



## Retiree Benefits: What Happens When I Retire?

### ELIGIBILITY

Retiree medical, dental and group life insurance benefits are available to individuals who:

- are a participant in the **Florida Retirement System (FRS) Pension Plan** and are leaving County service to receive regular, early, or disability retirement benefits, **or**
- are a participant in the **FRS Investment Plan**, are leaving County service **and** either meet the age and service requirements to qualify for normal retirement (age 62 and vested or 30 years of service if hired before July 1, 2011 or age 65 and vested with 33 years of service if hired after that date) or have 6 years of creditable service (hired before July 1, 2011) or 8 years of creditable service (hired after July 1, 2011) and have reached age 59 1/2.

Enrollment forms must be received by Employee Benefits within 31 days of your leaving active employment. This is your **only** opportunity to enroll in these benefit plans.

Active employee benefits terminate on the last day of the month in which you separate employment as long as retiree coverage is elected. Otherwise, coverage ends at the end of the pay period in which your employment terminates. Retiree benefits will commence on the first day of the following month.

Please contact Employee Benefits at 464-4570 to schedule your retirement meeting to enroll in coverage.

### RETIREE MEDICAL / PRESCRIPTION / VISION COVERAGE

**Non-Medicare Eligible:** If neither you nor a covered family member are Medicare eligible, you may enroll in either the Choice Plus HSA or Choice Plus POS health insurance plans which are the same plans available to active employees. If you enroll in the Choice Plus HSA plan, Pinellas County will continue to fund your Optum Bank Health Savings Account (HSA) at the beginning of each calendar year.

Pinellas County provides an insurance subsidy for individuals hired prior to 1/1/11 with 10+ years of service with the County. The subsidy is based on years of Pinellas County service and increases with longevity. Please see Health Plan Rates for Non-Medicare Eligible Retirees at [www.pinellascounty.org/hr/non-medicare-rates](http://www.pinellascounty.org/hr/non-medicare-rates).

**Medicare Eligible:** When at least one covered family member becomes Medicare eligible, the Medicare eligible member may enroll in the Medicare Advantage Preferred Provider Organization plan (MA PPO). Any non-Medicare eligible family member will be enrolled in the Choice Plus POS plan. In order to enroll in the MA PPO plan, you must have both Medicare A & B coverage.

***Medicare enrollment is only required when you separate service from Pinellas County, not while an active employee. It is your and your dependent's responsibility to enroll in and***

**pay for Medicare A & B** to be effective when your MA PPO coverage begins or at the time you or your dependent becomes Medicare eligible. Not enrolling when eligible puts you at risk for a delay in coverage, late application penalty and/or loss of County coverage. **You are advised NOT to enroll in a stand-alone Medicare Part D plan.** If you do, you will lose County coverage and cannot re-enroll.

The Medicare Advantage PPO plan is United Healthcare's Medicare replacement plan specifically designed for Pinellas County Government retirees and their dependents. It offers medical, prescription drug, and mental health benefits. Vision benefits are provided by EyeMed. Please see Health Plan Rates for Medicare Eligible Retirees at [www.pinellascounty.org/hr/medicare-rates](http://www.pinellascounty.org/hr/medicare-rates).

**Health Savings Account (HSA):** If you have an HSA you may use your funds to pay for eligible medical and dental expenses including deductible, co-insurance and copays as well as eyeglasses and other expenses. You are no longer eligible to receive or make contributions to your account if you are not enrolled in a high deductible plan such as the Choice Plus HSA.

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### RETIREE DENTAL COVERAGE

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You may enroll in the Cigna Reimbursement or MetLife HMO dental plans which provide the same coverage available to active employees. MetLife is only available to retirees with a Florida address. The retiree pays the full cost of the premium for the selected coverage level. To learn more and view monthly premiums, visit [www.pinellascounty.org/hr/retiree-dental](http://www.pinellascounty.org/hr/retiree-dental).

