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LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION
300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 650, PASADENA, CA

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE INSURANCE, BENEFITS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE and BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

300 NORTH LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810
PASADENA, CA 91101

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022 - 8:30 A.M.

This meeting will be conducted by the Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee by teleconference under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

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*The Committee may take action on any item on the agenda,
and agenda items may be taken out of order.*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Les Robbins, Chair
Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair
Shawn R. Kehoe
Wayne Moore
Herman B. Santos, Alternate

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2022

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Written Public Comment – You may submit written public comments by email to PublicComment@lacera.com. Correspondence will be made part of the official record of the meeting. Please submit your written public comments or documentation as soon as possible and up to the close of the meeting.

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III. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Recommendation as submitted by Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel: That, under AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) of the Brown Act, the Insurance, Benefits & Legislative Committee (IBLC) consider whether to find that the Governor's COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the IBLC to meet safely in person and that the County of Los Angeles and other agencies still recommend social distancing such that the IBLC shall hold teleconference meetings for the next 30 days, so long as the State of Emergency remains in effect, and if so, direct staff to comply with the agenda and public comment requirements of the statute. (Memorandum dated March 25, 2022)

IV. NON-CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Recommendation as submitted by Cassandra Smith, Retiree Healthcare Director: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement authorize staff to allow a temporary one-time waiver of the 6-month waiting period for eligible members electing to transfer to SCAN's new expanded service areas. (Memorandum dated March 14, 2022)
- B. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend that the Board of Retirement adopt a "Support" position on Assembly Bill 1824, which would provide clarification and technical updates to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937. (Memorandum dated March 25, 2022)
- C. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement adopt a "Support" position on Assembly Bill 1944, which would not require a nonpublic teleconference location to be identified or accessible to the public. (Memorandum dated March 28, 2022)
- D. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee recommend the Board of Retirement (1) Approve a visit with Congress by Board trustees as designated by the Chair of the Board of Retirement and by staff as designated by the Chief Executive Officer during the week of May 23, 2022 in Washington D.C.; and (2) Approve reimbursement of all travel costs incurred in accordance with LACERA's Trustee Travel Policy. (Memorandum dated March 29, 2022)

V. FOR INFORMATION

- A. Engagement Report for March 2022
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer
- B. Staff Activities Report for March 2022
Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare
- C. LACERA Claims Experience
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting
- D. Federal Legislation
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting
(for discussion purposes)

VI. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For information purposes only)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***The Board of Retirement has adopted a policy permitting any member of the Board to attend a standing committee meeting open to the public. In the event five or more members of the Board of Retirement (including members appointed to the Committee) are in attendance, the meeting shall constitute a joint meeting of the Committee and the Board of Retirement. Members of the Board of Retirement who are not members of the Committee may attend and participate in a meeting of a Board Committee but may not vote on any matter discussed at the meeting. The only action the Committee may take at the meeting is approval of a recommendation to take further action at a subsequent meeting of the Board.**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
INSURANCE, BENEFITS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
and
BOARD OF RETIREMENT*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

GATEWAY PLAZA - 300 N. LAKE AVENUE, SUITE 810, PASADENA, CA 91101

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022, 8:32 A.M. – 8:49 A.M.

This meeting was conducted by the Insurance, Benefits & Legislative Committee by teleconference under the Governor's Executive Order No. N-29-20.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT: Les Robbins, Chair
Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair
Shawn R. Kehoe
Wayne Moore
Herman B. Santos, Alternate

ALSO ATTENDING:

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Alan Bernstein
Elizabeth B. Ginsberg, Alternate Ex-Officio
JP Harris
William Pryor
Antonio Sanchez

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS

Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare
Santos H. Kreimann, Chief Executive Officer
Luis Lugo, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
JJ Popowich, Assistant Executive Officer
Laura Guglielmo, Assistant Executive Officer
Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

STAFF, ADVISORS, PARTICIPANTS (continued)

Stephen Murphy, Vice President
Segal Consulting

Richard Ward, Sr. Vice President
Segal Consulting

Stephanie Messier, Vice President
Segal Consulting

Michael Szeto, Senior Actuarial Associate
Segal Consulting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robbins at 8:32 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2022

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Moore seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2022. The motion passed with Mr. Robbins abstaining.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Recommendation as submitted by Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer: That the Committee review and recommend the Board of Retirement adopt the revised *LACERA Legislative Policy*. (Memorandum dated February 15, 2022)

Ms. Gray made a motion, Mr. Robbins seconded, to approve the recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. FOR INFORMATION

- A. Engagement Report for February 2022
Barry W. Lew, Legislative Affairs Officer

The engagement report was discussed.

- B. Staff Activities Report for February 2022
Cassandra Smith, Director, Retiree Healthcare

The staff activities report was discussed.

- C. LACERA Claims Experience
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting

The LACERA Claims Experience reports through January 2022 were discussed.

- D. Federal Legislation
Stephen Murphy, Segal Consulting

(for discussion purposes)

Segal Consulting gave an update on federal legislation.

V. ITEMS FOR STAFF REVIEW

There was nothing to report.

VI. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(For information purposes only)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

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March 25, 2022

TO: Each Trustee,
Insurance, Benefits & Legislative Committee

FROM: Steven P. Rice, *SPR*
Chief Counsel

FOR: April 6, 2022 Insurance, Benefits & Legislative Committee Meeting

SUBJECT: Approval of Teleconference Meetings Under AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e)

RECOMMENDATION

That, under AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) of the Brown Act, the Insurance, Benefits & Legislative Committee (IBLC) consider whether to find that the Governor's COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the IBLC to meet safely in person and that the County of Los Angeles and other agencies still recommend social distancing such that the IBLC shall hold teleconference meetings for the next 30 days, so long as the State of Emergency remains in effect, and if so, direct staff to comply with the agenda and public comment requirements of the statute.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

Under Article XVI, Section 17 of the California Constitution, the Board of Retirement has plenary authority and exclusive fiduciary responsibility for administration of the fund. This authority includes the ability to manage Board and Committee meetings and evaluate and act on legal options for the conduct of such meetings, such as whether to invoke teleconferencing of meetings under the terms and conditions provided in AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e) of the Brown Act to protect the health and safety of Trustees, staff, and the public. It is necessary for the IBLC to take separate action at this meeting because the limit of a determination under Section 54953(e)(3) is 30 days, the Board of Retirement's March 2, 2022 action invoking the statute will be more than 30 days ago at the time of the April 6, 2022 IBLC meeting, and that meeting will take place before the Board of Retirement's meeting at which the Board will again consider the issue. The IBLC is a separate legislative body under the Brown Act and may properly take this action.

DISCUSSION

A. Summary of Law.

On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361 which enacted new Government Code Section 54953(e) of the Brown Act to put in place, effective immediately and through

December 31, 2023, new relaxed teleconferencing rules that may be invoked by local legislative bodies, such as the IBLC, upon making certain findings and following certain agenda and public comment requirements.

Specifically, Section 54953(e)(3) provides that the IBLC may hold teleconference meetings, without the need to comply with the more stringent procedural requirements of Section 54953(b)(3), if a state of emergency under Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act impacts the safety of in person meetings or state or local officials have imposed or recommended social distancing rules, provided that the IBLC makes the following findings by majority vote:

- (A) The IBLC has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency;
- (B) Any of the following circumstances exist:
 - (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Trustees to meet safely in person;
 - (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

If the IBLC makes the required findings, the Committee may hold teleconference meetings for the next 30 days without the need to comply with the regular rules of Section 54953(b)(3), so long as the State of Emergency remains in effect, provided that: agendas are prepared and posted under the Brown Act; members of the public are allowed to access the meeting via a call-in option or an internet-based service option; and the agenda provides an opportunity for public comment in real time and provides notice of the means of accessing the meeting for public comment.

B. Information Supporting the Required Findings and Process if the IBLC Determines to Invoke Section 54953(e).

The Governor's State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic as declared in the Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated March 4, 2020 remains active. The Proclamation was issued under the authority of Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act. It is unclear when the State of Emergency will end, although the Governor recently extended certain COVID-19 emergency provisions to March 31, 2022 and has actively terminated other emergency provisions. See Order No. N-21-21, issued November 10, 2021, Order No. N-04-22, issued February 25, 2022.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health maintains guidance to "Keep your distance. Use two arms lengths as your guide (about 6 feet) for social distancing with people outside your household when you are not sure that they are vaccinated." <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/reducingrisk/>. The County Public Health Department also maintains guidance that employers should, "Whenever possible,

take steps to reduce crowding indoors and encourage physical distancing: ... Limiting indoor occupancy to increase the physical space between employees at the worksite, between employees and customers, and between customers. For some establishments, telework may be an option to consider.”
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/bestpractices/>.

The City of Pasadena (City), where LACERA’s offices are located and IBLC meetings are held, has substantially revised its guidance to give more flexibility. The City still offers guidance that businesses recognize that COVID-19 continues to pose a risk to communities, and it is important for employers to continue to take steps to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission among their workers and visitors.
<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/economicdevelopment/covid-19-business-resources/>. Earlier guidance promoting physical distancing by business also remains posted on the City’s COVID web page as a reference.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recently updated its guidance, but the CDC still advises the public to “Stay 6 feet away from others” and that, “Indoors in public: “If you are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, stay at least 6 feet away from other people, especially if you are at higher risk of getting very sick with COVID-19.”
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html#stay6ft%20>.

The pandemic continues to present a significant health risk, as the virus presents itself in different variants. LACERA has not yet returned to the office. Management has prepared return to office vaccination and testing protocols to ensure the safety of LACERA employees, members, and others, including Trustees.

Under these circumstances, the IBLC may reasonably conclude and find that teleconferencing under Section 54953(e) is appropriate for Committee meetings during the next 30 days, so long as the State of Emergency remains in effect, because (1) the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Trustees to meet safely in person, and (2) the County, the City of Pasadena, and other authorities continue to recommend measures to promote a safe workplace, including distancing, as required by the statute.

If the IBLC makes these findings and directs teleconferencing under Section 54953(e), procedures exist and will be implemented to ensure compliance with the agenda and public comment requirements of the statute, as stated above.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above information, staff recommends that, under AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) of the Brown Act, the IBLC consider whether to find that the Governor's COVID-19 State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the IBLC to meet safely in person and that the County of Los Angeles and other agencies still recommend social distancing such that the IBLC shall hold teleconference meetings for the next 30 days, so long as the State of Emergency remains in effect, and if so, direct staff to comply with the agenda and public comment requirements of the statute.

c: Santos H. Kreimann
Jonathan Grabel
Luis Lugo
JJ Popowich
Laura Guglielmo
Cassandra Smith
Carly Ntoya
Barry Lew



March 14, 2022

TO: Insurance Benefits & Legislative Committee
 Les Robbins, Chair
 Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair
 Shawn R, Kehoe
 Wayne Moore
 Herman Santos, Alternate

FROM: Cassandra Smith, Retiree Healthcare Director *CS*

FOR: April 6, 2022, Insurance Benefits & Legislative Committee Meeting

SUBJECT: **SCAN SERVICE AREA EXPANSION**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend the Board of Retirement authorize staff to allow a temporary one-time waiver of the 6-month waiting period for eligible members electing to transfer to SCAN's new expanded service areas.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During our 2022-2023 annual premium renewal process, staff and Segal Consulting were informed by SCAN of an expansion to their current health plan service areas effective January 1, 2022, to include the following service areas:

- Arizona: Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal Counties
- Nevada: Clark County

LACERA currently offers SCAN as one of the Medicare Advantage plan options to our retirees and their eligible dependents who have both Medicare Parts A & B and reside in any of the following eligible service areas:

• Los Angeles	• San Diego	• Napa
• Orange	• Ventura	• San Francisco
• Riverside	• Santa Clara	• Stanislaus
• San Bernardino	• Sonoma	• Alameda
• San Mateo		

We are happy to inform you that effective July 1, 2022, SCAN is extending expanded service areas to eligible retirees participating in the LACERA-administered Retiree Healthcare (RHC) Program. RHC members and their eligible dependents must reside in the specified service areas of Arizona and Clark County. As a result, we are requesting approval to allow a one-time temporary waiver of the 6-month waiting period policy for members who are currently enrolled in either the LACERA-administered Medicare Advantage (Cigna Preferred with RX) or Medicare Supplement (Anthem Blue Cross III) plan.

RHC members who are currently enrolled in either the Anthem Blue Cross I, II, or Prudent Buyer plans may also change plans into SCAN if they currently have Medicare (Parts A & B) but are not enrolled in a Medicare plan. Such members would not be subject to the 6-month waiting period as there is no waiting period to transfer from a non-Medicare plan into a Medicare plan. For example, a member who is residing within the newly provided eligible zip code area and has Medicare Parts A & B, can enroll with no waiting period.

With this new announcement, retirees now have another option available when residing within any of the newly eligible zip coded areas, enrolled in the Anthem Blue Cross I, II, or Prudent Buyer plans, have Medicare Parts A & B, and potentially face hitting their \$1million lifetime maximum benefit.

LACERA's policy allow members to change plans anytime during the year following a six-month waiting period. For example, a member contacting LACERA in January to change medical plans would be able to affect that change in August (six complete months). The active Los Angeles County employees can change their plan once a year during an "open enrollment." It is common practice to allow healthcare plan participants to periodically change medical/dental/vision plans. In the past, Trustees have approved temporary waivers, as is being recommended today.

ACTION PLAN

Upon obtaining the updated eligible zip code listing from SCAN, staff began working with System's staff to determine how many of our retirees reside within one of the zip coded areas. As of February 2022, staff found that there are approximately 2,200 members who may be eligible based on addresses on file at the time. Staff is recommending a temporary waiver of the 6-month waiting period to allow for eligible members to take advantage of transferring plans upon SCAN becoming available in the new service areas.

A temporary waiver would be allowed for enrollment forms received in LACERA offices beginning June 15, 2022 – August 15, 2022, from members currently enrolled in either the Cigna Preferred with RX (Phoenix AZ only) or Anthem Blue Cross III plans only. The chart below indicates the effective date of the new plan coverage based on the date LACERA receives the members medial plan change request.

LACERA Receives the Change Form on or before	Effective Date of New Plan Premium	Effective Date of Member's New Plan Coverage
June 15, 2022	June 30, 2022	July 1, 2022
July 15, 2022	July 31, 2022	August 1, 2022
August 15, 2022	August 31, 2022	September 1, 2022

Members who are currently enrolled in either the Anthem Blue Cross I, II or Prudent Buyer plans who submit their enrollment form and Medicare verification by the 15th of any month, will be enrolled on the first of the month following. This is in accordance with LACERA's standard processing timeline. A targeted mailing will be mailed out to retired members with addresses within the newly eligible zip coded areas, in addition to the annual healthcare packet scheduled to go out over the Memorial Day weekend.

