

## MEDICARE INFORMATION NOTICE

State law *requires* that anyone eligible for Medicare by reasons of age (65 or older) or disability through Social Security (and having received SSA Disability benefits for 24 consecutive months), **MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE FULL MEDICARE PROGRAM, BOTH PARTS A (*HOSPITAL INSURANCE*) AND B (*MEDICAL INSURANCE*)** in order to participate in the Retired Group under the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) or School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP).

Please be certain you send proof of Medicare enrollment with your *Retired Change of Status Application*. Acceptable proofs are a photocopy of your Medicare ID card reflecting Medicare Parts A and B, or a letter from the Social Security Administration confirming your effective date of enrollment in Medicare Parts A and B.

Medicare becomes your primary carrier once you have enrolled in the full Medicare Program and the Retired Group of the SHBP or SEHBP.

### **Members receiving TPAF or Employer-paid medical benefits:**

- If you are retiring from a board of education with over 25 years of pension credit you will receive the full medicare reimbursement.
- If you are retiring from a State agency and enrolled in the PERS, SPRS, or PFRS with employer-paid medical coverage, you may be entitled to receive Medicare Part B premium reimbursement each month in accordance with the terms of the bargaining unit agreement (union contract) that you retired under. **Note:** State employees hired after July 1, 1995, are not entitled to Medicare Part B reimbursement when they retire.

Any Medicare reimbursement for TPAF or State retirees is *added* directly to your monthly pension check. Alternate Benefit Program members entitled to employer-paid medical coverage receive their Medicare Part B reimbursement monthly by a separate check. Members retiring from a local municipality receiving employer-paid benefits may receive their reimbursement from their former employer.

Duplication of Medicare Part B premium reimbursements is not permissible. If you and/or your spouse, civil union partner, or eligible domestic partner receive a Medicare Part B reimbursement from any other source, **YOU MUST NOTIFY THE DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS IMMEDIATELY.**