Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment period is from **September 16, 2013, through October 11, 2013.** The effective date of all Open Enrollment transactions is **January 1, 2014.** Distribution of Open Enrollment packets to enrolled employees began on **August 19, 2013.** The Open Enrollment packet will include:

**Open Enrollment News** – provides information about this year’s Open Enrollment period, as well as highlights of the 2014 health benefit design changes.

**CalPERS 2014 Health Plan Summary** – lists the health plans available by county, and provides health plan telephone numbers and website addresses.

**Health Plan Statement** – identifies the health plan in which the employee and the employee’s family members are enrolled in as of July 1, 2013.

**Rate Sheet** – informs the employee of available health plans and rates based on their eligibility ZIP Code (**CSU Rate Chart will be available shortly**).

**Postcard** – allows employees to order the **2014 Health Benefit Summary, Health Program Guide,** and the **CalPERS Medicare Enrollment Guide.**

Please carefully review the materials in preparation for the upcoming Open Enrollment period. Additional details regarding rate and plan changes will be provided in the near future. Employees who are eligible for health benefits, but who are not currently enrolled can contact the Benefits Office during the Open Enrollment period to obtain a packet.

**CalPERS Retirement Planning Fair in Sacramento**

The California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) is hosting retirement planning fairs this summer to help members achieve a more financially secure future. The first two-day fair will be held August 23-24 at the Sacramento Convention Center. More detailed information about the 2013 CalPERS retirement planning fairs is available on **CalPERS On-Line.** Members are encouraged to pre-register for their preferred fair date to aid CalPERS in planning for staffing and materials, but it is not required.
CalPERS Dependent Eligibility Verification (DEV) Project
The CalPERS Dependent Eligibility Verification (DEV) Project is in progress and the Verification Phase will take place from July 26, 2013, through September 12, 2013. During this period, the eligibility of your dependent(s) enrolled in a CalPERS health plan will be verified by CalPERS’ contracted vendor, HMS Employer Solutions (HMS).

On July 26, 2013, HMS mailed letters to CSU employees who have dependents enrolled in a CalPERS health plan. Employees should carefully read the information you receive from HMS – there are **important deadlines** included in the letter that can impact your dependents’ coverage if deadlines are not met. **Please submit required documentation in a timely manner.** Contact HMS directly (contact information was included in the letter from HMS) with any questions related to the DEV project, required documentation or your specific situation.

The DEV Project is an independent review conducted by CalPERS and HMS. Therefore, any questions you may have regarding the verification process and/or documentation required must be directed to HMS (contact information was included in the letter from HMS). Learn more about the CalPERS DEV project on the CalPERS website: [http://www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/member/health/dev.xml](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/index.jsp?bc=/member/health/dev.xml)

CalPERS Long-Term Care Program
The CalPERS Board of Administration in February approved opening the Long-Term Care (LTC) Program to new applications beginning December 2013. This will be the first time the CalPERS LTC Program has been open to new applicants since 2008, and the first time the application period will be continuous. CalPERS launched a new Long-Term Care Program website. Visit the new website to access your coverage information, download and print forms, and talk with program representatives using a “live chat” function.

Managers and supervisors are asked to please distribute this information to employees in your departments who do not have access to e-mail. Please post in a conspicuous location and provide copies in your employees’ mailboxes. For questions or comments, contact the Office of Human Resources - Benefits, Del Norte Hall, Room 3004, or call 916-278-6213/86213.

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