CONCLUSION

SCAN announced the expansion of their eligible service area to now include Arizona Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal Counties as well as Clark County, Nevada. LACERA currently has approximately 2,200 retirees residing within the new provided zip coded service areas that may be eligible to enroll in SCAN. Members currently enrolled in our Cigna Preferred with RX or the Anthem Blue Cross III plans, if approved, would be eligible for a one-time temporary waiver of the standard 6-month waiting period to transfer into SCAN.

This is now an additional health plan option for eligible members living in these service areas, should they find themselves faced with reaching their \$1 million lifetime maximum benefit.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE:

Recommend the Board of Retirement authorize staff to allow a temporary one-time waiver of the 6-month waiting period for eligible members electing to transfer to SCAN's new expanded service areas.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED



Santos H. Kreimann
Chief Executive Officer

March 25, 2022

TO: Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee
Les Robbins, Chair
Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair
Shawn R. Kehoe
Wayne Moore
Herman Santos, Alternate

FROM: Barry W. Lew 
Legislative Affairs Officer

FOR: April 6, 2022 Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee Meeting

SUBJECT: **Assembly Bill 1824—Public Employees' Retirement**

Author: Committee on Public Employment and Retirement

*Sponsor: State Association of County Retirement Systems
California State Teachers' Retirement System*

Amended: March 7, 2022

Introduced: February 7, 2022

*Status: From ASSEMBLY Committee on PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
AND RETIREMENT: Do pass to Committee on
APPROPRIATIONS. (03/16/2022)*

Staff Recommendation: Support

RECOMMENDATION

That the Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee recommend that the Board of Retirement adopt a "Support" position on Assembly Bill 1824, which would provide clarification and technical updates to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY STANDARD

The Board of Retirement's legislative policy standard is to support proposals that provide clarification, technical updates, or conforming changes to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, or other applicable provisions under California law related to public retirement systems.

SUMMARY

AB 1824 is an omnibus bill that contains clarifications and technical updates to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL), including proposed amendments submitted by LACERA to the State Association of County Retirement Systems' legislative platform. Although the bill is co-sponsored by the California State Teachers' Retirement System and contains amendments to the Teachers' Retirement Law, this memo addresses only the bill's CERL provisions.

ANALYSIS

Definition of Beneficiary (31452.7)

Upon the death of a member or survivor, a retirement allowance or survivor's allowance earned but not yet paid is paid to a designated beneficiary. The bill would include a corporation, a trust, or an estate in the definition of "beneficiary."

Prior Military Reserve Service (31641.4)

Members may receive service credit for service rendered in another public agency or for military service if they are not entitled to receive a pension from another agency based on that service.

The case of *Cantwell v. County of San Mateo*, 631 F.2d 631 (9th Cir. 1980) determined that federal law superseded Government Code Section 31641.4 and that a member whose military reserve service is credited towards a military pension is also eligible to use that service for a county retirement pension. The bill would conform Section 31641.4 to the *Cantwell* decision.

Safety Member Service Retirement (31663.25, 31663.26)

Safety members who elect to retire for service are required to file an application setting a date not earlier than the date the application is filed or not more than 60 days after the date of filing the application. The bill would provide that a retirement board may approve a different number of days than 60 days.

Nonservice-connected Disability Retirement (31726, 31726.5)

The bill would make technical and nonsubstantive changes to the provisions on nonservice-connected disability retirement to enhance readability.

Optional Settlements (31761, 31762, 31763, 31764)

A member may designate a person having an insurable interest in their life to receive an optional settlement. The bill would clarify that it be "natural" persons having an insurable in the member's life.

Death Benefits

The basic death benefit consists of the member's accumulated contributions and an amount provided by county contributions based on the member's annual compensation earnable or pensionable compensation during the 12 months immediately preceding the member's death. The bill would clarify that, in connection with the calculation of the death benefit, the computation of any absence shall be based on the compensation of the position held by the member at the beginning of the absence.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE recommend that the Board of Retirement adopt a "Support" position on Assembly Bill 1824, which would

provide clarification and technical updates to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937.

Reviewed and Approved:



Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

Attachments

Attachment 1—Board Positions Adopted on Related Legislation
Attachment 2—Support and Opposition
AB 1824 (PE&R Committee) as amended on March 7, 2022

cc: Santos H. Kreimann
Luis Lugo
JJ Popowich
Laura Guglielmo
Steven P. Rice
Carlos Barrios
Allan Cochran
Naomi Padron, McHugh Koepke & Associates

BOARD POSITIONS ADOPTED ON RELATED LEGISLATION

AB 2376 (Chapter 134, Statutes of 2016) clarified the definition of Plan D for purposes of a prospective plan transfer and the applicability of the reciprocal provision on nonconcurrent retirement to Plan E members. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Support” position.

AB 992 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2015) clarified the ability of members to change their retirement option after being granted a disability retirement. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Support” position.

AB 2474 (Chapter 741, Statutes of 2014) made various amendments to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to conform with the California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Support” position.

AB 2473 (Chapter 740, Statutes of 2014) made various amendments to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to conform with federal law. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Support” position.

SB 13 (Chapter 528, Statutes 2013) made various technical and clarifying amendments to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 and California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Support” position.

AB 1380 (Chapter 247, Statutes 2013) amended various provisions of the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to conform with the California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Watch” position.

SB 996 (Chapter 792, Statutes of 2012) clarified that for purposes of disability retirement the presumption of heart trouble is a rebuttable presumption. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Support” position.

AB 1902 (Chapter 86, Statutes of 2010) provided technical and clarifying amendments to the provisions of Plan E related to prospective plan transfers and disability retirement, reciprocity, and the crediting of service. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Support” position.

SB 1479 (Chapter 158, Statutes of 2010) provided technical and clarifying amendments to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 related to the commencement of membership, exclusion from membership based on monthly compensation rate, advance payments of employer contributions from districts, and compliance with Internal Revenue Service procedures. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Watch” position.

AB 1354 (Chapter 188, Statutes of 2010) amended the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 to conform with federal law on tax qualification requirements and benefits

related to deaths due to military service. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Support” position.

AB 1355 (Chapter 9, Statutes of 2009) updated cross-references related to the calculation of survivor allowances and made other technical changes. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Watch” position.

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SUPPORT

California State Teachers' Retirement System (Sponsor)
State Association of County Retirement Systems (Sponsor)

OPPOSITION

None on file.

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 7, 2022
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 28, 2022
CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2021–22 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1824

**Introduced by Committee on Public Employment and Retirement
(Assembly Members Cooper (Chair), Voepel (Vice Chair),
Calderon, Cooley, O'Donnell, and Seyarto)**

February 7, 2022

An act to amend Sections 24602, 26113, 26803, 27100, and 27201 of, and to add Section 27100.5 to, the Education Code, and to amend Sections 31452.7, 31641.4, 31663.25, 31663.26, 31726, 31726.5, 31761, 31762, 31763, 31764, and 31781 of the Government Code, relating to public employees' retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1824, as amended, Committee on Public Employment and Retirement. Public employees' retirement.

Existing law, the Teachers' Retirement Law (TRL), establishes the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) and creates the Defined Benefit Program of the State Teachers' Retirement Plan, which provides a defined benefit to members of the program, based on final compensation, creditable service, and age at retirement, subject to certain variations. STRS is administered by the Teachers' Retirement Board. Existing law creates the Cash Balance Benefit Program, which is administered by the board, to provide a retirement plan for the benefit of participating employees who provide creditable service for less than 50% of full time.

The TRL defines “creditable service” in connection with the Cash Balance Benefit Program with reference to specified activities performed for certain employers, including for a prekindergarten through grade 12 employer, as specified, and for a community college employer, as specified. STRS prescribes the activities that earn creditable service in this regard to include trustee service, as specified.

This bill would revise the description of trustee service to link it to the definition of this service, which means duties performed by a member of the governing body of an employer.

Existing law requires that creditable service subject to coverage by the Cash Balance Benefit Program and service with the last employer or employers of the participant that is creditable under the Defined Benefit Program be terminated prior to the member’s retirement date.

This bill would revise this requirement to instead specify that this termination of services does not include retired member activities, as defined, or retired participant activities, as defined. The bill would also make these changes in provisions relating to termination benefits under the Cash Balance Benefit Program.

Existing law authorizes a participant in the Cash Balance Benefit Program to designate or change the designation of one or more primary beneficiaries and one or more contingent beneficiaries to receive a lump-sum death benefit that may be payable. Existing law authorizes a person, trust, or the estate of the participant to be a beneficiary for the lump-sum death benefit.

This bill would delete the authorization for a person, trust, or the estate of the participant to be a beneficiary of the lump-sum death benefit and would add a provision generally authorizing a corporation, trust, charitable organization, parochial institution, or public entity to be designated as a beneficiary, while prohibiting these entities from being designated as an annuity beneficiary, except as specified.

The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL) authorizes counties to establish retirement systems pursuant to its provisions for the purpose of providing pension, disability, and death benefits to county and district employees. CERL vests management of the retirement systems created pursuant to its provisions in a board of retirement.

CERL requires, upon the death of a member, the payment of a retirement allowance earned but not yet paid to a member to be paid to the member’s designated beneficiary. CERL requires, upon the death of a person receiving a survivor’s allowance, the payment of any

allowance earned but not yet paid to the survivor to be paid to the survivor's designated beneficiary.

This bill would include a corporation, a trust, or an estate in the definition of "beneficiary" for purposes of these provisions.

CERL restricts the types of employment for which members may receive credit for service and restricts credit for other employment in public service based upon whether the member is entitled to receive a pension or retirement allowance from another public agency. If a member elects to contribute to obtain credit for other employment in another public agency, CERL requires certification, as specified, of the fact that pension or retirement allowance will not accrue to the member by virtue of the member's employment.

This bill would specify that the provisions described above do not prohibit a member from receiving credit for a period of federal public service if federal law expressly permits the credit even though the member is already entitled to receive a pension or retirement allowance from that service.

CERL prescribes a process for purposes of establishing a date of retirement with reference to safety members. CERL authorizes a safety member to be retired upon the occurrence of certain events and the filing, with the retirement board, of a written application setting forth the date upon which the member desires their retirement to become effective. CERL prohibits this date from being more than 60 days after the date of filing the application.

This bill would revise the restrictions on the above-described effective retirement date to prohibit the retirement date from being earlier than the date the application is filed with the board or more than 60 days after the date of filing the application or more than a number of days that has been approved by the board.

CERL authorizes the payment of a death benefit upon the death of a member while in service. CERL prescribes the components of the death benefit, which are a member's accumulated contributions and an amount, provided from contributions by a county or district, calculated pursuant to a specified method, not to exceed 50% of annual compensation earnable or pensionable compensation of the deceased.

This bill would require, in connection with the calculation of the death benefit, that the computation for any absence be based on the compensation of the position held by the member at the beginning of the absence.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive style and technical changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 24602 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:
3 24602. The board may establish a special account and
4 procedures to pay, on an emergency basis, allowances, death
5 payments, and up to 75 percent of the return of the balance of the
6 accumulated retirement contributions as a result of termination of
7 employment or death. Disbursements under the special account
8 shall be by checks issued by the system and subject to the auditing
9 requirements of the Controller. Payments under the special account
10 shall be deducted from allowances, death benefits, and payment
11 of accumulated retirement contributions, otherwise due.

12 SEC. 2. Section 26113 of the Education Code is amended to
13 read:
14 26113. (a) “Creditable service” means any of the activities
15 described in subdivision (b) performed for any of the following
16 employers:
17 (1) A prekindergarten through grade 12 employer in a position
18 with certification qualifications authorized by the Commission on
19 Teacher Credentialing pursuant to Section 44001.
20 (2) A community college employer by a faculty member, as
21 defined in Section 87003, in an academic position, as defined in
22 subdivision (b) of Section 87001, or by an educational
23 administrator, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 87002,
24 subject to the appropriate minimum standards adopted by the Board
25 of Governors of the California Community Colleges pursuant to
26 Section 87356, or pursuant to a contract between a community
27 college district and the United States Department of Defense to
28 provide vocational training.
29 (3) A charter school employer under the provisions of an
30 approved charter for the operation of a charter school for which
31 the charter school is eligible to receive state apportionment.

32 (b) The types of activities are any of the following:
33 (1) The work of teachers, instructors, district interns, and
34 academic employees employed in the instructional program for
35 pupils, including special programs such as adult education, regional

1 occupational programs, child care centers, and prekindergarten
2 programs pursuant to Section 22161.

3 (2) Education or vocational counseling, guidance, and placement
4 services.

5 (3) The work of employees who plan courses of study to be
6 used in California public schools, or research connected with the
7 evaluation or efficiency of the instructional program.

8 (4) The selection, collection, preparation, classification,
9 demonstration, or evaluation of instructional materials of any
10 course of study for use in the development of the instructional
11 program in California public schools, or other services related to
12 California public school curriculum.

13 (5) The examination, selection, in-service training, mentoring,
14 or assignment of teachers, principals, or other similar personnel
15 involved in the instructional program.

16 (6) The work of nurses, physicians, speech therapists,
17 psychologists, audiologists, and other California public school
18 health professionals.

19 (7) Services as a California public school librarian.

20 (8) Activities connected with the enforcement of the laws
21 relating to compulsory education, coordination of child welfare
22 activities involving the school and the home, and the school
23 adjustment of pupils.

24 (9) The work of employees who are responsible for the
25 supervision of persons or administration of the duties described
26 in this subdivision.

27 (c) “Creditable service” also means any of the activities
28 described in subdivision (b) when they are performed for an
29 employer by:

30 (1) Superintendents of California public schools, and presidents
31 and chancellors of community college employers.

32 (2) Consulting teachers employed by an employer to participate
33 in the California Peer Assistance and Review Program for Teachers
34 pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 44500) of
35 Chapter 3 of Part 25 of Division 3 of Title 2.

36 (3) Audiometrists who hold a certificate of registration issued
37 by the State Department of Health Care Services.

38 (d) “Creditable service” also means the performance of
39 California public school activities related to, and an outgrowth of,
40 the instructional and guidance program of the California public

1 school when performed for the same employer for which the
2 member is performing any of the activities described in subdivision
3 (b) or (c).

4 (e) “Creditable service” also means trustee service as defined
5 in Section 26144.5, if eligible pursuant to Section 26403.

6 (f) The board shall have final authority for determining
7 creditable service to cover activities not already specified.

8 SEC. 3. Section 26803 of the Education Code is amended to
9 read:

10 26803. (a) All creditable service subject to coverage by the
11 Cash Balance Benefit Program and the Defined Benefit Program,
12 which does not include retired member activities as defined in
13 Section 22164.5 or retired participant activities as defined in
14 Section 26135.7, shall be terminated prior to the retirement date.

