

# Retiree Election Form

Our records show you are losing or have lost eligibility for coverage under the State of Montana Benefit Plan (State Plan) as an active employee but are eligible to continue as a Retiree.

## Instructions & Deadline for Election

Use this form to elect the State Plan coverage you would like upon retiring from the State of Montana. See the 2026 Retiree State Plan Benefits Booklet for full details about your State Plan benefit options in retirement.

- This form and payment must be postmarked or returned within 60 days of the date your active service ends to: Health Care & Benefits Division (HCBD), PO Box 200130, Helena, MT 59620-0130.
- Include a copy of your, and if applicable your spouse or domestic partner and/or dependents, Medicare card if Medicare eligible.

## Personal Information

Snowbirds: If you plan to live somewhere other than this address for part of the year, let HCBD know!

Employee ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

You may find it beneficial to consider switching from the State Plan to a plan available on the Health Insurance Marketplace (under 65) or a Medicare Supplement or Advantage Plan (over 65). Please be aware, if you elect to terminate your State Plan coverage, you WILL NOT have an opportunity to reenroll at a future date.

**Retiree Coverage Election** – The Previous Coverage box reflects the types of coverage you and any covered dependents had at the time you terminated from the State Plan. The Coverage to Continue box is the coverage you wish to elect for Retiree coverage, you may only elect to continue the coverage that was in effect when your active employment ended.

- Non-Medicare Retirees on the State Plan must be enrolled in Medical and Basic Life Insurance.
- Medicare Retirees are not eligible for Basic Life Insurance.
- Non-Medicare and Medicare retirees are not required to have Dental coverage.
- You and/or dependents must be enrolled in the Medical Plan to be eligible for Dental or Vision Hardware coverage. All dependents enrolled on the Medical Plan will have Vision Hardware coverage.
- Please refer to the current Wrap Plan Document (WPD), [benefits.mt.gov/Publications](https://benefits.mt.gov/Publications), for an outline of the State Plan eligibility requirements.

Previous Coverage	Name	Coverage to Continue	Birthdate	Relationship	SSN
M   D   V		M   D   V		Retiree	
M   D   V		M   D   V			
M   D   V		M   D   V			
M   D   V		M   D   V			
M   D   V		M   D   V			

\*Check M for Medical, D for Dental, V for Vision Hardware



**Medicare Status** – If you, your spouse or domestic partner, and/or children are Medicare eligible you must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B and **provide HCBID with a copy of the appropriate Medicare card.** If you, your spouse or domestic partner, and/or children are Medicare eligible, the State Plan will serve as Medicare Part D coverage for the eligible individual. **Include a copy of the applicable Medicare card when submitting this form.**

- ☐ I am Medicare eligible and my Medicare Number is:\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ My spouse or domestic partner or dependent children is/are Medicare eligible and their Medicare Number is:\_\_\_\_\_

**Tobacco Surcharge – A Tobacco Surcharge applies if you or your covered spouse or domestic partner is a nicotine user.** Read the following definition of Nicotine Free and Nicotine User then answer the questions based upon you or your covered spouse or domestic partner’s use of nicotine.

**Nicotine:** Nicotine is an addictive stimulant proven to have negative health effects that is found in cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and most vaping products.

**Nicotine Free:** Answer “No” – I **am not** currently a nicotine user in the question below.

- You are nicotine free if you have never used nicotine, have quit using nicotine, use only FDA-approved Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), or infrequently use nicotine (less than 4x per month).
- You are nicotine free if you are currently using nicotine but HAVE completed an eligible alternative (nicotine cessation program or a nicotine counseling session with a medical provider) during the past 12 months.

**Nicotine User:** Answer “Yes” – I **am** currently a nicotine user in the questions below.

- You are a nicotine user if you are currently using nicotine and HAVE NOT completed an eligible alternative (nicotine cessation program or a nicotine counseling session with a medical provider) during the past 12 months. If you or your covered spouse or domestic partner fits this definition, the surcharge will apply and \$60 per month will be charged for the employee who uses nicotine and/or \$60 per month if the employee’s covered spouse or domestic partner uses nicotine.

Based upon the definition above, **are you currently a nicotine user?**

- ☐ No, I am not currently a nicotine user. Monthly \$60 Tobacco Surcharge will not apply.
- ☐ YES, I am currently a nicotine user. Monthly \$60 Tobacco Surcharge will apply.

Based upon the definition above, **is your covered spouse or domestic partner currently a nicotine user?**

- ☐ No, my covered spouse or domestic partner is not currently a nicotine user. Monthly \$60 Tobacco Surcharge will not apply.
- ☐ YES, my covered spouse or domestic partner is currently a nicotine user. Monthly \$60 Tobacco Surcharge will apply.
- ☐ NA – I do not have a covered spouse or domestic partner.



