



Benefit Statement Enclosed

Enclosed is your Annual Benefit Statement. Review your statement carefully, since it contains group insurance and death benefit beneficiary information.

The Minnesota Life Insurance Company maintains your life insurance beneficiary information. If you would like to update your beneficiary, contact Minnesota Life at 1-888-202-5525.

The statement contains a SERS identification card. Carry it with you as proof of your association with the state of Illinois for government and retiree discounts.

Did You Know?

There are 139 retirees under the age of 51 and 1,209 retirees over the age of 89.

The average age of our retirees is 69.

Retirees age 61-65 make up the largest retiree group with 8,051.

There are 25 SERS retirees over the age of 100.

The average annuitant retires with just less than 25 years of state service.

The total number of SERS retirees is 42,979.

Watch for Benefit Choice insurance information coming in May 2008!



Where Are They Now?

SERS statistics show that the vast majority of our retirees still reside in Illinois. Of the retirees who call another state home, the largest percentage now live in the Sunshine State of Florida. Other states with a healthy number of SERS retirees include Arizona, Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin and California.



Student Spring Insurance Recertification



The spring recertification process will begin in March for annuitants who have dependents

enrolled as full-time college students. You should have received a Dependent Coverage Certification Statement (CMS 138) by the first week in March.

Some dependent student's enrollment will be verified through the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). In these cases, the CMS 138 must be signed and mailed to SERS.

For those not verified through this method, proof of full-time college enrollment is required and must be attached to the CMS 138 that you mail to us. *

CMS Form 138 and any required documentation **MUST** be sent to SERS by the end of March or your student's dependent coverage will terminate on April 1, 2008.

*** Examples of documentation include: letter from the Office of the School Registrar, tuition bill marked "paid," copy of enrollment from the university's website, abbreviated transcript, copy of grant award or tuition waiver, itemized statement of account. The student's name and full-time status must be indicated on the submitted document.**

SERS offers the *Myths and Realities of Retirement (MRR) workshop to retirees, survivors, disability benefit recipients and their guests.*

The MRR is a free, one-day workshop which runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. It examines financial scams, the effects of inflation, estate planning, group insurance, and health & leisure. Participants will find this workshop worthwhile and informative.

If you would like to attend an MRR workshop, complete and return the application to us. You can also call our office to register. After you are registered, we will confirm your enrollment by letting you know the exact workshop location.

Circle the 2008 MRR Workshop You Would Like to Attend

Please disregard the numbers in parentheses. They are for internal office use.

Mar. 11	Rockford (90)	Jul. 29	Utica (43)
Mar. 18	Chicago (02)	Aug. 5	Springfield (01)
Mar. 25	Carbondale (50)	Aug. 19	Fairview Heights (18)
Apr. 1	Springfield (01)	Aug. 26	Effingham (67)
Apr. 8	Mt. Vernon (32)	Sep. 9	Utica (43)
Apr. 15	Fairview Heights (18)	Sep. 16	Rockford (90)
Apr. 22	Quincy (36)	Sep. 23	Moline (46)
Apr. 29	East Peoria (82)	Sep. 30	Mt. Vernon (32)
May 1	Tinley Park (95)	Oct. 7	Springfield (01)
May 20	Aurora (05)	Oct. 14	Marion (07)
Jun. 3	Carbondale (50)	Oct. 22	Chicago (02)
Jun. 10	Decatur (78)	Oct. 28	Scottsburg (77)
Jun. 17	Springfield (01)	Nov. 18	Bourbonnais (25)
Jun. 24	Chicago (02)	Nov. 25	Chicago (02)
Jul. 8	Tinley Park (95)	Dec. 2	Joliet (47)
Jul. 15	Champaign (37)	Dec. 9	Springfield (01)

Name _____

Social Security Number _____

Are You Bringing a Guest? _____

Return This Form To:

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