15 (b) All employers with which the participant is employed to
16 perform creditable service subject to coverage by the plan shall
17 certify in a format prescribed by the system that the participant’s
18 employment has been terminated unless the employment was
19 terminated 12 months or more prior to the participant’s retirement
20 date.

21 SEC. 4. Section 27100 of the Education Code is amended to
22 read:

23 27100. A participant may at any time designate or change the
24 designation of one or more primary beneficiaries and one or more
25 contingent beneficiaries to receive any lump-sum death benefit
26 that may be payable under the plan. The beneficiary shall be
27 designated on a form prescribed by the system that is received by
28 the system before the participant’s death.

29 SEC. 5. Section 27100.5 is added to the Education Code, to
30 read:

31 27100.5. A corporation, trust, charitable organization, parochial
32 institution, or public entity may be designated as a beneficiary
33 under this part, but shall not be designated as an annuity
34 beneficiary, except a trust as defined in Section 26106.5.

35 SEC. 6. Section 27201 of the Education Code is amended to
36 read:

37 27201. (a) All creditable service subject to coverage by the
38 Cash Balance Benefit Program and the Defined Benefit Program,
39 which does not include retired member activities as defined in
40 Section 22164.5 or retired participant activities as defined in

1 Section 26135.7, shall terminate prior to application for a
2 termination benefit under this part.

3 (b) All employers with which the participant is employed to
4 perform creditable service subject to coverage by the plan shall
5 certify in a format prescribed by the system that the participant's
6 employment has been terminated unless the employment was
7 terminated 12 months or more prior to the date the termination
8 benefit application is received by the system.

9 SEC. 7. Section 31452.7 of the Government Code is amended
10 to read:

11 31452.7. (a) Upon the death of any member after retirement,
12 any retirement allowance earned but not yet paid to the member
13 shall, notwithstanding any other provision of law, be paid to the
14 member's designated beneficiary.

15 (b) Upon the death of any person receiving a survivor's
16 allowance under this chapter, any allowance earned but not yet
17 paid to the survivor shall, notwithstanding any other provision of
18 law, be paid to the survivor's designated beneficiary.

19 (c) For purposes of this section, "beneficiary" includes, but is
20 not limited to, a corporation, a trust, or an estate.

21 SEC. 8. Section 31641.4 of the Government Code is amended
22 to read:

23 31641.4. (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a
24 member shall receive credit for employment in public service only
25 for such service as the member is not entitled to receive a pension
26 or retirement allowance from such public agency. The service for
27 which the member elects to contribute and the fact that no pension
28 or retirement allowance will accrue to such member by virtue of
29 the member's employment in the public agency shall be certified
30 to by an officer of the public agency where the member rendered
31 such public service or shall be established to the satisfaction of
32 the board.

33 (2) Nothing in this subdivision prohibits a member from
34 receiving credit for a period of federal public service if federal law
35 expressly permits the credit even though the member is already
36 entitled to receive a pension or retirement allowance from that
37 service. It is intended that this section be consistent with the
38 holdings in *Cantwell v. San Mateo County* (1980) 631 F.2d 631.

39 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a safety member
40 who receives credit for prior employment in public service, the

1 principal duties of which consisted of active law enforcement or
2 active fire suppression, or active service in the armed services of
3 the United States during time of war or national emergency, shall
4 have the member’s pension or retirement allowance for this service
5 calculated on the same basis as the calculation of the retirement
6 allowance the member would receive as a safety member under
7 Section 31664.

8 (c) A safety member who entered the service as a peace officer
9 prior to the establishment of the safety membership provisions in
10 the member’s county shall be considered a safety member from
11 the member’s initial hiring date, for the purposes of this section,
12 notwithstanding any other provision of law.

13 SEC. 9. Section 31663.25 of the Government Code is amended
14 to read:

15 31663.25. (a) Except as provided in Section 31663.26, a safety
16 member who has reached the applicable compulsory age of
17 retirement, if any, or a safety member who has completed 10 years
18 of continuous service and who has reached the age of 50, or a
19 safety member who has completed 20 years of service regardless
20 of age, may be retired upon filing with the board a written
21 application setting forth the date upon which the member desires
22 the member’s retirement to become effective. The effective
23 retirement date shall not be either of the following:

- 24 (1) Earlier than the date the application is filed with the board.
- 25 (2) More than 60 days after the date of filing the application or
26 more than a number of days that has been approved by the board.

27 (b) This section shall not apply to a member who is subject to
28 the provisions of the California Public Employees’ Pension Reform
29 Act of 2013 (Article 4 (commencing with Section 7522) of Chapter
30 21 of Division 7 of Title 1) for all or any portion of that member’s
31 membership in the county retirement system.

32 SEC. 10. Section 31663.26 of the Government Code is amended
33 to read:

34 31663.26. (a) Notwithstanding Section 31663.25, a safety
35 member who has reached the applicable compulsory age of
36 retirement, if any, or a safety member who is a full-time employee,
37 has completed 10 years of service, has reached the age of 50, and
38 has no service break which exceeds 12 months, or a safety member
39 who has completed 20 years of service regardless of age, may be
40 retired upon filing with the board a written application setting forth

1 the date upon which the member desires the member’s retirement
2 to become effective. The effective retirement date shall not be
3 either of the following:

4 (1) Earlier than the date the application is filed with the board.

5 (2) More than 60 days after the date of filing the application or
6 more than a number of days that has been approved by the board.

7 (b) This section shall not be operative in any county until such
8 time as the board of supervisors shall, by ordinance, make this
9 section applicable in the county.

10 (c) This section shall not apply to a member who is subject to
11 the provisions of the California Public Employees’ Pension Reform
12 Act of 2013 for all or any portion of their membership in the county
13 retirement system.

14 SEC. 11. Section 31726 of the Government Code is amended
15 to read:

16 31726. (a) Upon retirement for nonservice-connected disability
17 a member who has attained age 65 shall receive their service
18 retirement allowance.

19 (b) Every member under age 65 who is retired for
20 nonservice-connected disability and who is not simultaneously
21 retired as a member on deferred retirement of the Public
22 Employees’ Retirement System or a retirement system established
23 under this chapter in another county shall receive a disability
24 retirement allowance which shall be the greater of the following:

25 (1) The sum to which the member would be entitled as service
26 retirement; or

27 (2) A sum which shall consist of:

28 (A) An annuity which is the actuarial equivalent of the member’s
29 accumulated contributions at the time of retirement.

30 (B) If, in the opinion of the board, the member’s disability is
31 not due to intemperate use of alcoholic liquor or drugs, willful
32 misconduct, or violation of law on the member’s part, a disability
33 retirement pension purchased by contributions of the county or
34 district.

35 (C) If, in the opinion of the board, the member’s disability is
36 not due to conviction of a felony or criminal activity which caused
37 or resulted in the member’s disability, a disability retirement
38 pension purchased by contributions of the county or district. This
39 subparagraph shall only apply to a person who becomes a member
40 of the system on or after January 1, 1988.

1 SEC. 12. Section 31726.5 of the Government Code is amended
2 to read:

3 31726.5. (a) Upon retirement for nonservice-connected
4 disability a safety member who has attained age 55 shall receive
5 their service retirement allowance.

6 (b) Every safety member under age 55 who is retired for
7 nonservice-connected disability and who is not simultaneously
8 retired as a member on deferred retirement of the Public
9 Employees' Retirement System or a retirement system established
10 under this chapter in another county shall receive a disability
11 retirement allowance which shall be the greater of:

12 (1) The sum to which the member would be entitled to as service
13 retirement; or

14 (2) A sum which shall consist of:

15 (A) An annuity which is the actuarial equivalent of the member's
16 accumulated contributions at the time of retirement.

17 (B) If, in the opinion of the board, the member's disability is
18 not due to intemperate use of alcoholic liquor or drugs, willful
19 misconduct, or violation of law on the member's part, a disability
20 retirement pension purchased by contributions of the county or
21 district.

22 (C) If, in the opinion of the board, the member's disability is
23 not due to conviction of a felony or criminal activity which caused
24 or resulted in the member's disability, a disability retirement
25 pension purchased by contributions of the county or district.

26 This subparagraph shall only apply to a person who becomes a
27 member of the association on or after January 1, 1988.

28 SEC. 13. Section 31761 of the Government Code is amended
29 to read:

30 31761. Optional settlement 1 consists of the right to elect in
31 writing to have a retirement allowance paid to the member until
32 the member's death and, if the member dies before receiving in
33 annuity payments the amount of the member's accumulated
34 contributions at retirement, to have the balance at death paid to
35 the member's estate or to the natural person, having an insurable
36 interest in the member's life, as the member nominates by written
37 designation duly executed and filed with the board.

38 SEC. 14. Section 31762 of the Government Code is amended
39 to read:

1 31762. Optional settlement 2 consists of the right to elect in
2 writing to have a retirement allowance paid to the member until
3 the member's death, and thereafter to the natural person, having
4 an insurable interest in the member's life, as the member nominates
5 by written designation duly executed and filed with the board at
6 the time of the member's retirement.

7 SEC. 15. Section 31763 of the Government Code is amended
8 to read:

9 31763. Optional settlement 3 consists of the right to elect in
10 writing to have a retirement allowance paid to the member until
11 the member's death, and thereafter to have one-half of the
12 member's retirement allowance paid to the natural person, having
13 an insurable interest in the member's life, as the member nominates
14 by written designation duly executed and filed with the board at
15 the time of the member's retirement.

16 SEC. 16. Section 31764 of the Government Code is amended
17 to read:

18 31764. Optional settlement 4 consists of the right to elect in
19 writing to have a retirement allowance paid to the member until
20 the member's *death* and thereafter to have other benefits as are
21 approved by the board, upon the advice of the actuary, continued
22 throughout the life of and paid to the persons, having an insurable
23 interest in the member's life, as the member nominates by written
24 designation duly executed and filed with the board at the time of
25 retirement. The designation shall not, in the opinion of the board
26 and the actuary, place any additional burden upon the retirement
27 system.

28 SEC. 17. Section 31781 of the Government Code is amended
29 to read:

30 31781. The death benefit shall consist of:

31 (a) The member's accumulated contributions.

32 (b) An amount, provided from contributions by the county or
33 district, equal to one-twelfth of the annual compensation earnable
34 or pensionable compensation as defined in Section 7522.34,
35 whichever is applicable, by the deceased during the 12 months
36 immediately preceding the member's death, multiplied by the
37 number of completed years of service under the system, but not
38 to exceed 50 percent of such annual compensation. The

- 1 computation for any absence shall be based on the compensation
- 2 of the position held by the member at the beginning of the absence.

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March 28, 2022

TO: Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee
Les Robbins, Chair
Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair
Shawn R. Kehoe
Wayne Moore
Herman Santos, Alternate

FROM: Barry W. Lew 
Legislative Affairs Officer

FOR: April 6, 2022 Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee Meeting

SUBJECT: **Assembly Bill 1944—Brown Act**

Author: Lee [D] and Garcia [D]
Sponsor: Author-sponsored
Introduced: February 10, 2022
Status: To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
(02/18/2022)

Staff Recommendation: Support

RECOMMENDATION

That the Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee recommend that the Board of Retirement adopt a “Support” position on Assembly Bill 1944, which would not require a nonpublic teleconference location to be identified or accessible to the public.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY STANDARD

The Board of Retirement’s legislative policy standard is to support proposals that provide increased flexibility in its administration of retirement plans and operations or enable more efficient and effective service to members and stakeholders. AB 1944 would provide the Board with more flexibility in holding board meetings as well as increase access and participation for the public and stakeholders.

SUMMARY

AB 1944 would specify that a local agency’s legislative body need not disclose the address of a nonpublic teleconference location or make it accessible to the public if it elects to use teleconferencing for its meetings. It would require a legislative body that elects to use teleconferencing to provide a publicly accessible video stream and an audio-visual or call-in option for public comment.

ANALYSIS

Existing Law

The Ralph M. Brown Act provides that meetings of a local agency's legislative body must be open and public, and all persons are permitted to attend the meeting, unless otherwise provided by the Brown Act. The legislative body may elect to hold its meetings through teleconferencing. If so, it must post agendas at all teleconference locations, which must be identified in the agenda and be accessible to the public. A quorum of the legislative body's members must be within the boundaries of its jurisdiction. Members of the public must have an opportunity to address the legislative body at each teleconference location.

During a proclaimed state of emergency, the legislative body may under specified circumstances use teleconferencing without complying with these requirements. However, it must comply with other specified requirements related to the conduct of teleconferenced meetings during a state of emergency. The option to conduct teleconference meetings under these modified requirements during a state of emergency remains in effect until January 1, 2024. After this date, the Brown Act will revert to its traditional requirements for holding teleconferenced meetings.

This Bill

AB 1944 would provide that if a local agency's legislative body elects to hold teleconference meetings, it is not required to disclose the address of a nonpublic teleconference location or make it accessible to the public. It would require the legislative body that elects to use teleconferencing to provide a publicly accessible video stream and an audio-visual or call-in option for public comment.

The Brown Act's provisions that allow a local agency's legislative body to hold teleconference meetings under modified requirements during a state of emergency remain in effect only until January 1, 2024. After that date, the traditional requirements of the Brown Act related to teleconference meetings will take effect.

AB 1944 would apply to teleconference meetings held before or after January 1, 2024. Thus, if before January 1, 2024, the state of emergency was proclaimed no longer active, AB 1944 would allow a legislative body to hold teleconference meetings without disclosing the location of a nonpublic teleconference location or make it accessible to the public.

Although the Brown Act traditionally provided for the use of teleconference meetings, the requirement that a teleconference location be identified and accessible to the public has been an area of concern. Frequently, such a teleconference location would be a board member's private residence, which gives rise to issues of safety and privacy and has been a barrier to remote participation.

At the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, Governor Newsom issued an executive order that suspended certain requirements of the Brown Act related to the physical presence of a legislative body and the public when teleconferencing to comply

with public health guidelines on social distancing. Thus, board members who were teleconferencing at their private residence did not have to disclose its location or provide access to the public.

Over a year later in June 2021 while the pandemic was ongoing and public agencies continued to use teleconferenced meetings, the Little Hoover Commission issued a report¹ on the benefits of the use of remote technology related to the Bagley-Keene Act, which is the state's open meeting law. The Commission made two recommendations to the California State Legislature about updating Bagley-Keene's framework. One recommendation was to increase access to public meetings by requiring that state boards and commissions provide public access to their meetings with both a physical location and a teleconference option. The second recommendation was to make it easier for board members to participate remotely by not requiring public disclosure and public accessibility of nonpublic teleconference locations, in particular a board member's private residence.

