



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

October 2024 Newsletter

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"Our History Is Our Pride"



Use Caution During Medicare Open Enrollment!!

Don't let a sales pitch cause you to enroll in the wrong health care or prescription coverage!

Members should expect to receive phone calls and mail from a variety of vendors offering medical coverage and services during Medicare open enrollment. In the past, retirees have reported receiving calls from people claiming to represent HPRS. **Via Benefits is the only authorized representative that our medicare-eligible retirees should hear from.** As a reminder, only those that enroll in Medicare Health Coverage through Via Benefits are eligible for the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA).



2025 Open Enrollment - Dental & Vision

The 2025 open enrollment period is November 1st - 30th. Please submit a Dental & Vision Election form for new enrollment or to add an eligible dependent. The form can be found on our website at www.ohprs.org, under "Forms". If you do not have any changes, coverage will continue as previously selected.

Termination of dental and vision may also be done during the open enrollment period. The Termination of Coverage form can be found on our website under "Forms".

October is National Retirement Security Month

Every October, National Retirement Security Month (NRSN) serves as a reminder to evaluate your retirement plans and take steps towards a financially secure future. Established to promote the importance of saving for retirement, NRSN encourages individuals to reflect on their financial goals, assess their current savings, and make informed decisions to ensure a comfortable retirement.



Retirement planning is essential for maintaining financial wellness and quality of life in one's later years. With increasing life expectancy and rising healthcare costs, having a robust retirement plan is more critical than ever. Periodically review your retirement plan and make adjustments as needed to stay on track with your goals.

Members are encouraged to seek professional financial advice. As a reminder, for participants in Ohio Deferred Compensation (ODC), a variety of resources are available. Whether you're trying to accumulate savings or develop withdrawal strategies, they have the support you need. ODC's free financial wellness program, Enrich, can assist you with your overall financial wellness.

IMPORTANT

Important Health Care Information:

Dental & Vision ID Cards

The HPRS dental plan is administered by Delta Dental for HPRS benefit recipients and eligible dependents. ID cards are not issued for dental coverage. You can print a generic Delta Dental identification card from Delta Dental's website at: www.deltadentaloh.com

Vision coverage is with Aetna Vision. If you have misplaced your Aetna Vision card, you can request a new one by calling Aetna at 1.877.973.3238 or go to www.aetnavision.com

Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for any changes with your HPRS dental & vision coverage is November 1-30. If you need to make any changes a new form will need to be submitted. Termination and enrollment forms are located on our website at www.ohprs.org under forms.

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare open enrollment is October 15 - December 7. Please review your insurance needs and contact Via Benefits at 1.833.431.1358 or <https://my.viabenefits.com/hprs> to shop plans. If your current Medicare Advantage plan is being discontinued, you may qualify to switch to a Medigap plan without medical underwriting. Please keep in mind retirees that are Medicare eligible must enroll in a plan with VIA Benefits to be eligible for the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA).

Pre-Medicare Open Enrollment

Pre-Medicare open enrollment is November 1 – December 15. Via Benefits can be reached at 1.800.677.2184 or www.marketplace.viabenefits.com/HPRS. It is important to keep in mind that the IRS will only allow you to use the Premium Tax Credit (PTC) or the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), not both. Please review with Via Benefits which option would be best for you.

Staff News

We are excited to announce that Jackie Detter has joined HPRS as an administrative assistant, starting on Monday, October 14, 2024. With her background as a dispatcher for OSHP, Jackie brings a wealth of customer service, office, and administrative skills to our team. Please join us in welcoming Jackie to HPRS! We are thrilled to have her with us.



Board News

After two decades of dedicated service to the HPRS Board, we say goodbye to Joseph Thomas. Throughout his tenure, his expertise in investment strategies and financial stewardship has profoundly shaped HPRS' success and stability, through both prosperous and challenging times.

As Joe steps down from his position on the board, we honor his contributions, confident that his influence will continue to resonate within our organization for years to come. We wish him the best in his future endeavors!





Job Opportunities for Retirees

As a reminder, job opportunities are listed in the secure area of our website (www.ohprs.org). Please check this periodically to ensure you are aware of any new postings.

December 2024 HPRS Meetings

On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, committee meetings will begin at 1300 hours, starting with the Administration Committee, followed by the Health, Wellness, & Disability Committee, the Health Care Funding Committee, and the Special Committee on COLA.

On Thursday, December 19, 2024, 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.

Save the Date!

• 2025 Snowbird Reunion, February 28 - March 2, 2025 - Lake Mary, Florida
Please visit our website for more details and for RSVP information, <https://www.ohprs.org/ohprs/RetireeEventsCalendar.jsp>.



Our office will be closed:

~ Monday, November 11th - Veteran's Day
~ Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th - Thanksgiving

Retiree Qualification

The Academy Range will be hosting annual retiree qualifications in 2025. 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, 2024, then you must qualify on or prior to May 1, 2025.

Upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy for 2025 are:

- Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 1300 hours
- Friday, June 6, 2025, from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (Annual Retiree Cookout)



- Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 1300 hours

Additionally, all retirees may also reach out to their local District Headquarters for local weapons qualification availability.

You must complete a Weapons Qualifications Record (HP-15C), that includes your personal weapon information, and submit 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 contact Lieutenant Brian Nelson of the Academy Range at bwnelson@dps.ohio.gov or 614.644.4325.

Important Numbers For You To Have On Hand

HPRS - 614.431.0781
 Via Benefits (**Medicare**) - 833.431.1358
 Via Benefits (**Pre-Medicare**) - 800.667.2184
 Medicare - 800.633.4227

Aetna Vision - 877.973.3238
 Delta Dental of Ohio - 800.524.0149
 Social Security - 800.772.1213
 Ohio Def. Comp. - 877.644.6457

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