



Navigating Newport Health & Wellness

Open Enrollment FAQ - Retirees

Q: If I am not making any changes do, I need to fill out this form and the dependent information?

A: Yes. We like to have current information to ensure all records are correct on an ongoing basis, including dependent information.

Q: Can I fax or email this form in?

A: Yes. Fax is 949.644.3055 and email is HRBenefit@newportbeachca.gov. Both are listed on the form.

Q: If I have Medicare, and my supplemental coverage is through CalPERS, how do I mark the form?

A: Please mark the first top box that says you are electing to continue your CalPERS health plan.

Q: If I am not enrolled in a CalPERS medical plan, will the City still contribute to my RHS (MERP) Plan?

A: Hybrid Retirees who are not enrolled in a CalPERS health plan will receive their full contribution. There are varying amounts.

Q: If I am enrolled in a CalPERS medical plan, or Medicare supplement plan does the City contribute?

A: The city will pay \$143 to CalPERS which will reduce the Retiree's premium deduction. Their City contribution to their RHS (MERP) account will be offset by the \$143.

Q: If I want to enroll in a CalPERS medical plan what do I do?

A: Call CalPERS at 888.225.7377 and let them know you want to enroll. They will assist through that process. Then mark the second box on the City's Retiree Election form that states, "I am enrolling/re-enrolling".

Q: I am on Medicare, but my spouse is not. How do I know how much my plan is going to cost?

A: CalPERS has "combination" rates listed on their website. Or you can call CalPERS at 888.225.7377.

Q: If I previously opted out of the City's dental and vision benefits, can I get them back?

A: No. Once your dental or vision benefits have been canceled, you cannot re-enroll.

Q: I didn't get a dental or vision card. What is my plan number for these benefits?

A: MetLife will not issue ID cards for their plans. There is one group number for both the dental and vision plans: 95973407. Members can call 800-438-6288 or create an account at www.Metlife.com.