Although the Commission's report relates to the Bagley-Keene Act, the Commission also recommended that policymakers consider similar changes to the Brown Act. AB 1944 is consistent with the Commission's recommendation regarding the disclosure and accessibility of a board member's private residence. By the same token, the bill does not preclude a legislative body from providing other additional public locations from being accessible to the public to participate via teleconferencing. As such, AB 1944 provides flexibility to local agency boards to hold teleconference meetings and enables increased access and participation by the public and other stakeholders.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE recommend that the Board of Retirement adopt a "Support" position on Assembly Bill 1944, which would not require a nonpublic teleconference location to be identified or accessible to the public.

Reviewed and Approved:



Steven P. Rice, Chief Counsel

¹ Little Hoover Commission. (2021, June). *The Government of Tomorrow: Online Meetings*. Retrieved March 28, 2022, from <https://lhc.ca.gov/report/government-tomorrow-online-meetings>

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Attachments

Attachment 1—Board Positions Adopted on Related Legislation
Attachment 2—Support and Opposition
AB 1944 (Lee and Garcia) as introduced on February 10, 2022

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BOARD POSITIONS ADOPTED ON RELATED LEGISLATION

SB 274 (Chapter 274, Statutes of 2021) required a local agency with an internet website to email a copy of or a link to the agenda or agenda packet if a person requests that the items be delivered by email. If it is not technologically feasible to use email, the local agency must mail a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and to mail a copy of the agenda packet. The Board of Retirement did not adopt a position.

AB 703 (2021, died in committee) would remove the requirements of the Brown Act particular to teleconferencing and allow for teleconferencing subject to existing provisions regarding the posting of notice of an agenda and the ability of the public to observe the meeting and provide public comment. The Board of Retirement did not adopt a position.

AB 361 (Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) authorized a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements when its legislative body holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency, when public health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures. The Board of Retirement did not adopt a position.

AB 339 (2021, vetoed by Governor) would require all open and public meetings to include an in-person public comment opportunity, except in specified circumstances during a declared state or local emergency. It would require all meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment in person and remotely via a telephonic or an internet-based service option. The Board of Retirement did not adopt a position.

AB 992 (Chapter 89, Statutes of 2020) provided that until January 1, 2026, a member of a legislative body is not prohibited from engaging in separate conversations or communications outside of an authorized meeting using an internet-based social media platform to answer questions, provide information to the public, or to solicit information from the public. A majority of members cannot use the internet-based social media platform to discuss among themselves or respond to each other on matters within the legislative body's jurisdiction. The Board of Retirement did not adopt a position.

AB 2257 (Chapter 265, Statutes of 2016) required that the posting of a meeting agenda on a website must have a prominent, direct link to the agenda from the homepage. It requires the posted agenda to meet requirements of platform independence and machine readability. It exempts local agencies if the legislative body has an integrated agenda management platform whose direct link is posted on the homepage and contains the current and prior agendas. The Board of Retirement adopted a "Watch" position.

AB 382 (Chapter 326, Statutes of 2013) addressed an inconsistency between the Ralph M. Brown Act and the California Public Records Act. It would include prescribed documents dealing with alternative investments within the exceptions to the requirement

for disclosure of documents related to public meetings. The Board of Investments adopted a “Support” position.

AB 246 (Chapter 11, Statutes of 2013) authorized a local agency’s legislative body to hold closed session meetings with the Governor. The Board of Retirement did not adopt a position.

AB 1736 (2012, died in committee) would authorize a local agency’s legislative body to hold closed session meetings with the Governor and other specified individuals. It would require additional information in its posted agenda for these specified types of meetings. The Board of Retirement did not adopt a position.

SCA 7 (2011, died in committee) would make it a requirement in the California Constitution that each public body provide public notice of its meetings and disclose any action taken. A constitutional requirement would make agenda posting and reporting ineligible for state reimbursement. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Watch” position.

AB 392 (2011, died in committee) would require a local agency’s legislative body to post the agenda and reports related to the agenda items on its website. If the legislative body does not have a website, it would require the legislative body to disclose on the posted agenda a public location where the reports are available for copying and inspection by the public at least 72 hours before the meeting. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Support” position.

AB 23 (Chapter 91, Statutes of 2011) required a convened legislative body whose membership constitutes a quorum of another legislative body to convene a meeting of that subsequent legislative body only if a clerk or member of the convened legislative body announces the amount of compensation or stipend that each member will receive as a result of convening the simultaneous or serial meeting of the subsequent legislative body. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Watch” position.

SB 711 (2009, died in committee) would require a local agency, before holding a closed session meeting for the purpose of having designated representatives report on a collectively bargained agreement, to make the agreement publicly available at least 15 calendar days before the meeting. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Watch” position.

AB 137 (2009, died in committee) would limit the exclusion of advisory committees from the Brown Act that are composed solely of less than a quorum of board members and whose subject matter jurisdiction cumulatively lasts for 2 years or less. The Board of Retirement adopted a “Watch” position.

SB 1732 (Chapter 63, Statutes of 2008) prohibited a majority of board members from using a series of communications to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of

business within the board's subject matter jurisdiction outside of an agenda meeting. It did not prevent an employee or official of a local agency from engaging in separate communications to answer questions or provide information regarding matters within the local agency's jurisdiction. The Board of Retirement adopted a "Watch" position.

SB 964 (2007, vetoed by Governor) would prohibit a majority of board members from using a series of communications to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business within the board's subject matter jurisdiction outside of an agenda meeting. The Board of Retirement adopted a "Watch" position.

SUPPORT

Unknown

OPPOSITION

Unknown

(Note: The legislative policy committee that has subject-matter jurisdiction over AB 1944 has not released a bill analysis listing officially registered support or opposition by interested parties.)

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1944

Introduced by Assembly Members Lee and Cristina Garcia

February 10, 2022

An act to amend Section 54953 of the Government Code, relating to public meetings.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1944, as introduced, Lee. Local government: open and public meetings.

Existing law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. The act contains specified provisions regarding the timelines for posting an agenda and providing for the ability of the public to observe and provide comment. The act allows for meetings to occur via teleconferencing subject to certain requirements, particularly that the legislative body notice each teleconference location of each member that will be participating in the public meeting, that each teleconference location be accessible to the public, that members of the public be allowed to address the legislative body at each teleconference location, that the legislative body post an agenda at each teleconference location, and that at least a quorum of the legislative body participate from locations within the boundaries of the local agency's jurisdiction. The act provides an exemption to the jurisdictional requirement for health authorities, as defined.

Existing law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with those specified teleconferencing requirements in specified circumstances when a

declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health.

This bill would specify that if a member of a legislative body elects to teleconference from a location that is not public, the address does not need to be identified in the notice and agenda or be accessible to the public when the legislative body has elected to allow members to participate via teleconferencing.

This bill would require all open and public meetings of a legislative body that elects to use teleconferencing to provide a video stream accessible to members of the public and an option for members of the public to address the body remotely during the public comment period through an audio-visual or call-in option.

Existing constitutional provisions require that a statute that limits the right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies be adopted with findings demonstrating the interest protected by the limitation and the need for protecting that interest.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

The California Constitution requires local agencies, for the purpose of ensuring public access to the meetings of public bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies, to comply with a statutory enactment that amends or enacts laws relating to public records or open meetings and contains findings demonstrating that the enactment furthers the constitutional requirements relating to this purpose.

This bill would make legislative findings to that effect.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 54953 of the Government Code, as
- 2 amended by Section 3 of Chapter 165 of the Statutes of 2021, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 54953. (a) All meetings of the legislative body of a local
- 5 agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted
- 6 to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency,
- 7 except as otherwise provided in this chapter.
- 8 (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
- 9 legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for
- 10 the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency

1 in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law.
2 The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all
3 otherwise applicable requirements of this chapter and all otherwise
4 applicable provisions of law relating to a specific type of meeting
5 or proceeding.

6 (2) Teleconferencing, as authorized by this section, may be used
7 for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject
8 matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during
9 a teleconferenced meeting shall be by rollcall.

10 (3) If the legislative body of a local agency elects to use
11 teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference
12 locations and conduct teleconference meetings in a manner that
13 protects the statutory and constitutional rights of the parties or the
14 public appearing before the legislative body of a local agency.
15 Each teleconference location shall be identified in the notice and
16 agenda of the meeting or proceeding, and each teleconference
17 location shall be accessible to the ~~public~~. *public, except as provided*
18 *in subparagraph (A)*. During the teleconference, at least a quorum
19 of the members of the legislative body shall participate from
20 locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the
21 local agency exercises jurisdiction, except as provided in
22 subdivisions (d) and (e). The agenda shall provide an opportunity
23 for members of the public to address the legislative body directly
24 pursuant to Section 54954.3 at each teleconference ~~location~~.
25 *location, except as provided in subparagraph (A)*.

26 (A) *If a member of a legislative body elects to teleconference*
27 *from a location that is not public, the address does not need to be*
28 *identified in the notice and agenda or be accessible to the public*
29 *when the legislative body has elected to allow members to*
30 *participate via teleconferencing.*

31 (B) *If a legislative body elects to use teleconferencing, they shall*
32 *provide both of the following:*

33 (i) *A video stream accessible to members of the public.*

34 (ii) *An option for members of the public to address the body*
35 *remotely during the public comment period through an audio-visual*
36 *or call-in option.*

37 (4) For the purposes of this section, “teleconference” means a
38 meeting of a legislative body, the members of which are in different
39 locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or

1 video, or both. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency
2 from providing the public with additional teleconference locations.

3 (5) *For the purposes of this section, “video streaming” means*
4 *media in which the data from a live filming or a video file is*
5 *continuously delivered via the internet to a remote user, allowing*
6 *a video to be viewed online by the public without being downloaded*
7 *on a host computer or device.*

8 (c) (1) No legislative body shall take action by secret ballot,
9 whether preliminary or final.

10 (2) The legislative body of a local agency shall publicly report
11 any action taken and the vote or abstention on that action of each
12 member present for the action.

13 (3) Prior to taking final action, the legislative body shall orally
14 report a summary of a recommendation for a final action on the
15 salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of
16 fringe benefits of a local agency executive, as defined in
17 subdivision (d) of Section 3511.1, during the open meeting in
18 which the final action is to be taken. This paragraph shall not affect
19 the public’s right under the California Public Records Act (Chapter
20 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1) to
21 inspect or copy records created or received in the process of
22 developing the recommendation.

23 (d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to a quorum in
24 paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), if a health authority conducts a
25 teleconference meeting, members who are outside the jurisdiction
26 of the authority may be counted toward the establishment of a
27 quorum when participating in the teleconference if at least 50
28 percent of the number of members that would establish a quorum
29 are present within the boundaries of the territory over which the
30 authority exercises jurisdiction, and the health authority provides
31 a teleconference number, and associated access codes, if any, that
32 allows any person to call in to participate in the meeting and the
33 number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda
34 of the meeting.

35 (2) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as
36 discouraging health authority members from regularly meeting at
37 a common physical site within the jurisdiction of the authority or
38 from using teleconference locations within or near the jurisdiction
39 of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is

1 established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other
2 requirements of this section.

3 (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means
4 any entity created pursuant to Sections 14018.7, 14087.31,
5 14087.35, 14087.36, 14087.38, and 14087.9605 of the Welfare
6 and Institutions Code, any joint powers authority created pursuant
7 to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of
8 Division 7 for the purpose of contracting pursuant to Section
9 14087.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and any advisory
10 committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to
11 Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the
12 Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more
13 members.

14 (e) (1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without
15 complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision
16 (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of
17 paragraph (2) of this subdivision in any of the following
18 circumstances:

19 (A) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed
20 state of emergency, and state or local officials have imposed or
21 recommended measures to promote social distancing.

22 (B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed
23 state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority
24 vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person
25 would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

26 (C) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed
27 state of emergency and has determined, by majority vote, pursuant
28 to subparagraph (B), that, as a result of the emergency, meeting
29 in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of
30 attendees.

31 (2) A legislative body that holds a meeting pursuant to this
32 subdivision shall do all of the following:

33 (A) The legislative body shall give notice of the meeting and
34 post agendas as otherwise required by this chapter.

35 (B) The legislative body shall allow members of the public to
36 access the meeting and the agenda shall provide an opportunity
37 for members of the public to address the legislative body directly
38 pursuant to Section 54954.3. In each instance in which notice of
39 the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the
40 agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the legislative body

1 shall also give notice of the means by which members of the public
2 may access the meeting and offer public comment. The agenda
3 shall identify and include an opportunity for all persons to attend
4 via a call-in option or an internet-based service option. This
5 subparagraph shall not be construed to require the legislative body
6 to provide a physical location from which the public may attend
7 or comment.

8 (C) The legislative body shall conduct teleconference meetings
9 in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of
10 the parties and the public appearing before the legislative body of
11 a local agency.

12 (D) In the event of a disruption which prevents the public agency
13 from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the
14 call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of
15 a disruption within the local agency's control which prevents
16 members of the public from offering public comments using the
17 call-in option or internet-based service option, the body shall take
18 no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until
19 public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based
20 service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during
21 a disruption which prevents the public agency from broadcasting
22 the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

23 (E) The legislative body shall not require public comments to
24 be submitted in advance of the meeting and must provide an
25 opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer
26 comment in real time. This subparagraph shall not be construed
27 to require the legislative body to provide a physical location from
28 which the public may attend or comment.

29 (F) Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to
30 provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or
31 other online platform, not under the control of the local legislative
32 body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may
33 be required to register as required by the third-party internet
34 website or online platform to participate.

35 (G) (i) A legislative body that provides a timed public comment
36 period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment
37 period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant
38 to subparagraph (F), to provide public comment until that timed
39 public comment period has elapsed.

1 (ii) A legislative body that does not provide a timed public
2 comment period, but takes public comment separately on each
3 agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda
4 item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public
5 comment, including time for members of the public to register
6 pursuant to subparagraph (F), or otherwise be recognized for the
7 purpose of providing public comment.

8 (iii) A legislative body that provides a timed general public
9 comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item
10 shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to
11 register, pursuant to subparagraph (F), until the timed general
12 public comment period has elapsed.

13 (3) If a state of emergency remains active, or state or local
14 officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote
15 social distancing, in order to continue to teleconference without
16 compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the legislative
17 body shall, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the
18 first time pursuant to subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph
19 (1), and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by
20 majority vote:

21 (A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of
22 the state of emergency.

23 (B) Any of the following circumstances exist:

24 (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the
25 ability of the members to meet safely in person.

26 (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend
27 measures to promote social distancing.

28 (4) For the purposes of this subdivision, “state of emergency”
29 means a state of emergency proclaimed pursuant to Section 8625
30 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article 1 (commencing
31 with Section 8550) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2).

32 (f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2024,
33 and as of that date is repealed.

