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The Honorable Dale Folwell
State Treasurer of North Carolina
3200 Atlantic Avenue
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Dear Treasurer Folwell:

Thank for your public service to our State and specifically to the government retirees of North Carolina. As you know, the State Health Plan is a great benefit for State retirees and has long served as an important, affordable health care plan for state retirees. Your efforts to keep this benefit affordable for retirees on fixed incomes is much appreciated.

Our NCRGEA members understand there are many challenges to maintaining health care coverage. I would like to raise one area of concern that I have heard from a number of our members.

An annual wellness check, once received at no cost, now requires a co-pay of \$40 under the base United HealthCare Plan; and in some cases, additional facilities fees for lab work. The co-pay associated with annual physicals has *only* become the normal since the implementation of Medicare Advantage plans. In the past prior to the implementation of the ACA and the State Health Plan implementation of the Medicare Advantage Plan, the 80/20 plan provided free annual physicals.

Having an annual physical is good practice to maintain wellness for our retirees. These exams should be provided free of charge for our Medicare Advantage subscribers, as they have in the past, to encourage members to have an annual wellness check.

To promote wellness among our Medicare-eligible retirees, we respectfully request that the annual physical be 100% covered in for all Medicare-eligible State Health Plan enrollees.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Rogers, Jr.
Executive Director

C: Dee Jones, Executive Administrator, NC State Health Plan