

## Settlement Agreement Commitments and Deadlines

The dates in **red** identify the date by which a matter should be addressed, counting from the date the RPEA and the State signed the Agreement: February 28, 2022.

1. Plan Amendments – no specified date but the public comment period will be 60 days; the comment period is now open and a public hearing on the proposed amendments to be held **April 25, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**
2. Benefit Clarification – within 90 days, DRB will adopt a benefit clarification related to coverage for musculoskeletal disorders (**deadline: June 1, 2022**).
3. Continuation of the Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (RHPAB) – within 60 days the Administration Commissioner will recommend to the Governor and the addition of a Board seat for a member of the RPEA (**deadline: May 1, 2022**).
4. The RHPAB will sunset in **October of 2022** without action to re-establish the Administrative Order creating the RHPAB; the parties have agreed to update the Superior Court Judge Zeman on or around **June 1, 2022**, related to the current stay of the medical diminishment lawsuit based on anticipated action to re-establish the RHPAB prior to October.
5. RHPAB Modernization and Regulation Subcommittees – within 30 days, DRB will seek the approval of the RHPAB to amend its bylaws to place an RPEA member on the Modernization Subcommittee and to create a Regulations Subcommittee with an RPEA member on it (**deadline: April 1, 2022**).
6. RHPAB Modernization Committee – within 60 days the Administration Commissioner will request the RHPAB Modernization Subcommittee to review health plan provisions related to coverage for experimental and investigational services and supplies, the precertification process, and the travel penalty (**deadline: May 1, 2022**).

7. Process regulation drafted – within 120 days, the DRB shall draft a regulation describing the process for making changes to the retiree health plan (deadline: July 1, 2022).
8. Appeal process regulations will continue to be reviewed and updated (no specific timeline, but the RPEA is aware that the DRB is working to amend the present beneficiary appeal process).
9. DRB will issue benefit clarifications on its website whenever it determines/discovers that there is a systematic issue with a particular health plan coverage provision that resulted in a change to health plan coverages.
10. The DVA Legacy plan will continue to be offered to retirees so long as it remains financially viable.
11. Beginning in 2022, during the open enrollment period (for DVA benefits), the DRB will provide beneficiaries with information regarding the differences in the DVA plan with respect to out-of-network reimbursements.
12. Prior to open enrollment for the 2023 health plan year, separate premiums will be set for the Legacy and Standard DVA plans, with RPEA provided access to the actuarial data supporting the premium costs set.