34 SEC. 2. Section 54953 of the Government Code, as added by
35 Section 4 of Chapter 165 of the Statutes of 2021, is amended to
36 read:

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38 agency shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted
39 to attend any meeting of the legislative body of a local agency,
40 except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

1 (b) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
2 legislative body of a local agency may use teleconferencing for
3 the benefit of the public and the legislative body of a local agency
4 in connection with any meeting or proceeding authorized by law.
5 The teleconferenced meeting or proceeding shall comply with all
6 requirements of this chapter and all otherwise applicable provisions
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23 developing the recommendation.

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34 number and access codes are identified in the notice and agenda
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40 of the authority. A teleconference meeting for which a quorum is

1 established pursuant to this subdivision shall be subject to all other
2 requirements of this section.

3 (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a health authority means
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7 to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of
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10 committee to a county-sponsored health plan licensed pursuant to
11 Chapter 2.2 (commencing with Section 1340) of Division 2 of the
12 Health and Safety Code if the advisory committee has 12 or more
13 members.

14 (e) This section shall become operative January 1, 2024.

15 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that Sections 1 and
16 2 of this act, which amends Section 54953 of the Government
17 Code, further, within the meaning of paragraph (7) of subdivision
18 (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution, the
19 purposes of that constitutional section as it relates to the right of
20 public access to the meetings of local public bodies or the writings
21 of local public officials and local agencies. Pursuant to paragraph
22 (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California
23 Constitution, the Legislature makes the following findings:

24 This act is necessary to ensure minimum standards for public
25 participation allowing for greater public participation in
26 teleconference meetings.

27 SEC. 4. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that during the
28 COVID-19 public health emergency, certain requirements of the
29 Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950)
30 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code) and the
31 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with
32 Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of
33 the Government Code) were suspended by Executive Order No.
34 N-29-20. Audio and video teleconference were widely used to
35 conduct public meetings in lieu of physical location meetings, and
36 public meetings conducted by teleconference during the COVID-19
37 public health emergency have been productive, have increased
38 public participation by all members of the public regardless of
39 their location in the state and ability to travel to physical meeting
40 locations, have protected the health and safety of civil servants

1 and the public, and have reduced travel costs incurred by members
2 of state bodies and reduced work hours spent traveling to and from
3 meetings.

4 (b) The Legislature finds and declares that Sections 1 and 2 of
5 this act, which amend Section 54953 of the Government Code,
6 imposes a potential limitation on the public's right of access to the
7 meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and
8 agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the
9 California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision,
10 the Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the
11 interest protected by this potential limitation and the need for
12 protecting that interest:

13 By removing the requirement for each teleconference location
14 to be identified in the notice and agenda, including the member's
15 private home address, this act protects the personal, private
16 information of public officials and their families while preserving
17 the public's right to access information concerning the conduct of
18 the people's business.

**INSURANCE, BENEFITS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ENGAGEMENT REPORT
MARCH 2022
FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Fidelity 2022 State of Retirement Planning Study

The study was conducted during the two years since the start of the pandemic and focuses on the impact of Covid-19 and its socioeconomic ripple effects on retirement preparedness. It is a follow-up to Fidelity's 2021 study. The following are highlights of the study—

- 79% of Americans are confident as to how and when they want to retire.
 - However, 1 in 4 say they are less confident now than they were before the events of the past two years.
 - Although 91% of those with a retirement plan feel at least somewhat confident, more men (43%) tend to number among the “very confident” than women (33%).
- 65% of say 2022 is the year they put the pandemic behind and focus on the future, and this number increases to 74% among young investors (Next Gen aka Gen Z and Younger Millennials).
- Although a large majority among all age groups (Next Gen, Older Millennial, Gen X, and Boomers) are somewhat confident/very confident about achieving their short- to long-term financial goals, 71% are very concerned about inflation's impact on retirement, and 31% are not sure how to keep up with inflation.
- Gen X's view of retirement is the gloomiest with 29% not having though about or having a vague plan for retirement and 62% of Gen X women having yet to create a retirement plan.
- About 1 in 5 respondents thought a financial professional would recommend a withdrawal rate of 10-15% of retirement savings, which is far above the generally recommended 4-5% withdrawal rate.
 - This view was held by 20% of Gen X and 15% of Boomers. [\(Source\)](#)

Delaware Police and Firefighter Disability Pensions

A bill to protect the disability pensions for Delaware police and firefighters recently passed the Delaware House of Representatives. Currently, police officers or firefighters may be retired for disability. However, if they are under normal retirement age and then find a job outside of their field, they must report that income, which is also offset against their pension. The bill would equalize treatment of those who retire before normal retirement age with those who retire after, and they would not see their pension reduced by outside earnings. [\(Source\)](#)

SECURE 2.0 Passes

The Securing a Strong Retirement Act of 2022 (SECURE 2.0), a bill introduced by Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal and Ranking Member Kevin Brady, recently passed the U.S. House on a bipartisan 414-5 vote. Most of the provisions relates to defined contribution plans. For example, 401(k) and 403(b) plans now provide for automatic enrollment and contribution increases like state-run auto-IRA plans. The bill also provides for increases in the minimum distribution age, which applies to pension plans such as LACERA. The minimum age would increase to age 73 starting January 1, 2023, age 74 starting January 1, 2030, and age 75 starting January 1, 2033. The bill heads next to the Senate, which is working on its own set of retirement bills. The Senate can pass SECURE 2.0 or make amendments that would require concurrence. ([Source](#))

**INSURANCE, BENEFITS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
RETIREE HEALTHCARE BENEFITS PROGRAM**

**STAFF ACTIVITIES REPORT
MARCH 2022**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Meeting with Kaiser Permanente

On March 8, 2022, staff and representatives from Kaiser met virtually to review the utilization reports for the period of February 2021 – 2022. The topic discussed were:

- Membership
- Overview Utilization
- Pharmacy
- High Cost Claimants

Meeting with Cigna – Quarterly Touchpoint

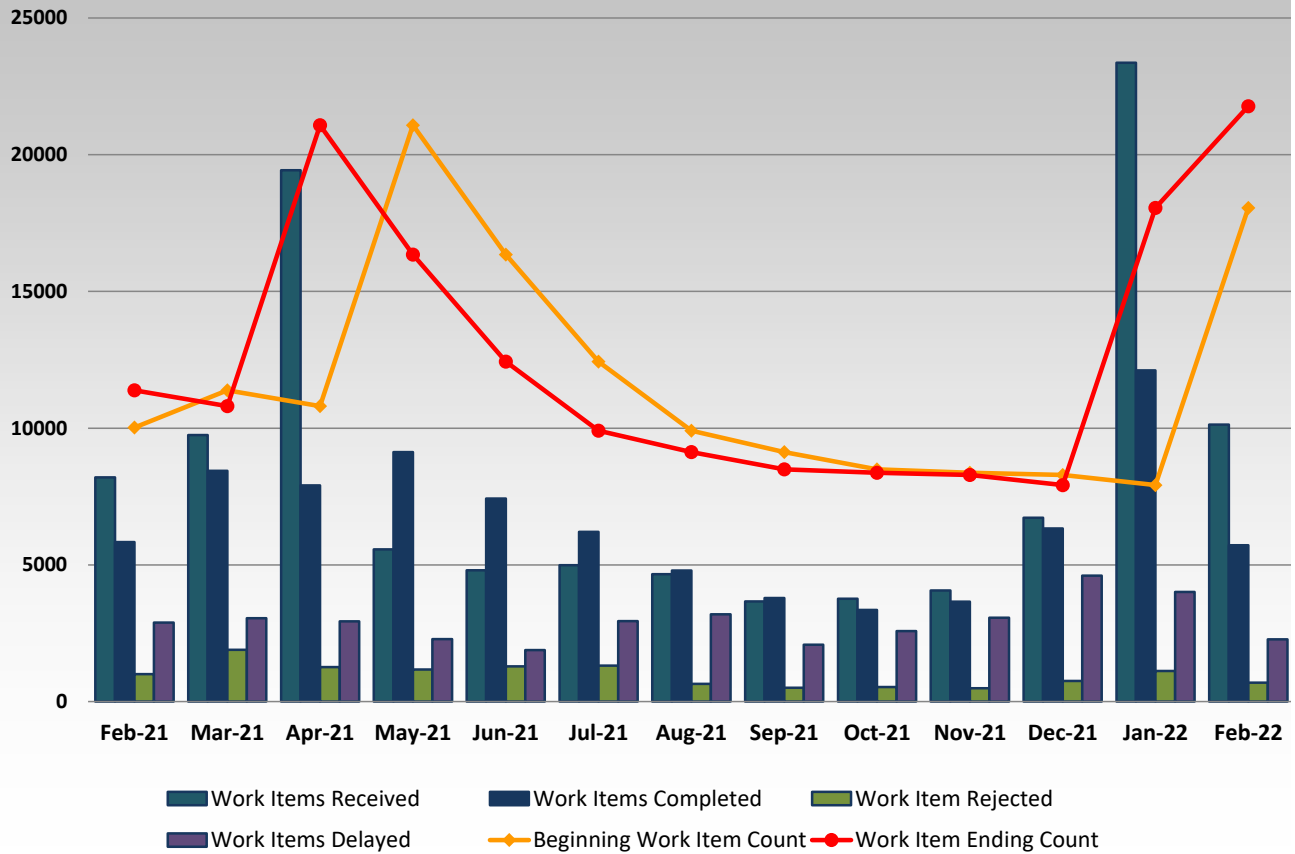
On March 18, 2022, staff and representatives from Cigna met virtually for our quarterly touchpoint call. Topics discussed were related to member eligibility/benefits issues and resolutions as well as miscellaneous items.

Retiree Healthcare Division

Trend Report

FEBRUARY 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022

Updated 3/21/2022

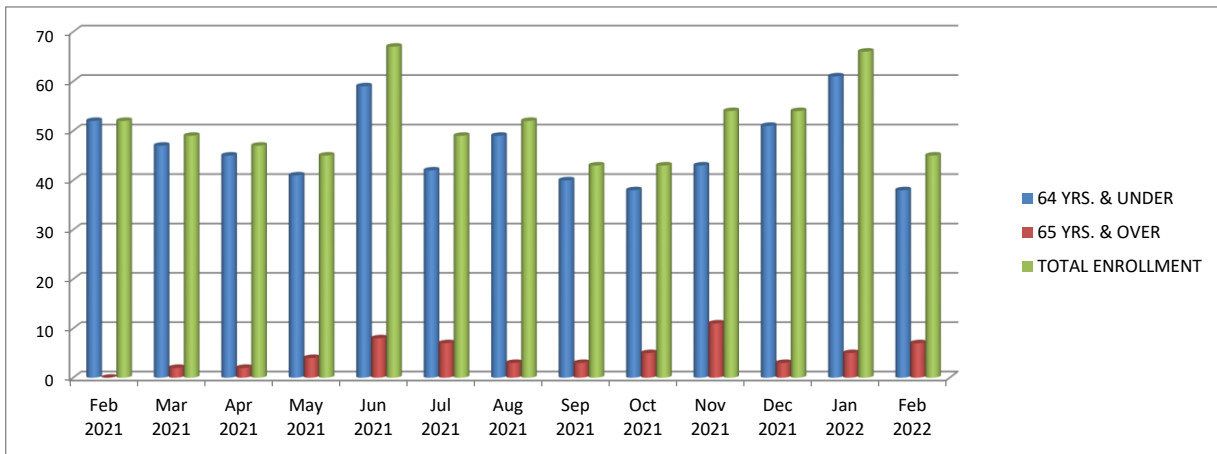


	Beginning Work Item Count	Work Items Received	Work Items Completed	Work Item Rejected	Work Items Delayed	Work Item Ending Count
Feb-21	10019	8195	5830	999	2885	11385
Mar-21	11385	9749	8436	1890	3046	10808
Apr-21	10808	19437	7902	1262	2932	21081
May-21	21081	5563	9121	1175	2288	16348
Jun-21	16348	4797	7421	1289	1884	12435
Jul-21	12435	4989	6205	1315	2940	9904
Aug-21	9904	4663	4790	649	3193	9128
Sep-21	9128	3659	3789	504	2079	8494
Oct-21	8494	3758	3355	529	2579	8368
Nov-21	8368	4064	3655	487	3068	8290
Dec-21	8290	6721	6335	758	4606	7918
Jan-22	7918	23364	12115	1117	4012	18050
Feb-22	18050	10131	5715	691	2272	21775

Retirees Monthly Age Breakdown FEBRUARY 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022

Disability Retirement

MONTH	64 YRS. & UNDER	65 YRS. & OVER	TOTAL ENROLLMENT
Feb 2021	52	0	52
Mar 2021	47	2	49
Apr 2021	45	2	47
May 2021	41	4	45
Jun 2021	59	8	67
Jul 2021	42	7	49
Aug 2021	49	3	52
Sep 2021	40	3	43
Oct 2021	38	5	43
Nov 2021	43	11	54
Dec 2021	51	3	54
Jan 2022	61	5	66
Feb 2022	38	7	45



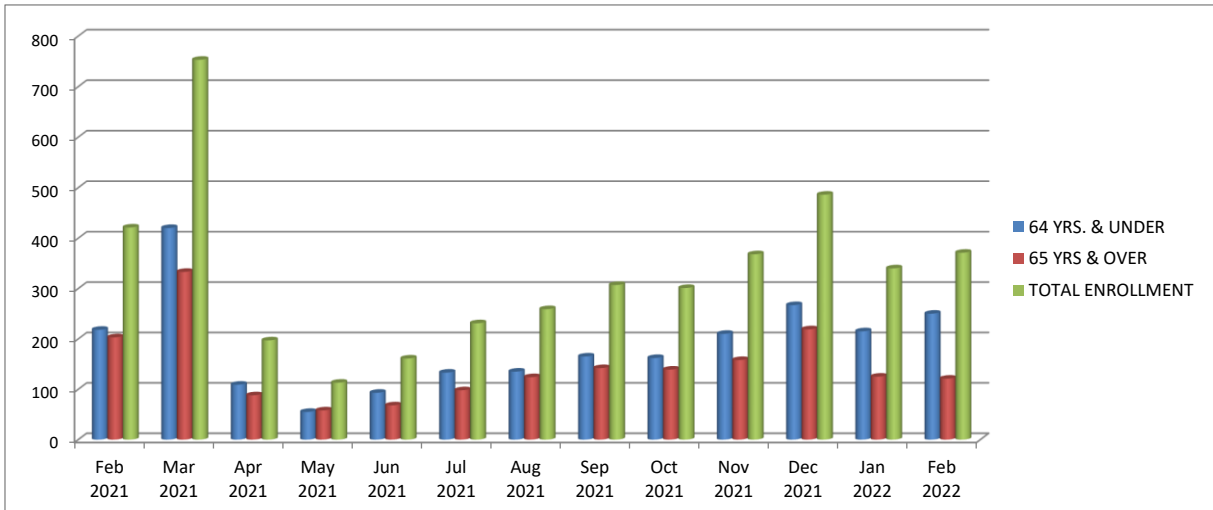
PLEASE NOTE:

