



September 21, 2019

Dear RPEA Members,

The Division of Retirement and Benefits (DRB) has decided to offer two dental plans to retirees beginning January 1, 2020. The two plans that will be offered are the 2013 plan that the DRB is calling the Legacy plan, and the 2014 plan that the DRB is calling the Standard Plan (this is the Moda plan that the Court has determined is an illegal plan).

According to information published on the DRB website under their *Frequently Asked Questions*, information about the two Dental plans will be sent to retirees in October. For more information about the two dental plans and the selection process, please visit the DRB website at:

<http://doa.alaska.gov/drb/alaskaCare/retiree/plans/dva.html>

In November, the DRB will have an Open Enrollment period for retirees to select a dental plan from the two plans being offered. A 21-day Open Enrollment period is scheduled for November 6 - 27, 2019. The DRB website states you will be able to make your dental plan election either through an online portal, or on a paper enrollment form sent to individuals who request them. *If you do not make an election during the Open Enrollment period, the DRB has decided that the 2014 plan will be the default plan.*

RPEA wants to know what you think about the 21-day Open Enrollment period, November 6 - 27, 2019.

Please respond below.

Will you be able to participate in the dental plan Open Enrollment period November 6 - 27?

Yes

Select

No, I will be out of town.

Select

No for other reasons.

Select

On September 17, 2019, RPEA filed a Motion about decisions that the DRB has made concerning implementation of the Court's order to restore a constitutional dental plan, which can be found at:

<https://rpea-ak.org/pdf/2016-dva-lawsuit/2019.09.17%20Motion%20to%20Enforce%20Court%20Order.pdf>

If you have questions of the DRB about the dental plans being offered, they will be hosting several Tele-Town Hall meetings this fall. The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 10:00-11:00 a.m. To register, go to the DRB website at:

<https://vekeo.com/event/stateofalaskadrb-47515/>

Please let me know if you have questions--

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