



## COMPLETING THE MEDICARE RETIRED COVERAGE ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Be sure to review Fact Sheet #11, *Enrolling in Health Benefits Coverage When You Retire*, to verify that you are eligible for enrollment into the **State Health Benefits Program (SHBP)**.

### SECTION 1 — APPLICANT INFORMATION

This section pertains to the person enrolling in the retired group. Complete all requested information, filling in one letter or number per block. Provide month, day, and year for Date of Birth and Date of Retirement (for example: April 12, 1933 = 04 12 33). Please indicate if you were a part-time employee.

### SECTION 2 — TYPE OF ACTIVITY

Check one box in Section 2. If you have applied for retirement or are a new retiree, check the first box "New Retiree." If you are enrolling as a Surviving Spouse/Partner or Surviving Dependent, check "Survivor Enrollment."

For changes to existing retired group health benefits coverage **DO NOT USE THIS FORM**. To change plans, add or delete dependents, and make other changes, SHBP members should complete and submit the *Retired Change of Status Application*. If you wish to waive or decline coverage, submit the *Cancel/Decline/Waive Retired Coverage* form.

### SECTION 3 — MEDICAL COVERAGE

Check only one box indicating the medical plan into which you want to enroll. When choosing a HMO plan you must list the identification number (ID #) of your Primary Care Physician.

**3A. LEVEL OF MEDICAL COVERAGE** — Select a level of coverage based upon who you will be covering. When you first enroll at the time of retirement, you may add eligible dependents. Your eligible dependents are your spouse or civil union partner, or an eligible same-sex domestic partner, and your children under age 26.

### SECTION 4 — DENTAL COVERAGE

Check one box in Section 4. You may select one of the DPO Plans or the DEP Plan. If you wish to waive dental coverage, use the *Cancel/Decline/Waive Retired Coverage* form.

**4A. LEVEL OF DENTAL COVERAGE** — Check the level of dental coverage desired.

**4B. PREVIOUS DENTAL COVERAGE** — Indicate if you were formerly enrolled in a dental plan for 12 months.

### SECTION 5 — LEVEL OF MEDICARE COVERAGE

Indicate whether you and/or your spouse/partner and/or child are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B. Be sure to list the effective dates of the Medicare enrollment. Proof of full Medicare enrollment in Parts A and B is required by the Health Benefits Bureau. Please submit a photocopy of the Medicare card or a letter from Social Security confirming the effective dates of full Medicare enrollment. Members receiving a Social Security Disability who become Medicare eligible, must be enrolled in the full Medicare program — Part A and Part B — in order to have coverage in the SHBP. If submitting proof of Medicare enrollment, check the "Medicare Proof Enclosed" box at the bottom right of the application.

### SECTION 6 — DEPENDENT INFORMATION

This section is used for members selecting Member & Spouse/Partner, Family, or Parent & Child(ren) coverage. Please list your spouse/partner's name, gender, date of birth, Social Security number, and if enrolling in a HMO plan the spouse/partner's Primary Care Physician Identification Number. Please also list the name, gender, date of birth, Social Security number, and if enrolling in a HMO plan the Primary Care Physician Identification Number for any children you are enrolling. If you are listing more than two children, please provide the required information for your other children on an additional sheet of paper, attach the sheet to the application, and check the box at the bottom right of the application.

**NOTE:** See page 3, Required Documentation for SHBP/SEHBP Dependent Eligibility and Enrollment. Dependents may be added later, using the *Retired Change of Status Application*, either within 60 days of the date of event - i.e., marriage, civil union, birth of a child - with an effective date of the date of the event; or added timely with a 60-day waiting period.

### SECTION 7 — CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

The member must read the certification and sign and date the application. If additional sheets are submitted with the application, check the box indicating such.

**Misrepresentation:** Any person who provides false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**Return this application and all supporting documentation to:**

NJ DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS  
HEALTH BENEFITS BUREAU  
P.O. BOX 299  
TRENTON, NJ 08625-0299

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR SHBP/SEHBP DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

The State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and School Employees' Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) are required to ensure that only employees, retirees, and eligible dependents are receiving health care coverage under the programs. As a result, the Division of Pensions and Benefits must guarantee consistent application of eligibility requirements within the plans. Employees or Retirees who enroll dependents for coverage (spouses, civil union partners, domestic partners, children, disabled and/or over age children continuing coverage) must submit the following documentation in addition to the appropriate health benefits enrollment or change of status application.

