

# Retiree Medical Temporary Opt Out/Opt In Flyer

## To Temporarily Opt Out

To temporarily opt out of retiree health coverage, you must call the **Benefits Service Center** at **1-833-476-2347** to make your election. You will also need to submit a signed attestation form to complete your election. Once your agency separates you, this will trigger the attestation form to be sent to you. In your **mybenefits.ocgov.com** Message Center, you can also download the attestation form. If you do not return the signed attestation form within 30 calendar days from the date of your Opt Out attestation notice, you will be enrolled into a default Retiree Health Plan. Once enrolled in a default health coverage, you will be direct billed for the first 60-90 days and if a payment is not received, you will be permanently disenrolled from the Retiree Medical Plan. You will forfeit any other opportunities to Opt Out in the future.

## If You Want to Use Your One-time Opt In

If you retired on or after January 1, 2022, you have a one-time opportunity to opt back in to County retiree health coverage and receive your Retiree Medical Grant (if eligible) during Open Enrollment or if you experience a Qualified Life Event (QLE) including attaining Medicare eligibility. You will receive a notification prior to the

annual Open Enrollment period reminding you of your opportunity to opt back in. If you experience a QLE, you must contact the **Benefits Service Center** at **1-833-476-2347** within 30 calendar days of the event to report the QLE if you want to opt back in mid-year.

To exercise your One-time Opt In, you must attest that you had continuous coverage during the temporary opt-out period from the Retiree Medical Insurance Plan and the Medical Grant. You must also provide proof of that coverage. Documents must be dated within 30 days of (1) the start of Open Enrollment or (2) the effective date of returning to coverage due to a Qualified Life Event or attaining Medicare.

If you are opting in and are already Medicare-eligible, please make sure you have your Medicare in order. You will not be able to make elections without your Medicare data.

## Questions?

Call the **Benefits Service Center** at **1-833-476-2347**, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday through Friday or visit **mybenefits.ocgov.com** to answer any additional questions you may have about the Temp Opt Out/Opt In Program.

**Voluntary Incentive Program** If you retired under the County's Voluntary Incentive Program and chose Option 1 or 4a, you have a one-time opportunity to opt back in to County retiree health coverage and receive your Retiree Medical Grant (if eligible) during Open Enrollment or if you experience a QLE including attaining your medicare eligibility.

