

APPLYING FOR INSURANCE  
under the  
Traditional or Portable Benefit Packages



UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES

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State Universities Retirement System of Illinois  
Information and Applications

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### State of Illinois Insurance

Only certain members of the State Group Health Plan. To be eligible for this plan, you must have at least 5 years of service credit with a state university or an agency of the State of Illinois (for example, Dept. of Corrections). Note: Community Colleges are not state agencies.

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## MEDICARE INFORMATION

Members and/or dependents under any form of state health insurance who turn 65 OR retire on or after July 1, 1992, and are eligible for premium-free Part A of Medicare, will have their state medical benefits reduced if they do not enroll in Part B of Medicare. To avoid additional out-of-pocket claim costs, we strongly suggest you enroll in and retain Medicare Part A and Part B for yourself and eligible dependents. Please submit a copy of your Medicare card showing dates of coverage for yourself and each eligible dependent. If you have received notice from Social Security that you and/or your dependents are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A, send a copy of that notice to SURS along with your retirement application. If enrolled, Medicare will become your primary insurance at retirement. Your state insurance will act as a secondary insurance to Medicare.

If you have any questions regarding Medicare, contact the Medicare COB Unit at 1-800-442-1300 or 217-782-7007.

**ATTENTION: STATE OF ILLINOIS  
GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

On January 13, 2012, Public Act 097-0668 was signed into law. This law requires that all retirees must complete and return a State of Illinois Group Insurance Program Participation Election Form to the State Universities Retirement System (SURS).

**Please complete, sign, and return the following form to SURS along with your retirement application to avoid a delay in your enrollment in the State Insurance Program. Failure to return this form within 30 days of your annuity begin date could result in the termination of your State Insurance Program participation.**

This law does not apply to the College Insurance Program. If you are enrolled in the College Insurance Program, you do not need to complete this form.



Welcome to retirement!

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) is committed to assist you through the retirement process for an easy transition to a new and exciting chapter of your life.

The MyBenefits Marketplace is available to assist you with insurance coverage questions and enrollment processing. Their website is customized to your specific eligibility requirements in order to make your enrollment process as simple as possible. Members without computer access can contact the MyBenefits Marketplace service center for assistance over the phone Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. CST, toll free at 1-844-251-1777 or TTY toll free at 1-844-251-1778.

To access the MyBenefits Marketplace you must first submit your retirement application and your insurance participation election form to SURS. Your application will be reviewed for insurance eligibility. After eligibility has been determined, you will receive a notification from MyBenefits Marketplace informing you to access the site to complete your enrollment. Once you have received notification from MyBenefits Marketplace, you will be **required** to log in to the website or contact the service center to complete your enrollment of insurance coverage at retirement.

The website ([www.MyBenefits.illinois.gov](http://www.MyBenefits.illinois.gov)) will allow you to:

- Register using information pertinent to you for self-authentication. Once registered, you will be provided your CMS-issued Employee ID Number (EIN), which you will need whenever you log in to this site.
- Make changes to your insurance at retirement, during open enrollment periods or changes due to qualifying events (such as adding or terminating dependents, enrollment or termination of plans, etc.).
- View plans, premium costs and other information.
- Use tools to determine the best plan available to you and your family.
- Download forms and upload forms that are required to make your desired changes.

Changes to your place of residence, Power of Attorney/Guardianship paperwork or questions concerning your retirement information, retirement check and other deductions should be directed to SURS at 800-275-7877.

Congratulations on your retirement.

SURS Member Services Division