



HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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2027 Open Enrollment - Dental & Vision

The 2027 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 in the secure area of our website at www.ohprs.org. 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 also be found on our website.

Use Caution During Medicare Open Enrollment

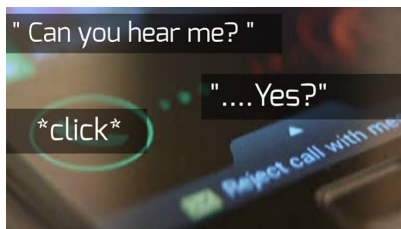
Don't let a sales pitch cause you to enroll in the wrong health care or prescription coverage!



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. Keep in mind, only those that enroll in Medicare Health Care Coverage through Via Benefits are eligible for the Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA).

As a reminder, Medicare Open Enrollment starts October 15 and ends December 7, 2026. Most importantly, make sure that any changes that you consider are made through Via Benefits to avoid losing your Medicare HRA allowance. We have had some members enroll in Medicare coverage through another broker and lost their HRA for the year. Please be cautious and avoid that mistake.

Health insurance premiums often change yearly, due to rising healthcare costs, admin fees, etc. All members are encouraged to review the plans available to them to ensure the coverage they are enrolled in continues to be the best available to meet their individual needs. Watch for additional information that will be sent from Via Benefits.



Beware of the "Say Yes" Scam

Scammers are always looking for new ways to trick people into giving up their money or personal information. One scam that continues to circulate is known as the **"Say Yes" scam**.

The scam typically begins with an unexpected phone call. The caller may ask a simple question such as, **"Can you hear me?"** The goal is to get you to say "yes." The scammer may then attempt to use that recorded response as part of a fraudulent transaction or to make it appear that you agreed to something.

While there is debate about how often a simple recorded "yes" can actually be used to authorize a transaction, the safest approach is **not to engage with unexpected callers**.

Protect yourself:

- Don't answer questions from unknown callers with personal information.
- If you don't recognize the number, let it go to voicemail.
- If someone asks, "Can you hear me?" simply hang up.
- Never provide Social Security numbers, account numbers, passwords, or other personal information to an unsolicited caller.
- If a caller claims to represent your bank, insurance company, government agency, or another organization, hang up and call the organization using a phone number you know is legitimate.

- Consider registering your phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry and using your phone carrier's scam-blocking features.

Remember: If something feels suspicious, you don't have to be polite - you can simply hang up. Taking a few seconds to stop and verify a caller can help protect your money and your identity.

When in doubt, hang up and check it out!

Part-Time Out of State Residency

Remember to update your address! Please visit the secure area of our website, www.ohprs.org, to make changes to your permanent and/or temporary address. Log on or contact HPRS to ensure your information is current and up to date. Personal Information Update forms can also be found on our website under "Forms".



Job Opportunities for Retirees

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.

October 2026 HPRS Meetings

On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 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, October 15, 2026, beginning at 0900 hours, the Audit Committee will meet, followed by the Investment Committee at 0930 hours, and the Board meeting at 1200 hours. As a reminder, Board meetings are made available to everyone via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information is located 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!

- 2026 Retirees' Association Annual Meeting & Dinner- November 14, 2026 - Aladdin Shrine
- 2027 Snowbird Reunion - February 26-27, 2027 - Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, Florida



Please visit our website for more details and for RSVP information, www.ohprs.org.



Our office will be closed:

~ no closures in October

Retiree Qualification

The Academy Range will be hosting annual retiree qualifications in 2026. 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*.

Upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy for 2026 are:

- Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 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
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