



Retirement for Classified Staff

Professional Development Day

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Agenda

- Retirement income
- Severance and other separation payments
- Letter of retirement
- Insurance
- Health Care Savings Plan
- Payroll and Misc Info



RETIREMENT INCOME

- Where are your retirement savings and investments?
- How much do you have?
- What are the distribution options (how will the money be paid out to you)?
- What will your net income be after taxes?



MSRS

- Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) General Plan
 - This is the mandatory retirement plan for classified employees
 - Temporary, emergency, student employees, and interns are not eligible
 - You and the university have contributed the required percentage of your gross pay each paycheck
 - You have accrued retirement service credit for each month of employment in an eligible position
- Do you have other Minnesota public pension plans?
 - PERA
 - TRA

Eligible for combined service annuity?



MSRS, cont.

- Eligibility
 - If you have at least 3 years of retirement service credit and are at least age 55, you are eligible for a retirement annuity
 - If you were hired before July 1, 1989, and have 30 years of service credit, you are eligible for an annuity at any age
- Amount of annuity
 - See your annual statement from MSRS each summer
 - Access to account online at <http://www.msrs.state.mn.us/>
 - Request estimates from MSRS any time



MSRS, cont.

- Annuity options
 - Single Life
 - Monthly annuity is paid to you until your death
 - If you die before receiving total amount you paid into MSRS, a beneficiary is paid the remaining balance
 - 15 Year Period Certain and Life Thereafter
 - Monthly annuity is paid to you until your death
 - If you die before receiving annuity for 15 years, your beneficiary receives the balance
 - Monthly for the remainder of the 15-year period, or
 - In a lump sum



MSRS, cont.

- Annuity options, cont.
 - Joint and Survivor
 - Monthly annuity is paid until both you and your joint annuitant are deceased
 - If you die before joint annuitant, your joint annuitant continues to receive a percentage of the monthly annuity
 - 100%
 - 75%
 - 50%
 - If joint annuitant dies before you, your annuity increases (“bounces back”) to the Single Life annuity



MSRS, cont.

- Calculation of annuity
 - Age, years of service, and high-5 salary determine amount of monthly annuity
 - Spouse/Joint Annuitant's age is factored in if you choose one of the Joint-and-Survivor annuity options
 - Annuity reduced if benefits begin before full retirement age, unless you qualify for Rule of 90



MSRS, cont.

- Calculation of annuity, cont.
 - Step method
 - 1.2% each year of first 10 years service
 - 1.7% for each year over 10 years
 - This is the calculation method used for Rule of 90
 - Step method does not apply to anyone hired after June 30, 1989
 - Level method
 - 1.7% for each year of service
 - If you were hired before July 1, 1989, MSRS will calculate your annuity using both methods and will automatically give you the better of the two



Deferred Compensation Plan

- Deferred Compensation Plan (MNDCP)
 - This is a voluntary retirement plan covered under section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code
 - The plan is currently administered by MSRS, with record-keeping handled by ING
 - Most classified staff are eligible for
 - an employer match to Deferred Comp
 - conversion of comp time to Deferred Comp
 - Some classified staff are eligible to choose between two options
 - convert vacation to Deferred Comp, or
 - get an employer match
 - may also be eligible to convert comp time



Deferred Comp, cont.

- Flexible distribution options
 - Full withdrawal
 - Partial withdrawals
 - Periodic payments
 - Fixed Annuity payments
 - Combination of partial, periodic, and fixed annuity payments
 - Rollover
 - From another eligible plan into Deferred Comp, or
 - From Deferred Comp into another eligible plan
- Distributions can begin as soon as 30 days after employment ends
- Check with MSRS about required tax withholdings on Deferred Comp distributions



Tax Sheltered Annuities

- Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA)/403B
 - This is a voluntary retirement plan covered under section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code
 - Current accounts are administered by TIAA-CREF
 - Employees might have older account(s) with
 - discontinued MSU and MnSCU vendor(s)
 - previous employers
- Locate account statements and contact plan administrators for information and assistance



Social Security

- Review your annual statement
 - Check for errors
- Contact Social Security or visit their web site
1-800-772-1213 or <http://www.ssa.gov>
 - How and when to apply for Social Security benefits
 - How and when to apply for Medicare
 - Cost of Medicare Part B



