



# HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

March 2022 Newsletter

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***"Our History Is Our Pride"***

## **Information for Members Approaching Their 65th Birthday**

As you approach age 65, there are several things that you may need to do. If you are still working, you may not be required to take immediate action. However, there can be penalties if you do not enroll for Medicare on time, so it is best to verify what is required of you.

It is important to contact the Social Security Administration ninety (90) days prior to your birthday month, at [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicareonly) or 1.800.772.1213. You will need to apply for Medicare Part A (Hospital) if it's at no cost to you. If you do not qualify for premium-free Medicare Part A, please call HPRS. Everyone must purchase Medicare Part B (Medical). It usually takes 4-6 weeks to receive your Medicare ID, so do not wait to apply. You cannot enroll for health care until you have your Medicare number.

At age 64, you will receive an introduction letter from Via Benefits, that explains the

relationship between them and HPRS. Via Benefits is the company that we are partnered with to provide access to health care and administer the Health Reimbursement Arrangement for our Medicare-eligible members. HPRS will send a letter 120 days prior to age 65 that includes instructions for the transition to the Health Reimbursement Arrangement.

Letters will be sent from Via Benefits at 9-months, 6-months, and 3-months prior to your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. These letters will help inform you about the upcoming changes to your health care benefits. Via Benefits will also invite you to attend educational opportunities to learn more about their services, and you are encouraged to learn as much as you can, as it will help to ease the transition.

Concierge services are available from Via Benefits at no cost, to include licensed benefit advisors for enrollment support, online tools to shop and compare plans, and ongoing advocacy. For further guidance on any questions you may have, please see the “Who should I call” reference below in this newsletter.

## I have a question about health care. Who should I call??

To help HPRS retirees and members receive the help they need as efficiently as possible, we've prepared the chart below which advises retirees and members where to direct some typical health care questions.

<b>Medicare-Eligible Medical and/or Prescription Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available Insurance Carriers/Plans</li> <li>• Enrollment Process</li> <li>• Address Change</li> <li>• Issues with my Insurance Carriers/Plans</li> </ul>	<b>Via Benefits</b> Serves as the HPRS Connector and administers the HPRS HRA 1.833.431.1358
<b>Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using the HRA</li> <li>• Eligible Expenses</li> <li>• Reimbursement Process</li> <li>• Claims - Status/Denials</li> <li>• Dollar Amount of monthly HRA Deposit</li> <li>• Timing of HRA Deposit</li> </ul>	<b>Medicare/HRA:</b> 1.833.431.1358  <b>Medicare:</b> <a href="http://my.viabenefits.com/hprs">my.viabenefits.com/hprs</a>
<b>HPRS Dental Coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available Providers</li> <li>• ID Cards</li> <li>• Covered Services</li> </ul>	<b>Delta Dental</b> Administers the HPRS Dental Plan 1.800.524.0149 <a href="http://www.deltadentaloh.com">www.deltadentaloh.com</a>
<b>HPRS Vision Coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available Providers</li> <li>• ID Cards</li> <li>• Covered Services</li> </ul>	<b>Aetna Vision</b> Administers the HPRS Vision Plan 1.877.973.3238 <a href="http://www.aetnavision.com">www.aetnavision.com</a>
<b>HPRS Dental and Vision Coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrollment Process</li> <li>• Opt In/Opt Out Process</li> </ul>	<b>HPRS</b> 614.431.0781 <a href="http://www.ohprs.org">www.ohprs.org</a>

## Board News

Two board seats are up for election in 2022 - Sergeant Christian Niemeyer's position as employee trustee and retired Major Darryl Anderson's position as retired trustee. Active members will be sent information via VRC at the end of April and retired members will be mailed information.

***Watch for more information, and don't forget to cast your vote!***

### April 2022 Board/Committee Schedule

On Wednesday, April 20, 2022, committee meetings will start at 1300 hours, starting with the Administration Committee, followed by the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee, and then the Health Care Funding Committee.

On Thursday, April 21, 2022, beginning at 0900 hours, the Audit Committee will meet, followed by the Investment Committee at 0930 hours, and the Board meeting immediately following.

Some committee meetings may be canceled from time to time. Please check the HPRS website at [www.ohprs.org](http://www.ohprs.org) for the most current meeting dates and times.

### Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company

One of our retirees recently reported saving on prescription drugs through the Mark Cuban Drug Cost Plus Company and requested that the information be passed on to all members for consideration. Mark Cuban launched a drug company on January 19, 2022. The goal of his company is to be a low-cost provider for generic drugs. Currently there are approximately 100 generic medications available on his website, and the list is growing. They advertise that every drug has the same price mark up.

If you are considering using this resource, please keep in mind the following:

- You must have an email address to utilize their service
- Requires prescription be sent directly from your doctor to Mark Cuban Cost Plus
- You must pay for the medication before they will ship it to you (delivery charge also applies).

This information is not provided as an endorsement of Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company. It is an effort to make all aware of resources that can possibly save on prescription drug expenses. If you would like additional information about medications and pricing, please visit: [www.costplusdrugs.com](http://www.costplusdrugs.com).

## Save the Date!

- OSP Memorial, May 6, 2022, 1300 hours, Academy
- Annual Retiree's Cookout, June 17, 2022, Academy
- 2022 Association Annual Meeting & Luncheon, October 22, 2022

## Retiree Qualification

As a reminder, your qualification under the LEOSA rules is only good for one year from the date of qualification. This can be found in 18 USC 926C: Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers. For example, if you qualified on May 1, 2021, then you must qualify on or prior to May 1, 2022.

The upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy are:

- Monday, April 4, 2022, at 1300 hours
- **Friday, June 17, 2022, at 1000 hours** (Retiree Cookout)
- Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 1300 hours

You must complete a Weapons Qualifications Record (HP-15C), that includes your personal weapon information, and submit it to Melissa Fellure at [mjfellure@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:mjfellure@dps.ohio.gov) no less than 14 days prior to the qualification date. Retirees must bring their Division-issued ID Card with them to the qualification, and the retiree must supply weapon(s) and ammunition. If you have any questions, please call the Academy at 614.466.4896.

Another opportunity for retirees to qualify is scheduled at the Miami County Range, 2050 N. CR25A, Troy, Ohio on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 0900 hours. To register, please send your HP-15C to Stacy Mullen at [smullen@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:smullen@dps.ohio.gov) by April 22, 2022.

## Important Numbers For You To Have On Hand

HPRS - (614) 431-0781  
VIA Benefits\* - (833) 431-1358  
Medicare - (800) 633-4227  
Medical Mutual of Ohio - (877) 520-6729  
Express Scripts\*\* - (866) 472-6249  
Aetna Vision - (877) 973-3238  
Delta Dental of Ohio - (800) 524-0149  
Social Security - (800) 772-1213  
Ohio Def. Comp. - (877) 644-6457

\*VIA Benefits currently services Medicare-eligible beneficiary recipients only, for health care and prescription coverage. For those not yet Medicare-eligible, health care coverage is provided by HPRS through Medical Mutual of Ohio (MMO).

\*\*Express Scripts coverage through HPRS for non-Medicare enrollment.

## Our office will be closed:

- no closures for April

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