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Retirees Monthly Age Breakdown FEBRUARY 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022

Service Retirement

MONTH	64 YRS. & UNDER	65 YRS & OVER	TOTAL ENROLLMENT
Feb 2021	218	203	421
Mar 2021	420	333	753
Apr 2021	109	88	197
May 2021	55	58	113
Jun 2021	93	68	161
Jul 2021	133	98	231
Aug 2021	135	124	259
Sep 2021	165	142	307
Oct 2021	162	139	301
Nov 2021	210	158	368
Dec 2021	267	219	486
Jan 2022	215	125	340
Feb 2022	250	121	371



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Medicare Part B Reimbursement and Penalty Report

PAY PERIOD 3/31/2022

Deduction Code	No. of Members	Reimbursement Amount	No. of Penalties	Penalty Amount
ANTHEM BC III				
240	7168	\$1,048,044.18	2	\$148.30
241	132	\$18,603.20	0	\$0.00
242	852	\$129,636.00	0	\$0.00
243	4260	\$1,305,020.05	1	\$59.40
244	16	\$2,000.10	0	\$0.00
245	59	\$9,532.30	0	\$0.00
246	18	\$2,595.60	0	\$0.00
247	153	\$25,258.20	0	\$0.00
248	11	\$3,127.90	1	\$43.00
249	53	\$16,384.00	0	\$0.00
250	17	\$4,914.80	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	12,739	\$2,565,116.33	4	\$250.70
CIGNA - PREFERRED with RX				
321	31	\$4,384.10	0	\$0.00
322	5	\$673.00	0	\$0.00
324	21	\$7,024.60	0	\$0.00
327	2	\$339.80	0	\$0.00
329	2	\$566.90	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	61	\$12,988.40	0	\$0.00
KAISER SR. ADVANTAGE				
394	13	\$1,975.80	0	\$0.00
397	3	\$424.70	0	\$0.00
398	6	\$2,010.50	0	\$0.00
403	11448	\$1,650,539.14	3	\$90.60
413	1593	\$244,456.43	0	\$0.00
418	6006	\$1,795,010.60	0	\$0.00
419	239	\$32,004.80	0	\$0.00
426	245	\$36,122.60	0	\$0.00
427	41	\$5,622.40	0	\$0.00
445	2	\$340.20	0	\$0.00
446	2	\$276.00	0	\$0.00
451	37	\$5,523.20	0	\$0.00
455	5	\$948.60	0	\$0.00
457	9	\$2,382.50	0	\$0.00
458	1	\$170.10	0	\$0.00
459	1	\$340.20	0	\$0.00
462	76	\$11,140.10	0	\$0.00
465	7	\$556.10	0	\$0.00
466	29	\$8,885.20	0	\$0.00
472	30	\$4,257.80	0	\$0.00
476	3	\$393.00	0	\$0.00
478	18	\$5,370.00	0	\$0.00
479	1	\$144.60	0	\$0.00
482	77	\$11,157.80	0	\$0.00
486	3	\$427.10	0	\$0.00
488	42	\$12,662.60	0	\$0.00
491	1	\$148.50	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	19,938	\$3,833,290.57	3	\$90.60

Medicare Part B Reimbursement and Penalty Report

PAY PERIOD 3/31/2022

Deduction Code	No. of Members	Reimbursement Amount	No. of Penalties	Penalty Amount
SCAN				
611	298	\$43,212.80	0	\$0.00
613	86	\$26,835.00	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	384	\$70,047.80	0	\$0.00
UNITED HEALTHCARE GROUP MEDICARE ADV. HMO				
701	1874	\$279,066.30	1	\$36.50
702	374	\$59,637.92	0	\$0.00
703	1227	\$375,137.90	0	\$0.00
704	92	\$13,889.10	0	\$0.00
705	37	\$11,396.50	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	3,604	\$739,127.72	1	\$36.50
Grand Total:	36,726	\$7,220,570.82	8	\$377.80

Medicare Part B Reimbursement and Penalty Report
PAY PERIOD 3/31/2022

Deduction Code	No. of Members	Reimbursement Amount	No. of Penalties	Penalty Amount
ANTHEM BC III				
240	7168	\$1,048,044.18	2	\$148.30
241	132	\$18,603.20	0	\$0.00
242	852	\$129,636.00	0	\$0.00
243	4260	\$1,305,020.05	1	\$59.40
244	16	\$2,000.10	0	\$0.00
245	59	\$9,532.30	0	\$0.00
246	18	\$2,595.60	0	\$0.00
247	153	\$25,258.20	0	\$0.00
248	11	\$3,127.90	1	\$43.00
249	53	\$16,384.00	0	\$0.00
250	17	\$4,914.80	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	12,739	\$2,565,116.33	4	\$250.70
CIGNA - PREFERRED with RX				
321	31	\$4,384.10	0	\$0.00
322	5	\$673.00	0	\$0.00
324	21	\$7,024.60	0	\$0.00
327	2	\$339.80	0	\$0.00
329	2	\$566.90	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	61	\$12,988.40	0	\$0.00
KAISER SR. ADVANTAGE				
394	13	\$1,975.80	0	\$0.00
397	3	\$424.70	0	\$0.00
398	6	\$2,010.50	0	\$0.00
403	11448	\$1,650,539.14	3	\$90.60
413	1593	\$244,456.43	0	\$0.00
418	6006	\$1,795,010.60	0	\$0.00
419	239	\$32,004.80	0	\$0.00
426	245	\$36,122.60	0	\$0.00
427	41	\$5,622.40	0	\$0.00
445	2	\$340.20	0	\$0.00
446	2	\$276.00	0	\$0.00
451	37	\$5,523.20	0	\$0.00
455	5	\$948.60	0	\$0.00
457	9	\$2,382.50	0	\$0.00
458	1	\$170.10	0	\$0.00
459	1	\$340.20	0	\$0.00
462	76	\$11,140.10	0	\$0.00
465	7	\$556.10	0	\$0.00
466	29	\$8,885.20	0	\$0.00
472	30	\$4,257.80	0	\$0.00
476	3	\$393.00	0	\$0.00
478	18	\$5,370.00	0	\$0.00
479	1	\$144.60	0	\$0.00
482	77	\$11,157.80	0	\$0.00
486	3	\$427.10	0	\$0.00
488	42	\$12,662.60	0	\$0.00
491	1	\$148.50	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	19,938	\$3,833,290.57	3	\$90.60

Medicare Part B Reimbursement and Penalty Report
PAY PERIOD 3/31/2022

Deduction Code	No. of Members	Reimbursement Amount	No. of Penalties	Penalty Amount
SCAN				
611	298	\$43,212.80	0	\$0.00
613	86	\$26,835.00	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	384	\$70,047.80	0	\$0.00
UNITED HEALTHCARE GROUP MEDICARE ADV. HMO				
701	1874	\$279,066.30	1	\$36.50
702	374	\$59,637.92	0	\$0.00
703	1227	\$375,137.90	0	\$0.00
704	92	\$13,889.10	0	\$0.00
705	37	\$11,396.50	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	3,604	\$739,127.72	1	\$36.50
LOCAL 1014				
804	178	\$37,523.80	0	\$0.00
805	197	\$39,122.80	0	\$0.00
806	659	\$248,973.76	0	\$0.00
807	47	\$9,831.70	0	\$0.00
808	17	\$6,443.19	0	\$0.00
812	254	\$46,389.90	0	\$0.00
813	2	\$340.20	0	\$0.00
Plan Total:	1,354	\$388,625.35	0	\$0.00
Grand Total:	38,080	\$7,609,196.17	8	\$377.80

Medical and Dental Vision Insurance Premiums April 2022

Carrier Codes	Member Count	Premium Amount	Member Amount	County Subsidy Amount	Total	Adjustments	Total Paid
Medical Plan							
Anthem Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Plan							
201	496	\$438,002.72	\$64,605.18	\$373,397.54	\$438,002.72	(\$2,649.21)	\$435,353.51
202	261	\$453,161.25	\$39,586.42	\$420,519.83	\$460,106.25	(\$1,736.24)	\$458,370.01
203	78	\$152,825.40	\$30,996.13	\$125,747.87	\$156,744.00	\$0.00	\$156,744.00
204	24	\$27,231.12	\$8,328.16	\$20,037.59	\$28,365.75	\$0.00	\$28,365.75
SUBTOTAL	859	\$1,071,220.49	\$143,515.89	\$939,702.83	\$1,083,218.72	(\$4,385.45)	\$1,078,833.27
Anthem Blue Cross I							
211	617	\$790,775.19	\$47,904.89	\$750,510.64	\$798,415.53	(\$10,187.12)	\$788,228.41
212	241	\$555,404.52	\$30,983.24	\$542,781.76	\$573,765.00	(\$4,590.12)	\$569,174.88
213	63	\$170,544.78	\$21,764.76	\$148,780.02	\$170,544.78	\$0.00	\$170,544.78
214	23	\$38,744.19	\$4,986.19	\$37,127.06	\$42,113.25	\$0.00	\$42,113.25
215	2	\$861.78	\$34.48	\$827.30	\$861.78	\$0.00	\$861.78
SUBTOTAL	946	\$1,556,330.46	\$105,673.56	\$1,480,026.78	\$1,585,700.34	(\$14,777.24)	\$1,570,923.10
Anthem Blue Cross II							
221	2,260	\$2,880,408.18	\$157,951.19	\$2,744,104.62	\$2,902,055.81	(\$12,660.18)	\$2,889,395.63
222	2,018	\$4,645,201.44	\$121,592.02	\$4,475,413.16	\$4,597,005.18	(\$10,453.63)	\$4,586,551.55
223	858	\$2,338,899.84	\$100,702.55	\$2,200,298.45	\$2,301,001.00	\$0.00	\$2,301,001.00
224	192	\$326,798.82	\$33,952.24	\$288,040.70	\$321,992.94	\$1,684.53	\$323,677.47
SUBTOTAL	5,328	\$10,191,308.28	\$414,198.00	\$9,707,856.93	\$10,122,054.93	(\$21,429.28)	\$10,100,625.65

Medical and Dental Vision Insurance Premiums April 2022

Carrier Codes	Member Count	Premium Amount	Member Amount	County Subsidy Amount	Total	Adjustments	Total Paid
Anthem Blue Cross III							
240	7,197	\$3,739,452.32	\$517,212.92	\$3,236,725.02	\$3,753,937.94	(\$17,129.64)	\$3,736,808.30
241	131	\$220,464.79	\$22,013.30	\$196,793.86	\$218,807.16	(\$1,657.63)	\$217,149.53
242	849	\$1,423,904.17	\$87,191.43	\$1,303,560.14	\$1,390,751.57	(\$1,657.63)	\$1,389,093.94
243	4,279	\$4,421,169.58	\$489,103.13	\$3,935,163.23	\$4,424,266.36	(\$11,354.84)	\$4,412,911.52
244	15	\$14,860.16	\$1,560.31	\$11,442.33	\$13,002.64	\$0.00	\$13,002.64
245	59	\$55,725.60	\$6,445.56	\$52,066.32	\$58,511.88	\$0.00	\$58,511.88
246	18	\$37,209.24	\$3,100.77	\$34,108.47	\$37,209.24	\$0.00	\$37,209.24
247	155	\$322,480.08	\$17,695.05	\$315,120.93	\$332,815.98	\$0.00	\$332,815.98
248	11	\$15,859.03	\$1,845.41	\$15,455.35	\$17,300.76	\$0.00	\$17,300.76
249	55	\$79,295.15	\$6,401.27	\$70,010.42	\$76,411.69	\$0.00	\$76,411.69
250	17	\$27,465.88	\$840.13	\$26,625.75	\$27,465.88	\$0.00	\$27,465.88
SUBTOTAL	12,786	\$10,357,886.00	\$1,153,409.28	\$9,197,071.82	\$10,350,481.10	(\$31,799.74)	\$10,318,681.36
CIGNA Network Model Plan							
301	253	\$423,887.36	\$107,294.31	\$305,002.38	\$412,296.69	(\$3,311.62)	\$408,985.07
302	72	\$215,215.20	\$54,245.21	\$163,959.09	\$218,204.30	\$0.00	\$218,204.30
303	6	\$21,176.94	\$5,790.53	\$11,856.92	\$17,647.45	\$0.00	\$17,647.45
304	12	\$26,363.04	\$12,347.73	\$14,015.31	\$26,363.04	\$0.00	\$26,363.04
SUBTOTAL	343	\$686,642.54	\$179,677.78	\$494,833.70	\$674,511.48	(\$3,311.62)	\$671,199.86

Medical and Dental Vision Insurance Premiums April 2022

Carrier Codes	Member Count	Premium Amount	Member Amount	County Subsidy Amount	Total	Adjustments	Total Paid
CIGNA Preferred w/ Rx - Phoenix, AZ							
321	31	\$11,919.19	\$1,445.69	\$10,857.99	\$12,303.68	\$0.00	\$12,303.68
322	5	\$8,588.90	\$687.11	\$7,901.79	\$8,588.90	\$0.00	\$8,588.90
324	21	\$15,980.58	\$2,830.85	\$14,671.69	\$17,502.54	\$0.00	\$17,502.54
327	2	\$4,517.70	\$451.77	\$4,065.93	\$4,517.70	\$0.00	\$4,517.70
329	2	\$2,685.82	\$0.00	\$2,685.82	\$2,685.82	\$0.00	\$2,685.82
SUBTOTAL	61	\$43,692.19	\$5,415.42	\$40,183.22	\$45,598.64	\$0.00	\$45,598.64

