



September 28, 2022

Retiree Name
Address
City, State Zip Code

**Important Communication Regarding
Your Medical Benefits**

Dear SMMUSD Retiree,

I am writing to inform you of a change to the District's medical benefits program. Specifically, the District is changing the entity that serves as the District's medical benefits purchasing pool. Effective, January 1, 2023, the District will join Self-Insured Schools of California ("SISC") and will no longer be a member of the California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") (medical benefits portion only). SISC will serve as the purchaser of the District's medical benefit options. This change to SISC was recommended by the District's Joint Committee on Health and Welfare Benefits ("Committee") and approved by our bargaining/employee groups: SMMCTA, SEIU and SMMASA. The District's move to SISC serves the long-term interests of employees, including retired employees, by maintaining affordability and quality of the medical benefits available to employees and their families.

You are receiving this communication because you are a retired employee from SMMUSD who participates, or is eligible to participate, in the District's medical benefits program as a supplement to your Medicare medical benefits ("Medicare Retiree").

All Medicare Retirees must complete and return to the District an enrollment packet to continue to participate in the District's medical benefits program as a Medicare Retiree.

Next Steps

1. Review all included materials.
2. Select one plan and complete the enrollment form:
 - a. CompanionCare Medicare Supplement (COC) – complete pages 1 - 5
 - b. Kaiser Senior Advantage (KPSA \$10) – complete one (1) page
 - c. Blue Shield Medicare Advantage (GMAPD) – complete pages 1 – 4
3. Return the completed enrollment form to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District on or before **November 1, 2022**. Mail or hand-delivery is acceptable.

Additional information and forms are available in the Human Resources section of the District's website.

Thank you for your immediate attention to completing and returning your enrollment form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark O. Kelly'.

Mark O. Kelly, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources