



IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR RETIREE HEALTH BENEFIT

Effective July 1, 2011 legislation was enacted that changes the current premium contribution charged for health coverage to State of New Hampshire retirees and their spouses *who are ineligible for Medicare parts A & B*.

The law directs the New Hampshire Retirement System to deduct 12.5% of the monthly premium rate per person from the retiree's pension account for each covered retiree and covered spouse.

For retirees who do not have a pension or whose pensions are insufficient to cover the new contribution amount, the Department of Administrative Services will send an invoice each month.

**Contribution amounts effective from July 1, 2011 through
December 31, 2011 are as follows:**

Retiree Only Monthly Premium Rate: $\$910.41 \times 12.5\% = \113.80 per month

Retiree and Spouse Monthly Premium Rate $\$1823.81 \times 12.5\% = \227.98 per month

Please note: The monthly premium rate is recalculated each calendar year to reflect expected claims experience and health plan design. Therefore, each January the 12.5% premium contribution amount may increase or decrease depending upon the plan's projected experience.

The New Hampshire Retirement System will begin taking the new premium contribution amount from pension benefits beginning with the July 2011 pension checks.

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