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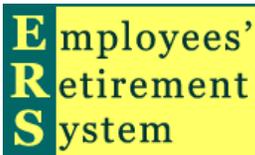
Please contact the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) at 414-278-4207 in Milwaukee or toll-free at 877-652-6377 outside of Milwaukee for all Pension questions, including Retirement calculations.

Life & Health Benefits

Please contact the Benefit Division with Life and Health Benefits related questions at: 414-278-4198.

Newly Retired

Salvatore Agnello
Michael Babich
Thomas Bozora
Jeffrey Button
Willie Cathey
David Comer
Daniel Dittman
Virginia Ertman
John Hansen
Laurel Hines
Michael Howard
Terry LaBuy
Chris Luedke
Saundra Magerowski
Sue Malsack
Alvin Mckinnin
Dinah Parker
Marianne Pickens
Anastasia Radetski
Dennis Ricciardi
Bonnie Ristow
Charlene Smith
Steven Sotala
Sue Sprmezel
Keith Thompson
Ronald Wandschneider
James Wilkerson



V-3 Pension System Self Service

The ERS Pension System (V-3) Self Service is up and running! V-3 Self Service gives you on-line access to your demographic information, pension documents and forms from any computer — at home or away. Retirees have the ability to view and change personal demographic information on-line at any time. You can also download forms and review frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Self Service can be accessed through the County Intranet or Internet site (<http://county.milwaukee.gov>). Click on the "Milwaukee County Employees" link on the left side; this will take you to where all external information is posted for County employees. Scroll down to the section on "Retirement Information and Current Retirees". Click on the Retirement Self Service link to access *Self Service*.

You will be required to register on the site and set up any User ID and Password of your choice.

- Login Screen – Click on the "Register" button

- Read the Terms of Service and click "Accept" .
- Registration Screen – enter your Social Security Number (SSN), Last Name and Date of Birth
- Select a User ID and Password. Please enter a username and password of your choice – be careful to select a user name and password that you can easily remember. **User ID and Password is case sensitive.** Re-enter your password, select the security question and provide an answer. This is important in case you forget your password. In the Account Address section, please verify your address and then enter an e-mail address (and re-enter that same e-mail address). Phone number is optional. Click on "Submit" when you are done. This completes the registration process.

Of course, the web is an option — all other services will continue unaffected for members without web access.

HEALTH BENEFIT UPDATES

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the upcoming furlough days for Milwaukee County employees, the Open Enrollment meeting scheduled for Friday, November 13 has been canceled.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Milwaukee County Benefits Open Enrollment will run November 2 – November 13. This year, if you are not changing your current elections, **no action is required.** If you haven't already received your enrollment information, you should within the next day or two.

FREE Seasonal flu shots will be available at all sessions

As in past years, we will be holding benefit information sessions. Sessions this year will be held Tuesday, November 3 at Wilson Park Senior Center; Friday, November 6 at Washington Park Senior Center and Monday, November 9 at Clinton Rose Senior Center. The time for all sessions is 1– 4 PM. There will be no formal presentations; however, representatives will be available from UnitedHealthcare, Medco and Milwaukee County Benefits to answer questions.

IMPORTANT H1N1 UPDATE

Our claims administrator, UnitedHealthcare, is working with a number of partners to ensure that Milwaukee County employees, retirees and covered dependents have a broad range of options available to get the H1N1 flu vaccine.

Doctor's Office: All H1N1 vaccine administration claims will be processed as a covered service with no copays, deductibles or coinsurance fees, **if obtained through a network provider**

Retail Pharmacies: You can also receive the H1N1 vaccine at participating retail pharmacy chains with no upfront cost.

You are encouraged to call the pharmacy ahead to make sure they have the vaccine and are participating in the United Healthcare program.

Public Health Clinics: You may be able to receive the H1N1 Vaccine at most local public health clinics. While these would not be affiliated with our health plan or UHC, most public health clinics do not charge fees for the vaccine.

Since April, the Center for Disease Control has learned a great deal about the H1N1 virus and have revised their recommendations for using an anti-viral medication to treat H1N1. Current recommendations are that these medications should be restricted to severely ill/hospitalized patients. Therefore, effective November 1, 2009, Milwaukee County's health plans will only cover Tamiflu at the inpatient hospital level. Coverage will not be authorized at outpatient retail pharmacies.

In Memoriam

Please keep these recently deceased individuals in your thoughts:

Mildred Barker
Theresa Bichler
Vergie Brown (Donald)
Gladys Chillquist
Mary Frederick (Harry)
Raymond Fronczak
Marian Gigot
John Glowacki
Irene Helstowski (Edmund)

Jerome Kalista
Ann Lewinski (Leonard)
Aivinoia Lindsey
Stanley Lucas
Richard Martynski
Marilyn Scharch (George)
Evelyn Thompson
Helen Zibolski