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Deadlines for Open Enrollment

PEEHIP's annual Open Enrollment period began July 1 and ends with the following deadlines. This is the onceper-year opportunity for PEEHIP members to enroll in or change coverage. Outside of Open Enrollment, changes are only permissible due to a qualifying life event. View more information in the <u>July PEEHIP Advisor</u>.

- Online: September 10, 2018. After this time, online Open Enrollment changes will not be accepted and the Open Enrollment link will be closed. Online enrollment is the preferred option because it is the easiest and most efficient method to enroll in or make changes to your coverage. No other enrollment method provides an enrollment confirmation page in real time giving you instant assurance PEEHIP has received your enrollment request.
- Paper: August 31, 2018. Any paper forms or faxes postmarked after that date will not be accepted.
- Flexible Spending Accounts: September 30, 2018, for both paper and online Open Enrollment for flex plans.

Monthly Wellness Premium Deadline, August 31, Fast Approaching!

If you or your spouse are covered under PEEHIP's Blue Cross Blue Shield (Group 14000) Hospital Medical Plan, please complete all of your required activities **by August 31, 2018**, to make sure you are not charged the \$50 monthly wellness premium effective October 2018. Visit <u>www.MyActiveHealth.com/PEEHIP</u> and click on "My Required Activities" to check your status.

UnitedHealthcare Benefit Expo Events held July and August

Retired Medicare-Eligible PEEHIP Members, and retirees who will soon be turning 65, are invited to attend a Benefit Expo event to learn how to get the most from your PEEHIP offered UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Plan benefits. Learn about important health programs and benefits such as HouseCalls, NurseLine, SilverSneakers[®], and more. Not able to attend in person? Attend by phone July 17 or August 15. See all the details <u>here</u>.

Premium Assistance Discounts

If you are an active or retired member who qualifies, based upon your total combined household income and family size, PEEHIP can provide premium assistance discounts up to 50% off of your PEEHIP Hospital Medical premium. The qualification criteria can be found on PEEHIP's Premium Assistance webpage <u>here</u>.

- If you believe you qualify and would like to apply for this premium assistance, please print and submit the <u>Premium Assistance Application (PAA)</u> from the website listed above, along with your current year Federal Income Tax Return Transcript as shown under "Step 2" on the PAA form.
- If you are approved, PEEHIP will mail you an approval letter showing your discount effective date as well as the discount expiration date. The premium discount does not renew each plan year. If you are currently receiving a premium assistance discount, you must reapply now during PEEHIP's Open Enrollment in order to potentially continue a premium discount into the new plan year beginning October 1, 2018.

Statement of Nondiscrimination: PEEHIP complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

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