

## Notice from the Joint Health Management Board

# Suspension of the Health Plan Reserve Assessment

**What:** As part of monthly health plan contributions, all eligible retirees and dependents (spouses and children) under 75 contributed a Health Plan Reserve Assessment of \$10.00 per month each.

**Why:** The funds generated from this Assessment have been placed in a Health Plan Reserve to offset current and future health care cost increases as needed. The Joint Health Management Board has determined that at this time, such funds are not needed for this purpose, and the Health Plan Reserve Assessment will be suspended until further notice.

**When:** The fee suspension will go into effect for members on Monday, May 1, 2023.

## About Retiree Premium Contributions

As a retiree of Fresno Unified School District, all assessments, fees, and premium contributions related to your healthcare plan are either automatically deducted from the checks you receive from CalSTRS or CalPERS or included as part of your recurring manual payments to the District. (Please note, the Assessment was not required for retirees/dependents 75+, and those people were not affected by this suspension.)

**If your monthly premiums are automatically deducted from your pension check:**

- You will no longer see the \$10.00 Health Plan Reserve Assessment deducted from your CalSTRS or CalPERS pension check as of Monday, May 1, 2023.
- All other premium contributions will continue to be deducted as usual.

**If you pay your monthly premiums manually:**

- You will no longer include the \$10.00 Health Plan Reserve Assessment as part of your premium contributions as of Monday, May 1, 2023.
- You will continue to make other premium contributions as usual.

The JHMB is committed to ensuring quality benefits for all its members, and as part of these efforts, the Board consistently reevaluates the need for supplemental premium contributions. We are grateful for the opportunity to temporarily reduce the coverage costs for our members while continuing to ensure access to high-quality, accessible care.

For more information about the upcoming changes to health plan fees, please visit [www.JHMBHealthConnect.com](http://www.JHMBHealthConnect.com) and subscribe to our email notifications. If you believe you have received this letter in error, please email [JHMBHealthConnect@yahoo.com](mailto:JHMBHealthConnect@yahoo.com).

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The Joint Health Management Board