



# RETIREE CONNECTION

*Keeping Pinellas County Government Retirees Plugged In*

DECEMBER 2016

## New Benefit Plan Year Begins January 1, 2017

Medical and dental premiums for 2017 will be deducted from the December pension check to pay for January 2017 coverage. Private Pay member payments are due by **Friday, December 23**.

### Important benefit plan design changes to keep in mind

For all medical plan enrollees:

- **Davis Vision** is your vision care provider as of January 1, 2017. Look for your welcome kit including your ID card, benefits summary and local provider directory to be delivered to your home in early January.

### For enrollees in the Point of Service United Healthcare (UHC) medical plan:

- Primary care physician and urgent care copays increase from \$5 to \$25.
- Specialist copays increase from \$5 to \$35.
- Emergency Room copay increases from \$150 to \$250.

You will receive new UHC ID cards in early January.

### For Medicare Advantage enrollees:

- The out-of-pocket maximum is increasing by \$250 to \$1,750.

For enrollees in the **consumer driven health plan**, Pinellas County's contribution to your Health Savings Account will be posted on January 3rd.

### Pinellas County Benefits

Phone: (727) 464-4570

Fax: (727) 464-5291

Email: [employee.benefits@pinellascounty.org](mailto:employee.benefits@pinellascounty.org)

## Ask Benefits

Here are the top three questions we have been asked in the last few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact us at (727) 464-4570 or [employee.benefits@pinellascounty.org](mailto:employee.benefits@pinellascounty.org).

- Q.** *In the event of my passing, who does my family contact?*
- A.** Your loved ones should contact Employee Benefits via email at [employee.benefits@pinellascounty.org](mailto:employee.benefits@pinellascounty.org) or by phone at (727) 464-4570, and contact the Florida Retirement System (FRS) at (866) 446-9377.
- Q.** *What happens to my coverages for 2017 if I did nothing during annual enrollment?*
- A.** Your 2016 coverages will continue for 2017; however, be mindful of the plan design changes noted at left.
- Q.** *I become Medicare eligible when I turn 65. What am I supposed to do to get coverage?*
- A.** Documentation from our office regarding your transition and enrollment in the Medicare Advantage Plan will arrive at the address we have on file for you. We advise you to enroll in Medicare Part A and Part B, which can be done three months prior to the month in which you turn 65.

## REPCO News

The December meeting will be the annual holiday dinner and will be held **Monday, December 12, 4:00 p.m.** at the Olive Garden in the Largo Mall, 10500 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Interested parties should contact Rudy Garcia at (813) 855-3466 or [rdgarcia@verizon.net](mailto:rdgarcia@verizon.net). Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

## FREE Wellness Benefits

The Medicare Advantage Program includes, at no additional cost to you, the Silver Sneakers program. Silver Sneakers is a premier fitness program provided by more than 60 health plans nationwide. There are millions of members, thousands of gyms with unlimited access, classes designed for



all abilities, and the community is active, welcoming and fun. More than

70 FLEX fitness classes are held at parks, community centers and other local venues.

Go to <https://tools.silversneakers.com/LocationSearch> and find a location near you.

## GET YOUR CARD

<https://tools.silversneakers.com/Eligibility/GetCard>

Enter your first and last name exactly as it appears on your health plan ID card.

No printer? No problem! Just submit your information, then note your 16-digit Silver Sneakers number on the next screen.

Don't live near a fitness center? No problem! Silver Sneakers offers up to four different [home kits](#) for those who cannot get to a Silver Sneakers location and enrolled in STEPS.



*From all of us to all of you, we wish you the happiest of holiday seasons and a very happy new year!*

## Colors of Pinellas

Ever wonder what to do with all of your free time now that you are retired? Consider entering the 2017 Color of Pinellas Art Show. This annual event, already in its 11th year, attracts many visitors to the County courthouse and allows your work to be seen. What a great opportunity for you to show off all your talents. Regardless of what you do there is a category for you. Along with name recognition you might also win a cash award. Take a look at the [art show website](#) for more information. See you at the show in June 2017!

## Retiree Resources

### Retirees on Medicare Health Plan:

United Healthcare MAPPO: (800) 457-8506

(includes RX & mental health) [uhcretiree.com](http://uhcretiree.com)

EyeMed: (866) 723-0513 [eyemedvisioncare.com](http://eyemedvisioncare.com)

### Pre-65 and Traditional Medicare Health Plan:

United Healthcare: (888) 478-4752 [myuhc.com](http://myuhc.com)

Express Scripts: (866) 544-9221 [express-scripts.com](http://express-scripts.com)

ComPsych: (866) 615-3047 [guidanceresources.com](http://guidanceresources.com)

EyeMed: (866) 723-0513 [eyemedvisioncare.com](http://eyemedvisioncare.com)

### Dental Plans:

Cigna: (800) 244-6224 [mycigna.com](http://mycigna.com)

MetLife: (800) 880-1800 [metlife.com](http://metlife.com)

### Florida Retirement System (FRS)

(866) 446-9377 [myfrs.com](http://myfrs.com)

### Pinellas County Retirement Information

[www.pinellascounty.org/hr/retiree](http://www.pinellascounty.org/hr/retiree)

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