chicago Public Schools Retiree,

Chicago Public Schools (CPS) will continue to offer retiree health insurance in 2017 for enrolled CPS annuitants who have a pension through the Municipal Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago (MEABF) or the Laborers’ Annuity and Benefit Fund (LABF). This plan will continue to provide the same quality medical and prescription drug benefits that you are accustomed to including a PPO medical plan that provides competitive inpatient and outpatient coverage as well as retail and mail-order prescription drug coverage.

While there are no increases in co-pays, co-insurance, or deductibles for 2017, there are significant changes in your monthly premiums. The increases in your premium is driven by the following factors:

- Rising costs in medical care and medical insurance
- Ending of government retiree drug subsidy (grant)

The chart below shows the increase in health premiums beginning on January 1, 2017:

Category	Monthly Premiums You Paid Beginning 2/1/2016	Monthly Premiums You Will Pay Beginning 1/1/2017
Medicare Annuitant Only	\$406.41	\$632.43
Medicare Annuitant plus Family	\$888.09	\$1,264.83
Non-Medicare Annuitant Only	\$1,233.45	\$1,397.12
Non-Medicare Annuitant plus Family	\$2,562.51	\$2,794.89
Medicare Annuitant with Non-Medicare covered spouse or dependent	\$1,734.86	\$2,029.55
Non-Medicare Annuitant with Medicare covered spouse or dependent	\$1,704.86	\$2,029.55

Please note that your pension fund will no longer contribute to your plan each month. This plan is underwritten by BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois. The premiums are based on the medical and pharmacy costs incurred by the plan. A more affordable option for you may be the United States Healthcare Exchange. Their phone number is 1 800 318-2596 and website is healthcare.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact your appropriate representative: For MEABF retirees’ last names beginning with A-K call 312-379-2109, for MEABF retirees’ last names beginning with L-Z call 312-379-2108; or for LABF retirees contact the general number at 312-236-2065.

Sincerely,

Matthew Lyons
Chief of Talent