



Delaware Public Employees' Retirement System NEWSLETTER

Retiree Edition

July 2006

POST RETIREMENT BENEFIT

INCREASES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006

Senate Bill 396 passed the second session of the 143rd General Assembly, which concluded on June 30, 2006, and has been signed by the Governor. It provides benefit enhancements for retirees whose effective date of retirement was prior to July 1, 2005.

Effective July 1, 2006, there will be a Post Retirement Increase for retired members of the State Employees', retired Judges, retired New State Police, and retired County & Municipal Police/Firefighters' plans whose effective dates of retirement were on or before June 30, 2005. This will be reflected in the monthly pension benefit payment received July 31, 2006, as follows:

Effective date prior to 1/1/1981 --
2% increase or \$25 per month, whichever is greater

Effective date 1/1/1981 through 6/30/2005 --
2% increase

The Closed State Police Post Retirement Increase is 3.53% and will be included in the July 31, 2006 benefit payment.

If you have any questions about the post-retirement increase or any other issues related to your benefits from the Delaware Public Employees' Retirement System, please visit our website at www.delawarepensions.com or contact our office.

IS YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT?

Every attempt is made to send information to our retirees in a timely manner. However, we do receive a high amount of returned mail and when this happens we dedicate our resources to the time-consuming task of identifying those retirees and trying to locate a current address. In some cases, we must resend the mail, which means doubling our efforts in both time and expense. If you multiply this effort by hundreds of pieces of undeliverable mail each year, you'll understand our concern.

Undeliverable mail means our records are not up-to-date, so we are unable to deliver pension benefit, newsletters, annual statements, 1099's and other important materials to our retirees.

Retirees can help the Pension Office keep its records current by submitting an address change to us, in writing, at any time throughout the year. Please remember your help is greatly appreciated.

The Pension Office will be closed on the following dates:

Labor Day -- Monday, September 4, 2006

Columbus Day -- Monday, October 9, 2006

Election Day -- Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Veteran's Day -- Friday, November 10, 2006

Thanksgiving Holiday --

Thursday, November 23 and Friday,
November 24, 2006

Christmas Holiday --

Monday, December 25, 2006

New Year's Holiday --

Monday, January 1, 2007



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MediGuide Second Opinion Program - Effective July 1, 2006

The State of Delaware would like to introduce MediGuide's Second Opinion Program that became effective July 1, 2006. This unique service is being provided through MediGuide America, a worldwide leader in Second Opinion services.

This NEW benefit program is included in your health benefit program so there's NO ENROLLMENT NECESSARY and NO ADDITIONAL COST to you.

- ◆ No co-pay, no co-insurance
- ◆ No waiting period
- ◆ No pre-existing condition exclusion

If you, your spouse or dependent receive a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of a serious medical condition, and you need a Second Opinion, we've made it easier to get one. MediGuide will work with your physician to collect all relevant medical records and transmit them to the selected medical center. Your diagnosis and treatment plan is evaluated by a disease specialist from such prestigious medical centers as the Harvard teaching hospitals, London's King's College, the Cleveland Clinic or one of many other leading medical centers from around the world. Be assured that MediGuide is HIPAA compliant and follows State of Delaware and Federal guidelines governing disclosure of personal medical information.

To learn more, please visit www.MediGuide.com or call 800-961-4843. Future updates and program information can be found at <http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/MediGuide>.

PENSION CHECKS AND DIRECT DEPOSIT

ADVISES are mailed the day before the last working day of each month. Accordingly, pension check write dates for the balance of 2006 will be as follows:

MONDAY, JULY 31, 2006
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2006
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2006
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2006
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2006
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2006



New Prescription Benefit Manager---- Medco----July 1, 2006

The Statewide Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC), following an aggressive bid process, awarded the contract of prescription benefit management services to Medco Health Solutions, Inc. (Medco) effective July 1, 2006. Medco will provide prescription services to active employees and pensioners enrolled in a health care plan that includes prescription drug coverage.

A Welcome Kit was mailed to your home in late June, which contained these important pieces of information.

- ◆ Letter of introduction
- ◆ Handbook
- ◆ New Identification Cards which MUST be used at pharmacy starting July 1st
- ◆ Formulary
- ◆ Coordination of Benefits/Direct Claim Form
- ◆ Fax Prescription Form
- ◆ Medco by Mail Order Form-completes the transfer of your information to Medco by Mail
- ◆ Health, Allergy, Medication Questionnaire

Effective July 1, 2006, you are required to use your Medco ID Card when having a prescription filled at a retail pharmacy. If you have not received your new card, please contact Medco's Member Services at 1-800-939-2142.

Medco's Member Services, 1-800-939-2142, is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week (except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day) to provide information regarding Medco services and your account or you may access Medco's website at www.medco.com

In accordance with Delaware's Any Willing Provider for Pharmacy Access Act, retail pharmacies have been provided the opportunity to fill 90-day prescriptions at the same discounted rate as Medco by Mail. As pharmacies agree to participate, they are listed at <http://ben.omb.delaware.gov/>.