Medical and Dental Vision Insurance Premiums April 2022

Carrier Codes	Member Count	Premium Amount	Member Amount	County Subsidy Amount	Total	Adjustments	Total Paid
Kaiser/Senior Advantage							
401	1,514	\$1,796,062.03	\$156,143.71	\$1,642,264.58	\$1,798,408.29	(\$3,519.39)	\$1,794,888.90
403	11,479	\$3,015,349.44	\$287,338.31	\$2,743,938.57	\$3,031,276.88	(\$17,805.12)	\$3,013,471.76
404	528	\$621,651.36	\$14,599.25	\$609,406.85	\$624,006.10	(\$2,354.74)	\$621,651.36
405	1,226	\$1,445,184.08	\$19,465.23	\$1,433,956.87	\$1,453,422.10	(\$3,707.44)	\$1,449,714.66
411	1,808	\$4,243,941.90	\$195,779.96	\$4,075,047.93	\$4,270,827.89	\$4,676.52	\$4,275,504.41
413	1,590	\$2,291,713.82	\$116,128.34	\$2,162,283.02	\$2,278,411.36	\$0.00	\$2,278,411.36
414	81	\$189,742.50	\$2,436.20	\$187,306.30	\$189,742.50	\$0.00	\$189,742.50
418	5,988	\$3,102,846.56	\$232,231.17	\$2,857,638.99	\$3,089,870.16	(\$5,672.48)	\$3,084,197.68
419	240	\$347,784.03	\$4,321.47	\$322,857.28	\$327,178.75	\$0.00	\$327,178.75
420	118	\$276,915.32	\$1,126.44	\$275,788.88	\$276,915.32	\$0.00	\$276,915.32
421	8	\$9,385.04	\$1,032.36	\$8,352.68	\$9,385.04	\$0.00	\$9,385.04
422	254	\$594,865.46	\$2,716.72	\$594,490.73	\$597,207.45	\$0.00	\$597,207.45
423	4	\$9,370.00	\$0.00	\$9,370.00	\$9,370.00	\$0.00	\$9,370.00
426	243	\$350,521.50	\$2,632.51	\$345,027.59	\$347,660.10	(\$1,430.70)	\$346,229.40
427	41	\$58,679.61	\$1,373.97	\$57,305.64	\$58,679.61	(\$1,431.21)	\$57,248.40
428	50	\$117,311.50	\$844.65	\$116,466.85	\$117,311.50	\$0.00	\$117,311.50
429	3	\$7,040.22	\$0.00	\$7,040.22	\$7,040.22	\$0.00	\$7,040.22
430	148	\$347,166.56	\$3,800.07	\$343,366.49	\$347,166.56	\$0.00	\$347,166.56
431	5	\$11,731.15	\$0.00	\$11,731.15	\$11,731.15	\$0.00	\$11,731.15
SUBTOTAL	25,328	\$18,837,262.08	\$1,041,970.36	\$17,803,640.62	\$18,845,610.98	(\$31,244.56)	\$18,814,366.42

Medical and Dental Vision Insurance Premiums

April 2022

Carrier Codes	Member Count	Premium Amount	Member Amount	County Subsidy Amount	Total	Adjustments	Total Paid
Kaiser - Colorado							
450	4	\$4,112.68	\$781.41	\$3,331.27	\$4,112.68	\$0.00	\$4,112.68
451	37	\$11,664.48	\$1,338.35	\$9,405.25	\$10,743.60	\$0.00	\$10,743.60
453	8	\$18,183.12	\$0.00	\$22,728.90	\$22,728.90	\$0.00	\$22,728.90
454	1	\$3,068.62	\$361.56	\$2,707.06	\$3,068.62	\$0.00	\$3,068.62
455	5	\$6,635.65	\$0.00	\$6,635.65	\$6,635.65	\$0.00	\$6,635.65
457	9	\$5,453.28	\$1,272.44	\$4,180.84	\$5,453.28	\$0.00	\$5,453.28
458	1	\$2,287.97	\$0.00	\$2,287.97	\$2,287.97	\$0.00	\$2,287.97
459	1	\$1,626.09	\$65.04	\$1,561.05	\$1,626.09	\$0.00	\$1,626.09
SUBTOTAL	66	\$53,031.89	\$3,818.80	\$52,837.99	\$56,656.79	\$0.00	\$56,656.79
Kaiser - Georgia							
441	3	\$3,396.99	\$0.00	\$3,396.99	\$3,396.99	\$0.00	\$3,396.99
442	7	\$7,926.31	\$0.00	\$7,926.31	\$7,926.31	\$0.00	\$7,926.31
445	2	\$3,095.60	\$0.00	\$3,095.60	\$3,095.60	\$0.00	\$3,095.60
446	2	\$3,095.60	\$0.00	\$3,095.60	\$3,095.60	\$0.00	\$3,095.60
461	13	\$14,720.29	\$1,381.43	\$12,206.53	\$13,587.96	\$0.00	\$13,587.96
462	77	\$32,607.19	\$5,013.86	\$28,863.74	\$33,877.60	(\$423.47)	\$33,454.13
463	2	\$4,513.34	\$1,128.33	\$3,385.01	\$4,513.34	\$0.00	\$4,513.34
465	6	\$10,834.60	\$928.68	\$3,714.72	\$4,643.40	\$0.00	\$4,643.40
466	29	\$24,329.26	\$838.94	\$26,007.14	\$26,846.08	\$0.00	\$26,846.08
SUBTOTAL	141	\$104,519.18	\$9,291.24	\$91,691.64	\$100,982.88	(\$423.47)	\$100,559.41

Medical and Dental Vision Insurance Premiums April 2022

Carrier Codes	Member Count	Premium Amount	Member Amount	County Subsidy Amount	Total	Adjustments	Total Paid
Kaiser - Hawaii							
471	4	\$4,708.05	(\$677.96)	\$3,502.79	\$2,824.83	\$0.00	\$2,824.83
472	30	\$14,062.80	\$2,137.54	\$11,925.26	\$14,062.80	(\$468.76)	\$13,594.04
473	1	\$1,819.99	\$546.60	\$1,273.39	\$1,819.99	\$0.00	\$1,819.99
474	4	\$7,500.92	\$0.00	\$5,625.69	\$5,625.69	\$0.00	\$5,625.69
475	2	\$5,617.68	\$203.56	\$5,414.12	\$5,617.68	\$0.00	\$5,617.68
476	3	\$4,207.11	\$1,935.26	\$2,271.85	\$4,207.11	\$0.00	\$4,207.11
477	1	\$2,753.60	\$458.54	\$2,295.06	\$2,753.60	\$0.00	\$2,753.60
478	18	\$16,731.36	\$2,268.04	\$14,463.32	\$16,731.36	\$0.00	\$16,731.36
479	1	\$2,280.75	\$0.00	\$2,280.75	\$2,280.75	\$0.00	\$2,280.75
SUBTOTAL	64	\$59,682.26	\$6,871.58	\$49,052.23	\$55,923.81	(\$468.76)	\$55,455.05
Kaiser - Oregon							
481	4	\$4,618.64	\$854.45	\$3,764.19	\$4,618.64	\$0.00	\$4,618.64
482	79	\$37,869.44	\$6,557.62	\$32,270.54	\$38,828.16	(\$948.12)	\$37,880.04
483	1	\$1,347.32	\$73.93	\$1,273.39	\$1,347.32	\$0.00	\$1,347.32
484	4	\$9,205.28	\$300.44	\$8,904.84	\$9,205.28	\$0.00	\$9,205.28
486	3	\$4,878.06	\$650.41	\$4,227.65	\$4,878.06	\$0.00	\$4,878.06
488	42	\$39,930.24	\$5,457.16	\$34,473.08	\$39,930.24	\$0.00	\$39,930.24
489	1	\$1,096.82	\$0.00	\$1,096.82	\$1,096.82	\$0.00	\$1,096.82
491	1	\$1,568.18	\$0.00	\$1,568.18	\$1,568.18	\$0.00	\$1,568.18
498	2	\$4,987.96	\$397.84	\$4,590.12	\$4,987.96	\$0.00	\$4,987.96
SUBTOTAL	137	\$105,501.94	\$14,291.85	\$92,168.81	\$106,460.66	(\$948.12)	\$105,512.54

Medical and Dental Vision Insurance Premiums April 2022

Carrier Codes	Member Count	Premium Amount	Member Amount	County Subsidy Amount	Total	Adjustments	Total Paid
SCAN Health Plan							
611	297	\$84,796.40	\$18,547.52	\$65,114.48	\$83,662.00	(\$1,134.40)	\$82,527.60
613	87	\$48,650.40	\$8,924.86	\$40,284.74	\$49,209.60	\$0.00	\$49,209.60
SUBTOTAL	384	\$133,446.80	\$27,472.38	\$105,399.22	\$132,871.60	(\$1,134.40)	\$131,737.20
UHC Medicare Adv.							
701	1,867	\$632,189.55	\$74,557.25	\$566,373.42	\$640,930.67	(\$1,688.95)	\$639,241.72
702	375	\$603,492.12	\$32,058.45	\$569,837.13	\$601,895.58	\$0.00	\$601,895.58
703	1,220	\$821,151.50	\$81,210.88	\$729,967.42	\$811,178.30	(\$664.90)	\$810,513.40
704	96	\$175,920.17	\$10,627.74	\$154,410.77	\$165,038.51	\$0.00	\$165,038.51
705	37	\$32,632.89	\$2,046.17	\$30,586.72	\$32,632.89	\$0.00	\$32,632.89
706	1	\$362.92	\$14.52	\$348.40	\$362.92	\$0.00	\$362.92
SUBTOTAL	3,596	\$2,265,749.15	\$200,515.01	\$2,051,523.86	\$2,252,038.87	(\$2,353.85)	\$2,249,685.02
United Healthcare							
707	486	\$627,704.55	\$54,948.70	\$565,949.20	\$620,897.90	\$0.00	\$620,897.90
708	456	\$1,069,724.04	\$52,479.64	\$1,007,944.53	\$1,060,424.17	\$0.00	\$1,060,424.17
709	359	\$988,290.00	\$58,210.86	\$946,550.64	\$1,004,761.50	\$0.00	\$1,004,761.50
SUBTOTAL	1,301	\$2,685,718.59	\$165,639.20	\$2,520,444.37	\$2,686,083.57	\$0.00	\$2,686,083.57

Medical and Dental Vision Insurance Premiums April 2022

Carrier Codes	Member Count	Premium Amount	Member Amount	County Subsidy Amount	Total	Adjustments	Total Paid
Local 1014 Firefighters							
801	71	\$87,616.13	\$3,504.63	\$82,877.47	\$86,382.10	\$0.00	\$86,382.10
802	320	\$712,009.60	\$21,404.74	\$685,264.79	\$706,669.53	\$6,675.09	\$713,344.62
803	317	\$832,010.88	\$23,779.25	\$809,281.48	\$833,060.73	\$2,624.64	\$835,685.37
804	178	\$219,657.34	\$5,256.94	\$221,804.58	\$227,061.52	\$0.00	\$227,061.52
805	197	\$438,330.91	\$10,012.61	\$430,543.33	\$440,555.94	\$0.00	\$440,555.94
806	661	\$1,470,744.83	\$36,223.36	\$1,416,721.23	\$1,452,944.59	(\$13,350.18)	\$1,439,594.41
807	47	\$123,358.08	\$629.92	\$122,728.16	\$123,358.08	\$0.00	\$123,358.08
808	17	\$44,618.88	\$209.97	\$44,408.91	\$44,618.88	\$0.00	\$44,618.88
809	24	\$29,616.72	\$3,702.08	\$39,439.87	\$43,141.95	\$0.00	\$43,141.95
810	13	\$28,925.39	\$3,871.54	\$25,053.85	\$28,925.39	\$0.00	\$28,925.39
811	1	\$2,624.64	\$0.00	\$2,624.64	\$2,624.64	\$0.00	\$2,624.64
812	254	\$313,443.62	\$22,928.14	\$294,217.57	\$317,145.71	\$0.00	\$317,145.71
813	2	\$4,450.06	\$0.00	\$4,450.06	\$4,450.06	\$0.00	\$4,450.06
SUBTOTAL	2,102	\$4,307,407.08	\$131,523.18	\$4,179,415.94	\$4,310,939.12	(\$4,050.45)	\$4,306,888.67
Kaiser - Washington							
393	6	\$7,454.04	\$596.32	\$6,857.72	\$7,454.04	\$0.00	\$7,454.04
394	13	\$5,664.10	\$1,089.25	\$4,574.85	\$5,664.10	\$0.00	\$5,664.10
395	3	\$6,939.00	\$53.82	\$6,885.18	\$6,939.00	\$0.00	\$6,939.00
396	1	\$3,867.64	\$1,160.58	\$2,707.06	\$3,867.64	\$0.00	\$3,867.64
397	3	\$6,025.44	(\$334.34)	\$4,210.46	\$3,876.12	\$0.00	\$3,876.12
398	6	\$5,180.40	\$1,001.54	\$4,178.86	\$5,180.40	\$0.00	\$5,180.40
SUBTOTAL	32	\$35,130.62	\$3,567.17	\$29,414.13	\$32,981.30	\$0.00	\$32,981.30
Medical Plan Total	53,474	\$52,494,529.55	\$3,606,850.70	\$48,835,264.09	\$52,442,114.79	(\$116,326.94)	\$52,325,787.85

Medical and Dental Vision Insurance Premiums April 2022

Carrier Codes	Member Count	Premium Amount	Member Amount	County Subsidy Amount	Total	Adjustments	Total Paid
Dental/Vision Plan							
CIGNA Indemnity Dental/Vision							
501	25,320	\$1,302,516.18	\$139,968.55	\$1,173,502.36	\$1,313,470.91	(\$6,793.12)	\$1,306,677.79
502	23,519	\$2,516,725.96	\$194,630.50	\$2,332,169.22	\$2,526,799.72	(\$3,794.33)	\$2,523,005.39
503	8	\$505.76	\$32.88	\$472.88	\$505.76	\$0.00	\$505.76
SUBTOTAL	48,847	\$3,819,747.90	\$334,631.93	\$3,506,144.46	\$3,840,776.39	(\$10,587.45)	\$3,830,188.94
CIGNA Dental HMO/Vision							
901	3,642	\$169,018.65	\$20,103.17	\$151,651.31	\$171,754.48	(\$788.43)	\$170,966.05
902	2,677	\$255,130.65	\$20,541.22	\$235,064.18	\$255,605.40	(\$94.95)	\$255,510.45
903	2	\$93.82	\$20.64	\$73.18	\$93.82	\$0.00	\$93.82
SUBTOTAL	6,321	\$424,243.12	\$40,665.03	\$386,788.67	\$427,453.70	(\$883.38)	\$426,570.32
Dental/Vision Plan Total	55,168	\$4,243,991.02	\$375,296.96	\$3,892,933.13	\$4,268,230.09	(\$11,470.83)	\$4,256,759.26
GRAND TOTALS	108,642	\$56,738,520.57	\$3,982,147.66	\$52,728,197.22	\$56,710,344.88	(\$127,797.77)	\$56,582,547.11

CARRIER DEDUCTION PREMIUMS*	CODES	DEDUCTION CODE DEFINITIONS
<u>Anthem Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Plan</u>		
\$630.26	201	Retiree Only
\$1,239.88	202	Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner
\$1,399.26	203	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children
\$810.01	204	Retiree and Children
\$172.06	205	Survivor Children Only Rates
<u>Anthem Blue Cross Plan I</u>		
\$904.25	211	Retiree Only
\$1,630.31	212	Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner
\$1,923.10	213	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children
\$1,196.44	214	Retiree and Children
\$299.58	215	Survivor Children Only Rates
<u>Anthem Blue Cross Plan II</u>		
\$904.25	221	Retiree Only
\$1,630.31	222	Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner
\$1,923.10	223	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children
\$1,196.44	224	Retiree and Children
\$299.58	225	Survivor Children Only Rates
<u>Anthem Blue Cross Plan III</u>		
\$365.20	240	Retiree Only with Medicare
\$1,167.61	241	Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner - One with Medicare (Non-Medicare has Anthem Blue Cross I)
\$1,167.61	242	Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner - One with Medicare (Non-Medicare has Anthem Blue Cross II)
\$726.87	243	Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner - Both with Medicare
\$653.93	244	Retiree and Children (Retiree has Medicare; Children have Anthem Blue Cross I)
\$653.93	245	Retiree and Children (Retiree has Medicare; Children have Anthem Blue Cross II)
\$1,456.25	246	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children - One with Medicare (Non-Medicare has Anthem Blue Cross I)
\$1,456.25	247	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children - One with Medicare (Non-Medicare has Anthem Blue Cross II)
\$1,015.45	248	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children - Two with Medicare (Children have Anthem Blue Cross I)
\$1,015.45	249	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children - Two with Medicare (Children have Anthem Blue Cross II)
\$1,138.02	250	Member, Spouse/Domestic Partner, Child (3 with Medicare)

*Benchmark premiums are bolded.

