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Health Insurance Open Enrollment Plan Year 2017



Fall is a short but sweet season in Fresno. Some days may still get hot, but we can enjoy the cool breeze of the mornings and evenings while looking forward to the promise of rain. Fall also brings our season of open enrollment for current employees and retirees for 2017 health, dental, and vision plans. As in years past, former County of Fresno employees will have County Health Insurance options. Retired Employees of Fresno County (REFCO) members will have many different insurance options to choose from. Additionally, all retired FCERA members will have the option to purchase CIGNA Dental and VSP Vision Care insurance through FCERA's membership with the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS). Payroll deductions are now available for county health plans and payment of insurance premiums through REFCO and SACRS. Retirees will be sent information in the mail regarding their options. FCERA staff is not involved with the open enrollment process or able to offer advice regarding your options, so we encourage you to carefully review your options to choose the plan best suited for your situation.

Information from County of Fresno Human Resources:

Open Enrollment for Plan Year 2017 is scheduled to begin **Monday, October 24, 2016** and will continue through **Thursday, November 10, 2016**, with changes taking effect **January 1, 2017**. Open Enrollment is the one time during the year that retirees may enroll in one of the County's health insurance plans or make changes to the plans in which they are currently enrolled, including adding dependents without a qualifying event. If you do not wish to enroll or make any changes to the health insurance plans you are currently enrolled in, no action is required on your part. However, we encourage you to attend one of the events listed on page 2 to help you make an informed decision regarding what is best for you and your family.

The 2017 county health plan rates were not finalized at the time of printing; the item recommending these rates was scheduled for the Fresno County Board of Supervisors meeting on October 11, 2016 and was continued to the meeting on October 18, 2016.

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Open Enrollment Events for Retirees:

Thursday, Oct. 20th (10:00am – 2:00pm) – REFCO Retiree Luncheon @ International Catering Co.

*Please note: All retirees are welcome to come and speak to the vendors; however, an RSVP is required if you would like to reserve a lunch as well.

Wednesday, Oct. 26th (7:30am – 2:00pm) – Health and Wellness Fair @ the County Plaza Ballroom.

For detailed Open Enrollment information that includes plan summaries, provider information, rates, forms, and much more, please visit our website during Open Enrollment at www.co.fresno.ca.us/openenrollment or call Employee Benefits at (559) 600-1810.

NOTE: Rates and additional information are tentatively scheduled to be mailed the week of October 17, 2016.

RETIRES ENROLLING OR MAKING COUNTY HEALTH PLAN CHANGES

Complete the applicable form(s) and submit to Employee Benefits, along with any required supporting documents. You may do this in one of five ways:

Email: HRbenefits@co.fresno.ca.us

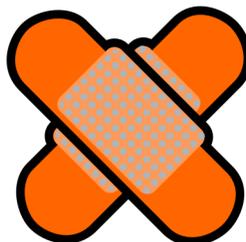
Fax: (559) 455-4787

In person: 14th Floor of the County Plaza Building

USPS mail: 2220 Tulare Street, 14th Floor, Fresno, CA 93721

Attend one of the Open Enrollment events (information above)

All forms and supporting documents must be **received** by Employee Benefits no later than **5:00pm on Thursday, November 10, 2016**. Employee Benefits is not responsible for forms sent through USPS mail that are lost or delayed and therefore not received by the deadline. It is your responsibility to ensure that all forms and supporting documents, if applicable, are received by the deadline. In order to confirm receipt of forms and/or supporting documents, please contact Employee Benefits at (559) 600-1810.





Member Portal Launch

We've been talking about it for months, because around here, the launch of our new Member Portal is very exciting!!



Visit FCERA.ORG to find this link to the Member Portal

FCERA's new Member Portal will be live for all members within the next few weeks. What does that mean for you? You will be receiving an invitation letter in the mail that gives you a "Unique ID #". You will need that Unique ID #, along with some additional personal information, in order to register for the Member Portal. Invitation letters are being sent out in groups:

- **9/20/16**—mailed to employees of Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging, Clovis Veterans Memorial District, and Fresno Mosquito and Vector Control District
- **10/5/16**—mailed to employees of Fresno Superior Courts
- **10/12/16**—mailed to deferred members
- **10/17/16**—mailed to retirees and beneficiaries
- **10/21/16**—mailed to employees of the County of Fresno

If you have not received your letter within 1 week of the date of mailing, please contact us by email fcerawebmail@co.fresno.ca.us, or call us at 559-457-0681. We will verify your identity and provide you with your "Unique ID #".

Once you have taken a look around the Member Portal, we would love your feedback!

Member Portal Kiosk

If you are not able to register or access the Member Portal from home or work, then you can visit our lobby to use our new Member Portal Kiosk. From our kiosk, members can access the portal, print forms and information, and run calculations.

Calendar

Next Regular Board Meeting:
 October 19-20, 2016 (off-site)
 November 2, 2016
 December 7, 2016

Location (except for off-site):
 FCERA Boardroom
 1111 H Street
 Fresno, California 93721
Time: 8:30 A.M.

Pension Payroll Payment Schedule

Monday, October 31, 2016
 Wednesday, November 30, 2016
 Friday, December 30, 2016
 (Please allow 3-5 days for mailed checks.)

Live Audio Broadcast

FCERA broadcasts all board meetings live via streaming audio. Visit www.fcera.org for more information.

Board of Retirement

- Steven J. Jolly, Chair
- Dr. Rod Coburn, III, Vice Chair
- Laura P. Basua
- Gregory J. Baxter
- Alan Cade, Jr
- Oscar J. Garcia
- Robert Dowell
- Eulalio Gomez
- Mary Ann Rogozinski, Alternate





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Farewell Wishes to Becky Van Wyk, Asst. Retirement Administrator

The FCERA family retired one of its own, Becky Van Wyk, on September 30th. Becky has over 27 years of public service to the County of Fresno. She was one of the original members of the FCERA family when we became a separate office from the Auditor Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector. Becky was our first Assistant Retirement Administrator, and she has led our office through changes in staffing, building location, and state law. With her retirement, we are saying goodbye to an encyclopedia's worth of knowledge about the world of retirement administration. Everyone will greatly miss her knowledge, leadership, and friendship.

Becky is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren and husband, as well as having the opportunity to spend more time in the great outdoors. We are all very happy for you Becky!

