

USING SICK LEAVE FOR STATE RETIREES WHO ARE 65 & OLDER



PAY FOR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE WITH SICK LEAVE

If you retire directly from employment with the State of Idaho and are age 65 or older, you may be eligible to convert your unused sick leave to a fund that can be used by PERSI to pay premiums for Medicare Supplement, Advantage or Part D plans. The amount of sick leave that can be transferred is set forth in Idaho Code sections 67-5333 and 33-1228.

If you are under age 65, and hired on or before June 30, 2009 please contact the HR department at your employer or the Office of Group Insurance for information on how to enroll in the state retiree insurance.

GETTING STARTED

- Your HR office will provide PERSI with the balance of your unused sick leave, which will then be converted to a dollar value by PERSI.
- YOU are responsible for directly contacting one or all of the approved Medicare supplement carriers and selecting a plan.
- The carrier is responsible for setting up an account in the PERSI portal and billing PERSI each month for your premiums.
- PERSI will draw down your sick leave balance to pay premiums. You will be notified when your balance is nearing depletion. You can view your sick leave balance anytime on the PERSI member portal.
- YOU are responsible for contacting the carrier directly if you have any questions or concerns about the premiums charged to your account.

APPROVED CARRIERS*

Aetna Health & Life
1-615-917-2873

Regence Blue
Shield of Idaho
1-888-734-3623

PacificSource
1-888-863-3637

SelectHealth
1-800-538-5038

Blue Cross of Idaho
1-888-492-2583

AARP/ United Healthcare
1-800-545-1797

*Approved carriers subject to change. Go to the website of Office of Group Insurance for the most up-to-date list of approved carriers and contact information at www.ogi.idaho.gov/retiree/

RESOURCES



Senior Health Insurance
Benefits Advisors Program
(Idaho SHIBA)
www.doi.idaho.gov/shiba/
1-800-247-4422



www.persi.idaho.gov
1-800-451-8228
(208) 334-3365



State Office of Group Insurance
www.ogi.idaho.gov
1-800-531-0597
(208) 332-1860