DEPENDENTS	ELIGIBILITY DEFINITION	DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED
<b>SPOUSE</b>	A person to whom you are legally married.	A photocopy of the <i>Marriage Certificate</i> <b>and</b> a photocopy of the front page of the employee/retiree's most recently filed federal tax return* ( <i>Form 1040</i> ) that includes the spouse.
<b>CIVIL UNION PARTNER</b>	A person of the same sex with whom you have entered into a civil union.	A photocopy of the <i>New Jersey Civil Union Certificate</i> or a valid certification from another jurisdiction that recognizes same-sex civil unions <b>and</b> a photocopy of the front page of the employee/retiree's most recently filed New Jersey tax return* that includes the partner <b>or</b> a photocopy of a recent (within 90 days of application) bank statement or bill that includes the names of both partners and is received at the same address.
<b>DOMESTIC PARTNER</b>	A person of the same sex with whom you have entered into a domestic partnership. Under Chapter 246, P.L. 2003, the Domestic Partnership Act, health benefits coverage is available to domestic partners of State employees, State retirees, or employees or retirees of a SHBP or SEHBP participating local public entity that has adopted a resolution to provide Chapter 246 health benefits.	A photocopy of the <i>New Jersey Certificate of Domestic Partnership</i> dated prior to February 19, 2007 or a valid certification from another State or foreign jurisdiction that recognizes same-sex domestic partners <b>and</b> a photocopy of the front page of the employee/retiree's most recently filed New Jersey tax return* that includes the partner <b>or</b> a photocopy of a recent (within 90 days of application) bank statement or bill that includes the names of both partners and is received at the same address.
<b>CHILDREN</b>	A subscriber's child until age 26, <i>regardless</i> of the child's marital, student, or financial dependency status – even if the young adult no longer lives with his or her parents.  This includes a stepchild, foster child, legally adopted child, or any child in a guardian-ward relationship upon submitting required supporting documentation.	<b>Natural or Adopted Child</b> – A photocopy of the child's birth certificate showing the name of the employee/retiree as a parent.  <b>Step Child</b> – A photocopy of the child's birth certificate showing the name of the employee/retiree's spouse or partner as a parent <b>and</b> a photocopy of the marriage/partnership certificate showing the names of the employee/retiree and spouse/partner.  <b>Legal Guardian, Grandchild, or Foster Child</b> – Photocopies of Final Court Orders with the presiding judge's signature and seal. Documents must attest to the legal guardianship by the covered employee.
<b>DEPENDENT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES</b>	If a covered child is not capable of self-support when he or she reaches age 26 due to mental illness or incapacity, or a physical disability, the child may be eligible for a continuance of coverage. Coverage for children with disabilities may continue only while (1) you are covered through the SHBP/SEHBP, (2) the child continues to be disabled, (3) the child is unmarried or does not enter into a civil union or domestic partnership, and (4) the child remains substantially dependent on you for support and maintenance. You may be contacted periodically to verify that the child remains eligible for coverage.	Documentation for the appropriate "Child" type (as noted above) <b>and</b> a photocopy of the front page of the employee/retiree's most recently filed federal tax return* ( <i>Form 1040</i> ) that includes the child.  If Social Security disability has been awarded, or is currently pending, please include this information with the documentation that is submitted.  <b>Please note</b> that this information is only verifying the child's eligibility as a dependent. The disability status of the child is determined through a separate process.
<b>CONTINUED COVERAGE FOR OVER AGE CHILDREN</b>	Certain children over age 26 may be eligible for continued coverage until age 31 under the provisions of Chapter 375, P.L. 2005. This includes a child by blood or law who: (1) is under the age of 31; (2) is unmarried or not a partner in a civil union or domestic partnership; (3) has no dependent(s) of his or her own; (4) is a resident of New Jersey or is a student at an accredited public or private institution of higher education, with at least 15 credit hours; and (5) is not provided coverage as a subscriber, insured, enrollee, or covered person under a group or individual health benefits plan, church plan, or entitled to benefits under Medicare.	Documentation for the appropriate "Child" type (as noted above) <b>and</b> a photocopy of the front page of the child's most recently filed federal tax return* ( <i>Form 1040</i> ), <b>and</b> if the child resides outside of the State of New Jersey, documentation of full time student status must be submitted.

**\*NOTE:** For tax forms you may black out all financial information and all but the last 4 digits of any Social Security numbers.

To obtain copies of the documents listed above, contact the office of the Town Clerk in the city of the birth, marriage, etc., or visit these Web sites: [www.vitalrec.com](http://www.vitalrec.com) or [www.studentclearinghouse.org](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org)  
Residents of New Jersey can obtain records from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration Web site: [www.nj.gov/health/vital/index.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/health/vital/index.shtml)