CARRIER DEDUCTION PREMIUMS*	CODES	DEDUCTION CODE DEFINITIONS
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CIGNA Network Model Plan

\$1,143.49	301	Retiree Only
\$2,064.71	302	Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner
\$2,438.35	303	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children
\$1,517.57	304	Retiree and Children
\$378.87	305	Survivor Children Only Rates

CIGNA Medicare Select Plus Rx (Available in the Phoenix, AZ area only)

\$328.00	321	Retiree Only with Medicare
\$1,249.22	322	Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner/Domestic Partner - One with Medicare
\$651.00	324	Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner -Both with Medicare
\$702.09	325	Retiree and Children
\$1,622.87	327	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children - One with Medicare
\$1,025.09	329	Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and Children - Two with Medicare

Kaiser

\$774.10	401	Retiree Only ("Basic")
N/A	402	Retiree Only ("Supplement")
\$235.64	403	Retiree Only ("Senior Advantage")
\$894.95	404	Retiree Only ("Excess I")
\$795.39	405	Retiree Only - ("Excess II")
\$1,408.39	406	Retiree Only ("Excess III")
\$1,543.20	411	Retiree and Family (All family members are "Basic")
N/A	412	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Supplement"; others are "Basic")
\$1,004.74	413	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; others are "Basic")
\$1,664.05	414	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Excess I"; others are "Basic")
N/A	415	Retiree and Family (Two or more family members are "Supplement")
N/A	416	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; others are "Supplement")
N/A	417	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Excess I"; others are "Supplement")
\$466.28	418	Retiree and Family (Two or more family members are "Senior Advantage")
\$1,125.59	419	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Excess I"; others are "Senior Advantage")
\$1,784.90	420	Retiree and Family (Two or more family members are "Excess I")
N/A	421	Survivor Children Only Rates
\$1,564.49	422	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Excess II"; others are "Basic")
\$2,177.49	423	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Excess III"; others are "Basic")

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CARRIER DEDUCTION PREMIUMS*	CODES	DEDUCTION CODE DEFINITIONS
<u>Kaiser (continued)</u>		
N/A	424	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Supplement"; others are "Excess II")
N/A	425	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Supplement"; others are "Excess III")
\$1,026.03	426	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; others are "Excess II")
\$1,639.03	427	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; others are "Excess III")
\$1,685.34	428	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Excess I"; others are "Excess II")
\$2,298.34	429	Retiree and Family One family member is "Excess I"; others are "Excess III")
\$1,585.78	430	Retiree and Family (Two or more family members are "Excess II")
\$2,198.78	431	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Excess II"; others are "Excess III")
\$2,811.78	432	Retiree and Family (Two or more family members are "Excess III")
<u>Kaiser Colorado</u>		
\$793.06	450	Retiree Only ("Basic" under age 65)
\$327.27	451	Retiree Only ("Senior Advantage")
\$1,754.57	453	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Basic")
\$2,369.25	454	Retiree and Family (Three or more family members are "Basic")
\$1,115.33	455	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one family member is "Basic")
\$649.55	457	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Senior Advantage")
\$1,857.56	458	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; two or more are "Basic")
\$1,437.60	459	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Senior Advantage"; one or more are "Basic")
<u>Kaiser Georgia</u>		
\$847.24	440	Retiree Only ("Basic" over age 65 with Medicare Part B only)
\$847.24	441	Retiree Only ("Basic over age 65 with Medicare Part A only)
\$847.24	442	Retiree Only ("Basic over age 65 without Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B)
\$361.11	443	Retiree Only ("Basic" over age 65 - Medicare eligible who is classified as having renal failure)
\$1,203.35	444	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one family member is "Basic" over age 65 with Medicare Part B only)
\$1,203.35	445	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one family member is "Basic" over age 65 with Medicare Part A only)
\$1,203.35	446	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one family member is "Basic" over age 65 without Medicare Part A and B)
\$847.24	461	Retiree Only ("Basic" under age 65)
\$361.11	462	Retiree Only ("Senior Advantage")

*Benchmark premiums are bolded.

CARRIER DEDUCTION PREMIUMS*	CODES	DEDUCTION CODE DEFINITIONS
<u>Kaiser Georgia (continued)</u>		
\$1,689.48	463	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Basic")
\$2,531.72	464	Retiree and Family (Three or more family members are "Basic")
\$1,203.35	465	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one is "Basic")
\$717.22	466	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Senior Advantage")
\$2,045.59	467	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; two or more are "Basic")
\$1,559.46	468	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Senior Advantage"; one is "Basic")
\$1,915.57	469	Retiree and Family (Three or more family members are "Senior Advantage"; one is "Basic")
\$2,045.59	470	Retiree and Family (Three or more family members are "Basic"; one is "Senior Advantage")
<u>Kaiser Hawaii</u>		
\$795.16	471	Retiree Only ("Basic" under age 65)
\$346.45	472	Retiree Only ("Senior Advantage")
\$1,381.42	473	Retiree Only (Over age 65 without Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B)
\$1,585.31	474	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Basic")
\$2,375.47	475	Retiree and Family (Three or more family members are "Basic")
\$1,136.61	476	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one is "Basic")
\$2,171.58	477	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Basic" under age 65; one is over age 65 without Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B)
\$687.90	478	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Senior Advantage")
\$1,722.87	479	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one is over age 65 without Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B)
<u>Kaiser Oregon</u>		
\$806.67	481	Retiree Only ("Basic" under age 65)
\$465.92	482	Retiree Only ("Senior Advantage")
\$1,205.27	483	Retiree Only (Over age 65 without Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B)
\$1,608.34	484	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Basic")
\$2,410.01	485	Retiree and Family (Three or more family members are "Basic")
\$1,267.59	486	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one is "Basic")
N/A	487	Retiree Only (Medicare Cost "Supplement" program)
\$926.84	488	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Senior Advantage")
\$1,110.84	489	Retiree Only (Over age 65 with Medicare Part A only)
\$1,205.27	490	Retiree Only (Over age 65 with Medicare Part B only)

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PREMIUMS*	CARRIER DEDUCTION CODES	DEDUCTION CODE DEFINITIONS
<u>Kaiser Oregon (continued)</u>		
\$1,571.76	491	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one is over age 65 with Medicare Par A only)
\$1,666.19	492	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; one is over age 65 without Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B)
\$2,069.26	493	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Senior Advantage"; two or more are "Basic")
\$1,728.51	494	Retiree and Family (Two family members are "Senior Advantage"; one is "Basic")
\$2,405.54	495	Retiree and Family (Two family members are over age 65 without Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B)
\$2,216.68	496	Retiree and Family (Two family members are over age 65 with Medicare Part A only)
\$2,216.68	497	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Basic"; one is over age 65 with Medicare Part A only)
\$2,006.94	498	Retiree and Family (One family member is "Basic"; one is over age 65 without Medicare Part A or Medicare Part B)

Kaiser Rate Category Definitions

"Basic" - includes those who are under age 65

Medicare Cost ("Supplement")

- Includes people who have both Part A and Part B of Medicare, who were enrolled in Kaiser's Medicare supplement ("M" coverage) before July 1, 1987, and who chose to stay in that Kaiser arrangement.
- It is not open to new enrollments.
- People who have left it cannot return to it.

"Senior Advantage"

- Includes participants who are age 65 or older and who have assigned both Medicare Part A and Part B to Kaiser.

"Excess I"

- Is for participants who have Medicare Part A only.

"Excess II"

- Is for participants in the Excess Plan who either have Medicare Part B only or are not eligible for Medicare.

"Excess III"

- Is for participants in the Excess Plan who either have Medicare Parts A and B and have not assigned their Medicare benefits to Kaiser or have not provided their Medicare status to LACERA. Premium is above the Anthem Blue Cross I and II Benchmark rate. and II Benchmark.

PREMIUMS*	CARRIER DEDUCTION CODES	DEDUCTION CODE DEFINITIONS
<u>SCAN Health Plan</u>		
\$304.00	611	Retiree Only with SCAN
\$603.00	613	Retiree and 1 Dependent - Both with SCAN (Retiree and 1 Dependent = Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner OR Retiree and 1 Child. Both Retiree and Dependent must have Medicare.)
<u>United Healthcare Medicare Advantage (UHCMA)</u>		
(For both members and dependents who are enrolled in UHCMA, or a family combination of UHCMA/UHC)		
\$293.62	701	Retiree Only with Secure Horizons
\$1,203.81	702	Retiree and 1 Dependent - One with Secure Horizons (Retiree and 1 Dependent = Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner OR Retiree and 1 Child)
\$582.24	703	Retiree and 1 Dependent - Both with Secure Horizons (Retiree and 1 Dependent = Retiree and Spouse/Domestic Partner OR Retiree and 1 Child)
\$1,360.59	704	Retiree and 2 or More Dependents - One with Secure Horizons (Retiree and 2 or More Dependents = Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and 1 or More Children OR Retiree and 2 or More Children)
\$739.02	705	Retiree and 2 or More Dependents - Two with Secure Horizons (Retiree and 2 or More Dependents = Retiree, Spouse/Domestic Partner and 1 or More Children OR Retiree and 2 or More Children)
\$261.24	706	Survivor Children Only Rates
<u>United Healthcare (UHC)</u>		
(For members and dependents under age 65 [no Medicare])		
\$915.18	707	Retiree Only
\$1,671.68	708	Retiree and 1 Dependent
\$1,982.16	709	Retiree and 2 Or More Dependents
<u>Local 1014 Firefighters</u>		
\$914.03	801	Member Under 65
\$1,648.06	802	Member + 1 Under 65
\$1,944.04	803	Member + 2 Under 65
\$914.03	804	Member with Medicare
\$1,648.06	805	Member + 1; 1 Medicare
\$1,648.06	806	Member + 1; 2 Medicare
\$1,944.04	807	Member + 2; 1 Medicare
\$1,944.04	808	Member + 2; 2 Medicare

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CARRIER DEDUCTION PREMIUMS*	CODES	DEDUCTION CODE DEFINITIONS
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Local 1014 Firefighters (continued)

\$914.03	809	Surviving Spouse Under 65
\$1,648.06	810	Surviving Spouse + 1; Under 65
\$1,944.04	811	Surviving Spouse + 2 Under 65
\$914.03	812	Surviving Spouse with Medicare
\$1,648.06	813	Surviving Spouse + 1; 1 Medicare
\$1,944.04	814	Spouse + 1; 1 Medicare
\$1,648.06	815	Surviving Spouse + 1; 2 Medicare

CIGNA Indemnity - Dental/Vision

\$46.55	501	Retiree Only
\$99.61	502	Retiree and Dependent(s)
\$57.81	503	Survivor Children Only Rates

CIGNA HMO - Dental/Vision

\$39.02	901	Retiree Only
\$81.07	902	Retiree and Dependent(s)
\$39.56	903	Survivor Children Only Rates



March 30, 2022

TO: Each Trustee
Board of Retirement

SUBJECT: Insurance, Benefits & Legislative Committee Meeting on April 6, 2022
Agenda Item V-.C. – LACERA Claims Experience

The LACERA Claims Experience Report is not presently available and may not be available before the meeting this month. If the report is ready before the meeting, it will be made available through Supplemental Documents and posted for public access. If the report is not ready, it will be provided at a future meeting.

March 29, 2021

TO: Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee
Les Robbins, Chair
Vivian H. Gray, Vice Chair
Shawn R. Kehoe
Wayne Moore
Herman Santos, Alternate

FROM: Barry W. Lew 
Legislative Affairs Officer

FOR: April 6, 2022 Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee Meeting

SUBJECT: **Federal Engagement: Visit with Congress**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Insurance, Benefits and Legislative Committee recommend that the Board of Retirement:

1. Approve a visit with Congress by Board trustees as designated by the Chair of the Board of Retirement and by staff as designated by the Chief Executive Officer during the week of May 23, 2022 in Washington, D.C.; and
2. Approve reimbursement of all travel costs incurred in accordance with LACERA's Trustee Travel Policy.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

The Board of Retirement's Policy on Engagement for Public Policy Issues Relating to Plan Administration and Retirement and Health Care Benefits provides for engagement to promote LACERA's presence and visibility with the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of state and federal governments.

DISCUSSION

The California Delegation consisting of 52 representatives and 2 senators is the largest in Congress. Board members and staff have engaged with members of Congress and their staff on previous visits to Washington, D.C. in May 2018, January 2019, May 2019, and January 2020. The visit is a continuing effort of engagement to foster relationships with members of Congress by increasing LACERA's presence and visibility among the members and providing education and information about LACERA's history, organization, and operations. It will be an opportunity to continue expanding outreach to other members of the California Delegation. The visit will also be an opportunity to continue engagement with Congress on the repeal of the Windfall Elimination Provision, the Government Pension Offset, and the direct payment requirement of healthcare premiums from the pension distributions of public safety officers.

The International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans (IFEBC) will be holding its annual Washington Legislative Update on May 23-24, 2022 in Washington, D.C. LACERA's federal legislative advocate, Tony Roda of Williams & Jensen, may be able to schedule Congressional meetings following the IFEBC Washington Legislative Update conference. The visit to Congress would ideally be available to those Board trustees and staff who are already in Washington, D.C., for the pre-approved IFEBC conference to visit with Congress afterwards; scheduling the visit immediately after the IFEBC conference is an efficient way to save on air travel costs that would otherwise be incurred if the visit were scheduled on a separate occasion.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR COMMITTEE recommend that the Board of Retirement:

1. Approve a visit with Congress by Board trustees as designated by the Chair of the Board of Retirement and by staff as designated by the Chief Executive Officer during the week of May 23, 2022 in Washington, D.C.; and
2. Approve reimbursement of all travel costs incurred in accordance with LACERA's Trustee Travel Policy.

Reviewed and Approved:



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