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**California Public Employees' Retirement System**

Date

CalPERS ID:

Addressee Name  
Street Address  
Town State Zip

**Important information regarding your CalPERS Health Plan**

Blue Shield has informed us that they will not be offering the Net Value health plan in 2017.

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**Why am I receiving this letter?**

Our records reflect that you are currently enrolled in Blue Shield Net Value health plan, which will not be available after December 31, 2016.

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**What action do I need to take?**

If you and/or your dependent are turning age 65 in 2016, you may be eligible for Medicare. If you are retired and Medicare eligible, you must first enroll in Medicare Part A and Part B with the Social Security Administration (SSA) before you turn age 65 and transfer to a Medicare health plan.

If you and/or your dependent are turning age 65, retired, and not eligible for Medicare, you must provide supporting documentation from the SSA regarding your Medicare ineligibility before you turn age 65 to remain in a Basic health plan.

If you continue to work at age 65 or your spouse is employed and you are covered by an Employer Group Health Plan (EGHP), you do not have to enroll in Medicare and may remain in a Basic health plan.

You will receive more information from CalPERS about this process four months before your/your dependent's 65<sup>th</sup> birth month.

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**What are my Basic health plan options if I am not eligible for Medicare?**

If you and/or your dependent are ineligible for Medicare and will remain in a Basic health plan, you have two options:

**Option 1:** If you would like to be enrolled into Blue Shield Access+ CA, no action is needed on your part. CalPERS will enroll you into Blue Shield's Access+ plan effective January 1, 2017, with no lapse in coverage. Most providers currently participating in NetValue also participate in Access+.

**Option 2:** If you would like to select another health plan, you may do so during our Open Enrollment period, September 12 – October 7, 2016. Open enrollment materials will be available online no later than August 22, 2016, with instructions on how to change your health plan.

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**What are my Medicare health plan options if I am eligible for Medicare?**

If you and/or your dependent are Medicare eligible, CalPERS offers several Medicare health plans. Once you enroll in Medicare Part A and Part B with the SSA prior to your 65<sup>th</sup> birth month, you have two options:

**Option 1:** CalPERS will automatically enroll you in the United Healthcare (UHC) Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan (Health Only).

Participants who have members enrolled in Medicare and Basic health plan coverage and reside outside of UHC's Basic health plan ZIP code area will be enrolled in PERS Choice Medicare Supplement PPO Plan.

**Option 2:** If you would like to select another Medicare health plan, you can contact CalPERS to choose one of the following Medicare health plans:

- Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage HMO Plan (**ZIP code restrictions apply**)
  - PERSCare, PERS Choice, PERS Select Medicare Supplement PPO Plans
  - UnitedHealthcare (UHC) Group Medicare Advantage PPO Plan (Health/Dental/Vision). (**Contracting agencies only**)
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**What are the benefits offered in 2017?**

Information regarding the benefits offered by each health plan in 2017 will be available online at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov) on August 22, 2016.

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For additional information, visit our website at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov) or call CalPERS at **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**).

Sincerely,

CalPERS, Member Account Management Division