





### **HBR Monthly Webinar**

February 22, 2023





## Agenda

- Employees Planning Retirement
- HBRs Retiring an Employee in eBenefits
- Annual Certification Recap
- 2023 HBR Monthly Webinars

#### Pre-Retirement Webinars Under Way

- HBRs are encouraged to share the following information with their employees thinking of retirement!
- The State Health Plan is offering online webinars with important information on "Understanding Your Medical Plan Options When You Become Medicare-Eligible."
- These popular, free webinars are designed for active employees who will soon be 65, are already 65 or older, and retirees getting ready to turn 65.
- Each webinar lasts approximately 2 hours and will explain important information regarding Medicare, retirement health benefit options and offer the opportunity to ask questions.
- These webinars are also a great resource for HBRs, so feel free to attend one as well so you can assist employees as needed.
- Webinars are scheduled through August. Interested employees and HBRs are encouraged to <u>register</u> soon, as these webinars are expected to fill quickly!



#### Retiring an Employee in eBenefits

- The State Health Plan has posted a new training document in HBR
  University on how to retire a member in eBenefits. The document,
  which explains the process step by step, can be found by logging
  into HBR University, the Plan's online learning management tool just
  for HBRs.
- The "How to Retire a Member in eBenefits" instructions include:
  - Retirement with Hold Future Transaction
  - Payroll Groups (member does not have Medical Coverage)
  - Non-Payroll Groups with NCFlex Benefits
  - Non-Payroll Groups without NCFlex Benefits
  - Non-Payroll Groups (member does not have Medical Coverage)
  - Retirement for Municipalities & Charter Schools ineligible for coverage under the State Retirements System
  - How to Retire a Member after a Termination has been processed



#### 2023 HBR Annual Certification Recap

- The State Health Plan recently completed its HBR Annual Certification, which included a brief online training that is required of all HBRs.
- Failure to complete this training resulted in loss of access to eBenefits.
- Our records indicate that 44% of HBRs completed this training by February 10, 2023.
- If you did not complete this training and have lost access to eBenefits, you will have to complete the <u>HBR</u> <u>Contact/Access Request form</u>.
- Please note that it may take three to five days to restore access.



#### Upcoming 2023 HBR Monthly Webinars

- The monthly webinars continue to serve as the main source of updates and training.
- All webinars begin at 10 a.m. To register for the monthly webinars, see below or visit the Plan's <u>website</u>.
  - March 22, 2023, 10-11 a.m.
  - April 26, 2023, 10-11 a.m.
  - May 24, 2023, 10-11 a.m.
  - June 21, 2023, 10-11 a.m.
  - July 26, 2023, 10-11 a.m.
  - August 23, 2023, 10-11 a.m.
  - September 20, 2023, 10-11 a.m.
  - October 25, 2023, 10-11 a.m.
  - November 15, 2023, 10-11 a.m.
  - December 20, 2023, 10-11 a.m.









#### New Hire Rules

- ► In what plans can they enroll?
  - ► Most members are eligible for Basic 70/30 Plan & Enhanced 80/20 Plan in active groups
  - ► HDHP eligibility is based on employment status category
  - ► NCFlex benefits if offered by the group



#### When will your benefits begin

- ► Coverage takes effect on the first day of the first or second month after the hire date
  - ► Coverage *always* begins the first of the month
    - ► Hire date is 3/5, coverage will take effective either 4/1 or 5/1
- ▶ If your hire date is on the 1<sup>st</sup> of a month coverage will still begin first of the following month
  - ► Hire date is 4/1, coverage will begin either 5/1 or 6/1
- ▶ If you are hired on the last day of the month your effective date will be the first day of the first or second month following the hire date
  - ► Hire date 11/31, coverage will take effect either 12/1 or 1/1
- ► NCFlex benefits always start on first day of the month following the hire date





# Thank you