Meet with MSRS

- Meet with an MSRS counselor before submitting your letter of retirement
 - What is your estimated MSRS annuity under each option?
 - Is there an optimal date for you to retire (e.g., do you reach Rule of 90)?
 - What are the distribution options for your Deferred Compensation Plan (if you have one)?
 - How and when do you submit an application for benefits?
 - When can you expect to receive your first payment?
 - What taxes will be withheld?
 - Do they need anything from you?
 - Birth certificates
 - Marriage certificates
 - Divorce info
 - Other beneficiary information
- MSRS also administers the Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) and can provide information about and help with this account



Review Your Investments

- **Meet with a financial professional to review your current investments**
- **Reallocate your investments if necessary**
 - **These first two items should be done periodically throughout your career and possibly even after retiring****
- Consider maximizing your contributions during your last few years of employment – check into catch-up provisions
- Start planning if you want to do a rollover of Deferred Comp or TSA after retirement



Retirement Plan Contacts

- Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS)

1-800-657-5757 for:

- MSRS General Plan
- Deferred Compensation Plan
- Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP)

- TIAA-CREF

1-800-682-8969 for:

- Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA)/403B Plan



Separation Payments

- Severance Pay
 - Vacation Payoff
 - Comp Time Payoff
 - NOTE: unused holidays cannot be paid off
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- **THESE CAN CHANGE WITH EACH NEW BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR PERSONNEL PLAN**



Severance Pay

- Payoff of a percentage of unused sick leave
- Eligibility and calculation method is based on employee's bargaining agreement/personnel plan in effect at the time of retirement
- Most severance payments to retirees go into HCSP
 - In event of layoff or death of employee, payment is in cash
- Payment is made two weeks after final paycheck
- May put part into Deferred Comp or TSA/403B plan if not required to go into HCSP



Vacation and Comp Time Payoffs

- Payoff of unused vacation and comp time up to maximum number of hours allowed per bargaining agreement/personnel plan
- Agreement/Plan may require vacation payoff as:
 - Payment in cash
 - Deposit into HCSP
 - Combination of cash and HCSP
- Payment made two weeks after final paycheck
- May put part into Deferred Comp or TSA/403B plan if not required to go into HCSP



AFSCME 2009-2011 Agreement

- Vacation = up to 260 hours of unused vacation
- Severance pay = 40% of up to 900 hours unused sick leave + 12.5% of hours over 900
 - Retiree Eligibility:
 - 20 years continuous State service, or
 - Retirement at or after age 65, or
 - Retirement after 10 years continuous State service and immediately entitled to receive an annuity
- HCSP
 - Severance – all AFSCME units
 - 100% of severance to HCSP if \$500 or more
 - Paid in cash if less than \$500
 - Vacation
 - Unit 2 (Craft, Maintenance, and Labor) – effective 1/6/2010, 100% of vacation pay goes into HCSP unless vacation + severance total less than \$500
 - All other units – vacation paid in cash
- Comp time paid in cash
 - May convert up to 40 hours to Deferred Comp once per fiscal year prior to retirement



Commissioner's Plan 2009-2011

- Vacation = up to 260 hours of unused vacation paid in cash
- Severance pay = 40% of up to 900 hours unused sick leave + 12.5% of hours over 900
 - Retiree Eligibility:
 - 20 years continuous State service, or
 - Retirement after 10 years continuous State service and immediately entitled to receive an annuity
- HCSP
 - Severance
 - 100% of severance to HCSP if \$100 or more
 - Paid in cash if less than \$100
 - Payroll contributions = 1% of gross pay each pay period
- Comp time paid in cash
 - May convert up to 40 hours to Deferred Comp once per fiscal year



Medical Specialists 2009-2011

Commissioner's Plan Addendum

- Vacation = up to 275 hours of unused vacation
- Severance pay = 35% of unused sick
 - Retiree Eligibility:
 - 20 years continuous State service, or
 - Retirement after 10 years continuous State service and immediately entitled to receive an annuity, or
 - Separation after 10 years of continuous State service in medical specialist positions
- HCSP
 - 100% of severance and 100% of vacation to HCSP
 - If severance + vacation less than \$200, all paid in cash
 - Payroll contributions = 1% of gross pay each pay period



Managerial Plan 2009-2011

- Vacation = up to 275 hours of unused vacation
- Severance pay = 35% of unused sick
 - Retiree Eligibility:
 - 20 years continuous State service, or
 - Retirement after 10 years continuous State service and immediately entitled to receive an annuity, or
 - Separation after 10 years of continuous State service in managerial positions
- HCSP
 - 100% of severance and 100% of vacation to HCSP
 - If severance + vacation less than \$200, all paid in cash
 - Payroll contributions = 1% of gross pay each pay period