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### RETIREE LIFE INSURANCE

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**Standard Insurance:** You may elect to continue the group term life insurance plan that has been paid by Pinellas County by paying the monthly premium for the coverage. The maximum benefit you may elect is equal to your coverage as an active employee (your annualized salary rounded up to the next thousand, minus any age reduction) up to a maximum of \$100,000. The minimum benefit amount is \$5,000. See [www.pinellascounty.org/hr/retiree-life](http://www.pinellascounty.org/hr/retiree-life) for more information.

**Supplemental Employee and Dependent Life Insurance:** Supplemental life insurance coverage for you or your dependents may be available through either a portability or conversion option. You must elect portability of your own benefit in order to continue any dependent coverage. Please contact The Standard at (800) 378-4668 for more information.

**Wrap Universal Life Insurance:** You may continue your current coverage by converting to an individual contract. Please contact TransAmerica Wrap Plan Customer Service at (888) 763-7474 for assistance.

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### BENEFITS **NOT** ELIGIBLE FOR CONTINUATION THROUGH PINELLAS COUNTY

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**Deferred Compensation:** When you leave Pinellas County employment you are no longer eligible to make contributions to your deferred contribution plan. You may be eligible to take a distribution, roll your funds into another qualified plan or leave the monies in your account. Please contact your deferred compensation provider(s) to discuss your account and your distribution options:

ICMA-RA (866) 620-6070  
Nationwide (877) 677-3678

Mass Mutual (800) 528-9009  
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**Flexible Spending Account (FSA):** Your participation in the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) ends on the last day of the pay period in which your separation occurs. You have 90 days from the date your coverage ends to submit claims incurred while you were a plan participant. Any

funds remaining in your account after the 90 day period ends will be forfeited. You may be eligible to continue coverage under COBRA. Please contact Wage Works at (877) 924-3967 with questions about benefit continuation.

**Rewards Program:** You have 90 days from your separation date to redeem any points in your account. Visit [www.pinellascounty.org/hr/rewards](http://www.pinellascounty.org/hr/rewards) or call the Rewards Program Helpline at (800) 875-8284 to place an order or to ask questions about your account.

**Short Term (STD) and Long Term Disability (LTD):** Any approved STD claim will continue until you have recovered or have reached your maximum benefit, however payments will stop. The Standard will continue to monitor your claim for additional benefits. If LTD benefits are approved, your retirement benefit from the FRS and SSA are offsets to your maximum LTD benefit.

**Tuition Reimbursement:** You are eligible for reimbursement for classes approved and successfully completed prior to your separation date as defined by the Tuition Reimbursement program. Please contact Human Resources, Training & Development with questions at [training@pinellascounty.org](mailto:training@pinellascounty.org) or call (727) 464-3796.

**Wellness Incentive Program:** The Wellness Incentive Program requires participants to be on the active payroll to receive a wellness reward payout. You may request a taxable cash payout of any wellness awards you have earned prior to your separation date by submitting a written request for to Employee Benefits prior to the end of the quarter in which you separate service.

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## FINAL PAYOUT / W-2

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**Final Pay:** Final paychecks are issued as follows. Paper checks are mailed to the address on file. If you are relocating, be sure to update your address through OPUS.

*Paper check:*

- Board of County Commissioners
- Business Technology Services
- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Construction Licensing Board
- County Attorney's Office
- Forward Pinellas (MPO/PPC)
- Human Resources
- Office of Human Rights
- Supervisor of Elections

*Direct deposit:*

- Property Appraiser
- Tax Collector

**Leave Payout:** Your annual leave balance (up to three times your annual accrual rate) and any comp time you have accrued will be paid out on your final paycheck. If you would like any portion of the leave contributed to your 457 plan you must complete a contribution change form. Unused Floating Holidays and Personal Days are not paid out at separation. DROP participants who exchanged hours when entering DROP will have their final payout amount reduced by the amount exchanged.

**W-2 Forms and 1095 Forms:** You will receive a W-2 and a 1095 form issued by each Appointing Authority you worked for during the year. These forms are mailed to your address of record. Please contact Human Resources at (727) 464-3367 if you have a change of address.

*This is a summary of how your benefit plans are impacted when you retire from Pinellas County employment. For full plan details, please see the summary plan description, plan document, Personnel Rule or policy related to each benefit.*