



Employees' Retirement System Communicator

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Contact Information

Employees' Retirement System

Please contact the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) at 414-278-4207 in Milwaukee or toll-free at 877-652-6377 outside of Milwaukee for all Pension questions, including Retirement calculations.

Life & Health Benefits

Please contact the Benefit Division with Life and Health Benefits related questions at: 414-278-4198.

Newly Retired

Jane Alioto
Pamela Anderson
Jacqueline Brock
Joan Brown
Celestine Burrows
Patrick Call
Brenda Cannon
Raymond Chalupka
Maryann Chmiel
Martha Cone
John Corlette
Mary Dreis
Dorothy Endisch
Fay Fullwood
Angela Imgrund
Florence Jaskolski
Ernest Johnson
Tomothy Johnson
Geoffrey Kopf
Brenda Lathan
Elizabeth Miech
Jaunita Mozell
Robert Mullins
Gail Neylon
Jane Nordstrom
Valencia Norton
John Parish
Lillie Patterson
Ruby Rahming
Margaret Rose
Sueellen Rowe
Mark Schoenike
Susan Seewald
Charlene Smith
Lesly Tienen
Stella Walton
Alvin Webster
Maribeth Welchman
Doris Whorton
Floryan Wojtyra

A Message from the ERS Manager

Happy New Year! January marks the first year anniversary of the V-3 pension system. Utilizing the V-3 system has made ERS successful in determining retirement eligibility, benefit calculations and payment generation.

Our goal for 2010 is to fine-tune the system and provide service delivery enhancements.

Watch for the following in 2010:

- IRS 1099(R) forms have been processed in V-3 and will be issued by January 31, 2010
- The Annual Pension Board Meeting will take place on February 10. This meeting is open to all retirees as an information session.
- The annual 2% COLA will be issued to retirees on retirement anniversary dates.
- The Pension Benefit Statements (Financial and Service Credit) will be issued in the second quarter of 2010. Since the statements will be generated from the V-3 Pension System, you will notice a new format.

- Annual income verifications will take place in the second quarter of 2010 for members who are receiving an accidental disability pension check.
- The 2009 Annual Report will be published and issued in August of this year.
- New Medicare eligible retirees are reminded to enroll in Medicare Part A and Part B and submit verification of enrollment to Benefits.
- The Milwaukee County Benefits Open Enrollment for 2011 Benefits will take place in November. Retirees will have the opportunity to make plan changes and life insurance cancellations through V-3 Self-Service. Additional Open Enrollment information will be provided to you in the third quarter of the year.

We look forward to serving you in 2010!

Life & Health Benefits

Many of you have called asking if you will receive new medical insurance cards this year. If you made changes during the Open Enrollment period (changed from the PPO to the HMO, added or deleted dependents, etc), you will receive new medical ID cards. If you changed plans, your coverage under the new plan option began on January 1, 2010. If you did not make any changes during Open Enrollment, you will not receive new cards and will continue to use the cards you currently hold.

UnitedHealthCare offers a nationwide network of providers that is particularly strong in Southeast Wisconsin. The overwhelming majority of physicians and facilities that were available for 2009 are available for 2010.

While it is very likely that the providers you utilized in 2009 will be in the network this year, the only way to be absolutely certain is to confirm with UnitedHealthCare.

To confirm if your physician, hospital or other provider is included in the UHC network, or to find a network physician, please contact UHC at 800-603-3941. Customer service representatives are available from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (CST) Monday – Friday.

If you have access to a computer, you can also confirm if your physician, hospital or other provider is in the network by doing an on-line search. Go to www.myuhc.com and select the "Find Physician or Facility" link located under the links and tools heading in the upper right corner.

Reminder: Upon becoming Medicare-eligible (regardless of age) you must enroll in Medicare Parts A and B, and provide proof of enrollment to the Benefits Division. You are not required to enroll in Medicare Part D.

May you experience good health and happiness in 2010!

In Memoriam

Please keep these recently deceased individuals in your thoughts:

Virginia Berg	Louis Martinec
Harriet Berry	Rudolph Martinez
Rita Beyer	Emma Netz
James Boone	Jasacolar Noblin
Dolores Burton	Shirley Reitzel
Ruth Clark	Jan Riegler
Adelaide Domzil	Angeline Rjos
Florence Fendt (Francis)	Darlene Roeder
Etta Gardner (Joseph)	Roger Ruehl
Kenneth Japp	Carl Tarantino
David Koszalka	Henry Williams
Dolores Kowalski	Hannah Wothe
Louise Krephly	Mildred Zaborowski
Leonard Lieberman	Bertha Ziegler