MAPE 2009-2011 Agreement

- Vacation = up to 260 hours of unused vacation
- Severance pay = 40% of up to 900 hours unused sick leave + 12.5% of hours over 900
 - Retiree Eligibility:
 - 20 years continuous State service, or
 - Retirement at or after age 65, or
 - Retirement after 10 years continuous State service and immediately entitled to receive an annuity
- HCSP
 - Severance
 - 100% of severance to HCSP if \$200 or more
 - Paid in cash if less than \$200
 - Vacation
 - 100% of vacation to HCSP if \$200 or more
 - Paid in cash if less than \$200
 - Payroll contributions
 - Employees with 5 or more years service
 - 1% of gross pay each pay period
- Comp time paid in cash
 - May convert up to 40 hours to Deferred Comp once per fiscal year



MGEC 2009-2011 Agreement

- Vacation = up to 260 hours of unused vacation
- Severance pay = 35% of unused sick leave
 - Retiree Eligibility:
 - 20 years continuous State service, or
 - Retirement at or after age 65, or
 - Retirement after 10 years continuous State service and immediately entitled to receive an annuity
- HCSP
 - 75% of severance and 100% of vacation to HCSP
 - 25% of severance in cash
 - If severance + vacation less than \$200, all paid in cash
- Comp time paid in cash
 - May convert up to 40 hours to Deferred Comp once per fiscal year



MMA 2009-2011 Agreement

- Vacation = up to 260 hours of unused vacation
- Severance pay = 35% of unused sick leave
 - Retiree Eligibility:
 - 20 years continuous State service, or
 - Retirement at or after age 65, or
 - Retirement after 10 years continuous State service and immediately entitled to receive an annuity
- HCSP
 - 100% of severance and 100% of vacation to HCSP
 - If severance + vacation less than \$500, all paid in cash
- Comp time paid in cash
 - If eligible to accrue comp time, employees may convert up to 40 hours to Deferred Comp once per fiscal year



MNA 2009-2011 Agreement

- Vacation = up to 260 hours of unused vacation
- Severance pay = 40% of up to 900 hours unused sick leave + 12.5% of hours over 900
 - Retiree Eligibility:
 - 20 years continuous State service, or
 - Retirement at or after age 65, or
 - Retirement after 10 years continuous State service and immediately entitled to receive an annuity
- HCSP
 - Severance
 - 100% of severance to HCSP
 - Payroll contributions = \$100 per month
- Comp time paid in cash
 - May convert up to 40 hours to Deferred Comp once per fiscal year



Submit Letter of Retirement

- What should the letter include?
 - state that you are **retiring** and last date of employment – employment ends on your last day of work
 - cannot use vacation to remain on payroll/extend insurance
 - include your signature and the date you submit the letter
- Check barg agreement/personnel plan for notification deadlines
- Submit letter to your supervisor and send a copy to HR for your personnel file



Continuing Insurance Coverage

- Coverage remains in effect through the end of the month in which employment ends
- Eligible retirees may continue health and dental coverage at their own cost for as long as they wish
- Spouse
 - May continue coverage as long as desired if retiree has continued coverage
 - Has option to continue coverage under COBRA for limited period of time if retiree does not continue coverage
- Also have options to continue life insurance and long term care insurance
- Meet with DDIR (Therese) within last 60 days of employment
- SEGIP will also send COBRA notice – do not elect COBRA if you have applied for retiree coverage within 30 days of retirement



Retiree Insurance Eligibility

- Eligibility to continue coverage as a “regular” retiree
 - 65 or older at the time of retirement, and
 - enrolled in both Medicare Parts A & B, and
 - eligible for a retirement annuity
- Eligibility to continue coverage as an “early” retiree
 - under age 65, and
 - five years of allowable pension service or meets the service requirement of the collective bargaining agreement or plan, whichever is greater, and entitled at the time of retirement to immediately receive a retirement benefit or an annuity under a retirement program sponsored by the state or such organization of the state
 - **-OR-**
 - Is at least age 50 with 15 years of state service
 - **-OR-**
 - Has 30 years of service time in MSRS General Fund or TRA

2010 Monthly Health Insurance Rates

- Retiree under age 65 \$447.28
 - Spouse under 65 and/or child(ren) \$868.06
 - Retiree/Spouse age 65 or older (no children)
 - BCBS Coordinated Plan \$301.91*
 - HealthPartners Freedom Plan \$257.40*
 - PreferredOne Ucare for Seniors \$256.00*
- *per person
- Do some comparison shopping if you and your spouse are 65 or older
 - You may be eligible to purchase a Medicare Supplement
 - You may also need to purchase a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan



