



Special Session Senate Bill 3 Announcement

November 17, 2017

Dear State of Montana Benefit Plan (State Plan) Members,

The Legislature passed Senate Bill 3 during the recent Special Legislative Session. At this time the bill will be sent to the Governor for signature. Governor Bullock and the leadership team will continue to work hard over the coming weeks and months to reevaluate the budget and minimize the impact of cuts on Montanans and their families.

The bill authorizes the Administration to suspend the payment of the employer contribution paid by State Agencies on behalf of employees into State of Montana Benefit Plan (State Plan) for two months. The bill does not affect State Plan coverage and benefits will not be impacted.

I'm a State of Montana employee, what does this mean for me? State Agencies will not pay the employer contribution for employee's State Plan coverage for two months during fiscal year 2018. The bi-weekly employee contribution paid through payroll deduction will NOT change during this two-month-period.

I'm a Retiree, Legislator, Survivor, or COBRA participant of the State Plan, what does this mean for me? The monthly contribution paid to the State Plan each month will not change.

Due to the successful efforts to control costs, the State Plan can absorb the two-month suspension of the employer contribution and remains in good financial position.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact the Health Care & Benefits Division, (800) 287-8266, (406) 444-7462, TTY (406) 444-1421, or benefitsquestions@mt.gov.

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