**Method Of Payment** – Select one of the payment methods below.

- ☐ Monthly self-payment to the State Plan’s administration/billing partner, Businessolver, by check.
- ☐ Electronic deduction from checking or savings on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. You will need to complete the Electronic Benefits Payment Deduction Authorization Form to activate this option.
- ☐ Monthly deductions from MPERA benefit. You will need to complete the MPERA Authorization for Deduction of Health Insurance Premiums Form to activate this option.

**Signature**

I request the changes indicated above. I understand if my spouse or domestic partner, children, or I become Medicare-eligible we must enroll in both Medicare Parts A and B as of the first of the month of eligibility. I understand enrollment in any Medicare Part D (drug plan) beside the Navitus MedicareRx Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) contracted through the State Plan is NOT permitted and would result in the termination of all my State Plan benefits. I understand I, my spouse or domestic partner, and/or children is responsible for proper Medicare enrollment and proof of Medicare enrollment will be required by HCBD.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Retiree Prepayment Option Form

**Instructions & Deadline for Prepayment:** Use this form to elect to prepay your State Plan coverage from your final paycheck. **This form must be submitted to your agency payroll department prior to your termination date to have contributions withheld from your final paycheck.**

### Personal Information

Employee ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mi \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Birth \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Retirement Date (Last Day Worked) \_\_\_\_\_

Termination Falls in Pay Period Ending \_\_\_\_\_

**Prepay Benefits:** The prepayment option is for those terminating employees who participate in the State Plan, are electing State Plan Retiree Benefits, and wish to pay future Retiree Plan contributions from their final paycheck on a pretax basis (this does not include only prepaying for final flexible spending account contributions). Prepayment can only be deducted from your last regular paycheck (HCBd is unable to collect from off cycle checks).

**Note:** Benefits will be taken from the final paycheck on a pretax basis. Prepayment is limited to the contributions for the months remaining in the current Plan Year. No refund of prepaid payments is available. This means that you should NOT select this option if there is a chance you, a covered spouse, or your covered children will cease to be enrolled on the State Plan during the prepaid period or if you or your spouse will become Medicare eligible before the end of your prepaid period.

**Note:** If you have not received your Medicare card but are eligible for Medicare, you will receive the lower Medicare rate when your contribution is calculated. If you are eligible for Medicare (or when you become Medicare eligible), the State Plan will coordinate your State Plan benefits with the benefits you are eligible for with Medicare. Even if you do not enroll in Medicare Parts A and B, the State Plan will pay claims as if you were enrolled, which will result in larger out-of-pocket costs for you.

**Note:** You are unable to prepay contributions if you are part of a Montana VEBA HRA group for both your sick leave and vacation leave balance. If you are part of a Montana VEBA HRA group, and only your sick leave is subject to VEBA, and you will be using your remaining vacation leave to pre-pay your contributions, you are eligible to pre-pay using funds from your final paycheck.

### Retiree Coverage Election – In order to elect the prepayment option, **you must:**

- Elect Retiree Benefits and complete the Retiree Election Form and any of the forms that pertain to you.
- Complete the Employee Section of the Retiree Prepayment Option Form (below).
- Return all forms to your agency payroll department prior to your termination.

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### Employee Complete

- ☐ I am electing continuation in the State of Montana Benefit Plan (State Plan) as a Retiree.
- ☐ I elect to have \_\_\_\_\_ months of contributions withheld from my final paycheck. (Limited to the remainder of the current Plan Year and availability of funds in final paycheck.)

**Medicare Status –** If you or your spouse or domestic partner is Medicare eligible (over 65) you must enroll in Medicare parts A and B and provide HCBd with a copy of your Medicare card. The State Plan will serve as your Medicare Part D coverage.

☐ I am Medicare eligible   ☐ My spouse or domestic partner or dependent children is/are Medicare eligible

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Agency Personnel – Complete Page 2



For Agency Personnel Use Only

Agency Personnel – In order to complete the pre-payment request for your employee, HCBF needs the amount that will be available from the employee’s last paycheck to pre-pay State Plan contributions for Retiree Plan benefits. Retirees are only able to pre-pay from their last regular payroll check (HCBF cannot collect from off-cycle checks). In addition, Retirees are only able to prepay their Retiree Plan contributions for the current Plan Year (calendar year). Please enter the amount that will be available for the Retiree to prepay from their last regular paycheck below:

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Agency Rep Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Rep Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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