2010 Monthly Dental Insurance Rates

- State Dental Plan – Delta Dental
 - Retiree only \$25.88
 - Family [retiree + spouse and/or child(ren)] \$76.52
- HealthPartners State of MN Dental Plan
 - Retiree only \$27.52
 - Family [retiree + spouse and/or child(ren)] \$81.42



Continuing Insurance

- Submit *Request for Continuation of Coverage Upon Retirement* form to HR
 - Up to 60 days prior to retirement
 - No later than 30 days following retirement
- Enroll in Medicare Parts A and B if 65 or older
 - Submit application about 60 days prior to retirement
 - Take effect the month following your retirement or the month you turn 65, whichever is later
 - Health insurance carrier will send additional enrollment forms for health plan and prescription drug plan if 65 or older
- Do not enroll in any other Medicare Part D plan – it is included in the 65+ health plans
- Carriers will bill you



Health and Dental Insurance

- Option to switch health and/or dental plans during last 60 days
 - Requires Application for Basic Coverage
 - Change takes effect 1st of month following retirement
- Coordinated Plan required if 65 or older and residing outside MN
- May switch plans during Open Enrollment
- If you drop coverage, you cannot re-enroll – not even during Open Enrollment
- You will receive a certificate of creditable coverage to give to Medicare so you are not penalized for late enrollment in an individual Part D plan



Life Insurance

- Basic and Manager's Life Options
 - Continue up to 18 months at group rate
 - May convert to individual policy
- Additional Employee and Spouse Life Options
 - Continue up to age 65 to qualify for paid-up benefit of 15% of coverage that has been in force:
 - For at least 5 years, and
 - To age 65 or retirement, whichever is later
 - May convert to individual policies



Disability, AD&D, and LTC

- Disability and AD&D coverage cannot be continued after retirement
- Review disability coverage to determine if you should make any changes prior to retirement
- CNA will bill for LTC insurance after paychecks cease



MDEA and HRA

- MDEA options
 - Cease participation on date of retirement, or
 - Continue on after-tax basis through December 31, or
 - Request pre-tax lump-sum deduction before retirement to continue participation through December 31
- \$250 State HRA
 - Continue to use until depleted
- Benny™ Cards
 - Continue to use until MDEA and HRA accounts are depleted or participation ends, whichever occurs first



Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP)

- \$250 Employer contribution at retirement plus other applicable contributions (e.g., severance pay)
- Tax-free account, invested in SBI funds
- Use for health, dental, and long-term care insurance premiums and other out-of-pocket medical and dental expenses for yourself, your spouse, and eligible dependent children
- The only contributions allowed are those negotiated in barg agreements/personnel plans - regulations do not allow optional or voluntary contributions
- May apply to waive HCSP if you can prove you will not have out-of-pocket expenses
- HCSP is administered by MSRS



HCSP, cont.

- Submit reimbursement requests
 - Forms available on MSRS web site
 - Two options for monthly insurance premiums:
 - Pay insurance company and then submit reimbursement request form to HCSP with copy of billing statement attached
 - Set up automatic payment of premiums from your checking account and automatic reimbursement from HCSP to your checking account
 - Other qualified expenses:
 - Submit reimbursement request form to HCSP
 - Attach copies of receipts or billing statements



Payroll and Self-Service Web Site

- You will continue to have access to the Employee Self-Service web site
 - User ID remains the same (a new ID will be issued for insurance purposes only)
 - Self-Service password expires every 60 days
 - Click on “If you’ve forgotten your password, click here” to create new password if old one is not working
 - Keep direct deposit account(s) open or change direct deposit on Self-Service if closing accounts prior to final paycheck or leave payoff
 - Excess insurance deductions will be refunded by SEGIP through payroll
 - W-2 will be issued in January of the year following your final paycheck or leave payoff



Other Info

- Make sure to do the following:
 - Submit final time sheet
 - Complete all other departing procedures, including but not limited to:
 - Turn in keys
 - Turn in MavCard and name badges
 - Make sure electronic files are stored in a shared file that others can access
 - Turn in all university property
 - Repay any travel advances
 - Submit address change to HR if moving
- You will receive an email inviting you to complete an online, confidential exit survey
- Your supervisor may nominate you for Honored Staff/Emeriti status if you are retiring after at least 10 years of service to the university