



Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

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Important: Your OPERS Humana Interim Plan will terminate June 30, 2016

OPERS will discontinue offering group medical/pharmacy coverage after June 30, 2016 to OPERS participants who do not qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A. This means the OPERS Humana Interim Plan and OPERS Prescription Plan administered by Express Scripts will terminate June 30, 2016. You will not have access to OPERS group medical/pharmacy coverage after that date. This will allow our participants to have more affordable plan options through the OPERS Medicare Connector with no gap in coverage.

For coverage effective July 1, 2016, you and your eligible dependents who do not qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A have the opportunity to enroll in a medical/pharmacy plan through the OPERS Medicare Connector. Please know that you must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B to enroll in a medical plan through OneExchange.

Important Actions:

Please disregard the following if you have already enrolled in a plan through OneExchange as no further action is required.

- 1) **Enroll in Medicare Parts A and B.** If you have not already enrolled in Medicare Parts A or B through Social Security, call SSA at 1-800-772-1213 to determine your next opportunity for enrollment.
- 2) **Provide proof of Medicare enrollment.** Send OPERS a copy of your Notice of Award or a copy of your Medicare ID card with your SSA bill. Include the OPERS reimbursement form you received last month. OPERS will reimburse the applicable portion of you and/or your spouse's Medicare Part A premium by adding the amount to your monthly OPERS benefit.
- 3) **Call OneExchange.** After you have enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B, call OneExchange at 1-844-287-9945 to enroll a supplemental Medicare plan.

Important information about your prescription drug coverage

Your current OPERS coverage includes a prescription drug plan. This coverage meets creditable coverage standards set by Medicare, but is not classified as a Medicare Part D plan. Medicare does not recognize enrollment into these types of plans. Therefore, Medicare may misinterpret this as a break or gap in your prescription drug coverage.

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Medicare can impose a late enrollment penalty on participants who have a gap in prescription drug coverage greater than 63 continuous days. **With your enrollment in the OPERS prescription drug plan that terminates June 30, 2016, you do not have a gap in coverage and will not be subject to a late enrollment penalty.** However, some insurance carriers may request proof that your previous coverage met the Medicare requirements for creditable coverage. The enclosed Notice of Creditable Coverage will provide proof of your continued enrollment in a prescription drug plan and allow you to avoid a late enrollment penalty. You can make a copy of this notice and send it to your new prescription plan carrier if they request proof. Please keep the original for your records.

Please contact OneExchange at 1-844-287-9945 for questions about enrolling in a new plan. Please contact OPERS at 1-800-222-7377 if you have any questions about your Medicare Part A reimbursement.

Sincerely,

OPERS Health Care

ENC: Notice of Creditable Coverage

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