

Hello Again!

I am sending out this message today on behalf of the RPEA Executive Board because of information you may or may not have received from the Division of Retirement and Benefits (DRB) today regarding proposed updates to the AlaskaCare Defined Benefit Retiree Health Plan.

The DRB is moving quickly here, so we wanted to get the word out to you, in case you have not already heard from the DRB directly.

We have placed a link to the DRB's notice on the RPEA Website. You will find that link on the RPEA's Home Page, under the Quick Links on the right-hand side - [DRB Proposed Updates to the Defined Benefits Plan](#).

Or, in the alternative, you can go to the DRB's Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board webpage. [Click Here](#) to review the two proposals in full.

Key points:

1) The DRB is holding a [Retiree Townhall Event](#) on the proposed updates next week on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at beginning at 10:00 a.m. ADT.

2) You may submit comments on the two proposals by mail, or by email no later than 4:30 p.m. ADT on August 27, 2021.

The notice from the DRB allows you to register in advance for the Townhall so that your phone number is on their call list.

The Defined Benefit Retiree Health Plan updates are proposed to take effect on January 1, 2022.

The Board wanted you to be aware of these proposals as soon as possible. The DRB has been working with the Retiree Health Plan Advisory Board (RHPAB) on bringing preventive care coverage to the retiree health plan. DRB's proposals include pre-authorization for specialty medications in addition to adding preventative care, and members should review these proposals carefully.

Please share with the RPEA any written or emailed comments you to send to the DRB or RHPAB on these proposals. Comments can be sent to manager@rpea-ak.org.

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