



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

May 2022 Newsletter

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Medicare Part B Excess Charges

Medicare-eligible members should be aware that doctors who do not accept Medicare assignment may charge up to 15 percent more than what Medicare is willing to pay. This amount is known as a Medicare Part B excess charge. You are responsible for Medicare Part B excess charges in addition to the Medicare-approved amount you already pay for a service. Part B excess charges do not count toward your annual Part B deductible.

For members that live in Ohio, this is not a concern as it is prohibited by law. However, only eight states have a law in place to prevent Medicare Part B excess charges. You can avoid the risk of Medicare Part B excess charges by making sure that the provider accepts Medicare assignment. Moreover, if you have a Medigap

Plan F or Medigap Plan G, Medicare Part B excess charges are covered. As a good measure, always ask the provider whether they accept Medicare assignment. For more information on this, go to <https://www.medicarefaq.com/faqs/part-b-excess-charges-medicare-overcharge-measure/>.

Active Members: Beneficiary Designation Updates

Many of you have not completed a Beneficiary Designation form since you entered the Academy. Your marital status and dependents have most likely changed since then. Upon your passing, Chapter 5505 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for the payment of survivor benefits to your spouse and dependent children. Please take a moment to update your beneficiaries by accessing the Beneficiary Designation - Active and DROP form at www.ohprs.org under the forms tab. The completed form can be faxed, mailed, or emailed to the HPRS office.

June 2022 Board/Committee Schedule

On Wednesday, June 15, 2022, committee meetings will begin at 1300 hours, starting with the Administration Committee, followed by the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee, and then the Health Care Funding Committee.

On Thursday, June 16, 2022, beginning at 0900 hours, the Audit Committee will meet, followed by the Investment Committee at 0930 hours, and the Board meeting immediately following. As a reminder, Board meetings are made available to everyone via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information can be found on the corresponding agenda for each board meeting, which is posted to our website.

Some committee meetings may be canceled from time to time. Please refer to the HPRS website at www.ohprs.org for the most current meeting dates and times.

Wellness Incentive Reminder

Wellness programs are recognized as an important factor in maintaining your health. To increase participation in these programs, a reward was put in place in October 2020, for the completion of all eligible tests for the Comprehensive Wellness Exam (CWE) or Screening. HPRS is continuing this reward until further notice, which provides a \$100 VISA Gift Card for eligible participants that complete all applicable tests for the CWE or Screening. A reward is offered for both programs. Please allow 6-8 weeks after your exam or screening to receive the \$100 VISA Gift Card. A description of the programs are as follows:

Comprehensive Wellness Examination (CWE): covered once every two years. Includes: physical examination, comprehensive metabolic test, treadmill stress test,

body fat testing, and prostate specific antigen for men.

Screenings: covered once every four years. Includes: CT coronary artery calcium scoring, carotid artery ultrasound screening, abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound screening, CT lung screening (for current or former smokers only), and bone density screening (for members not eligible for the lung screening).

Save the Date!

- Annual Retiree's Cookout, June 17, 2022, Academy - **RSVP by June 10, 2022 to christina.mcginnis@dps.ohio.gov or 614.728.0005**
- 2022 Sunbird Reunion, August 20, 2022, All Occasions Banquet Facility
- 2022 Association Annual Meeting & Dinner, October 22, 2022, Aladdin Shrine
- 2023 Snowbird Reunion, February 23 - 25, 2023, Lake Mary, Florida

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:

- **Friday, June 17, 2022, at 0900 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 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.

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:

- Monday, June 20th - Juneteenth

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