



## Sample health care costs

#### Amount needed to cover retiree health insurance<sup>1</sup> to age 90

	Retiree Only	Retiree & Spouse
Anita retires age 66	\$151,200	\$302,400
Sarah retires age 62	\$184,678	\$394,926

#### For illustrative purposes only

SOURCE: MSRS 2020

<sup>1</sup>Based on SEGIP health insurance cost of \$701/month retiree; \$2.061 retiree & spouse from age 62 to age 65 and \$355 SEGIP supplemental insurance and \$145 Medicare Part B / month for retiree & spouse from age 65 to age 90

#### What is the HCSP?

A tax-free savings account

- Tax-free contributions
- Tax-free potential growth
- ✓ Tax-free reimbursements
  - No Social Security, Medicare or income taxes

Reimburse **post-employment** health care expenses for employee, spouse, legal tax dependents, and children up to 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**NOTE**: Your Social Security benefit may be slightly reduced because no FICA tax is collected on contributions

#### **Tax-free matters**

Taxable Cash Payout			Tax-Free HCSP P	ayout
Severance payment Federal Income Tax State Income Tax	\$10,000 2,200 680		Severance payment Federal Income Tax State Income Tax	\$10,000 0
FICA Tax	765		FICA Tax	0
Net cash payment	\$6,355		Net cash payment	\$10,000

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*This hypothetical example assumes a 22% federal withholding rate + 6.80% state withholding rate + 7.65% FICA (Social Security and Medicare) tax rate. Individual tax rates will vary based on total taxable income and filing status for the year.* 

## **Eligibility for participation**



#### Participation MUST be...

- negotiated in union contract or
- included in personnel policy for non-union employees



#### Participation <u>CANNOT</u> be...

 individual choice—group participation must be specified in union contract or personnel policy

#### **Investment Default**



# **Money Market Fund**

- Seeks to maintain the value of a participant's original investment
- Seeks to earn interest that is competitive with short-term interest rates
- Plan expenses may exceed earned interest

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Lower Risk Potential Reward

## **Investment options**

T. Rowe Price Small Cap Stock Fund Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund Vanguard Dividend Growth Fund Vanguard Balanced Index Fund Dodge & Cox Income Fund Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund **Stable Value Fund** 

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# When can you request reimbursements?

- Upon termination of employment... at any age
- Once retired
- If collecting a disability benefit from a MN public pension plan

Returning to work? You may have limited or no access

## What is reimbursable

**Eligible medical/dental expenses, including:** 

- Insurance Premiums
  - Health, Medicare, Dental, Long-Term Care
- Dental costs
- Eye-care costs
- Co-payments & prescription drugs
- Over-the-counter drugs with prescription



For other eligible expenses, see IRS Publication 502

## What cannot be reimbursed

- Life insurance premiums
- Teeth bleaching
- Cosmetic surgery
- Finance charges on bills
- Fees for health club membership
- Funeral expenses
- Vitamins



### **Reimbursement requests**



- Paid directly to participant, not to insurer or provider
- Out-of-pocket expenses
  - Minimum payout \$75
  - Maximum limit: \$37,000 in 2022
  - Monthly insurance premiums
    - Medical, dental, long-term care, Medicare
    - Set up direct deposit to bank account

# **HCSP/HSA compatibility**

If a contribution is made to an HSA on your behalf in same year you are <u>eligible</u> to access your HCSP:

- Your HCSP account becomes "limited-use"
- May request reimbursements for dental & vision expenses only during the year.



Complete a *Reimbursement Suspension Election* form each calendar year that you or your employer contribute to an HSA

# What happens if you die?

Spouse or legal dependents<sup>1</sup>

Account balance transfers to HCSP account for spouse

OR, if no spouse

 Account balance transfers to HCSP account for dependent(s) Spouse or legal dependent reimbursements remain tax-free

<sup>1</sup>Legal dependent is someone you can claim on your federal tax return.

# What happens if you die?

If NO spouse or legal dependents<sup>1</sup>

- Account balance transfers to HCSP account for your designated beneficiaries
- Reimbursements taxed as ordinary income (MSRS will issue IRS Form 1099-MISC)

<sup>1</sup>Legal dependent is someone you can claim on your federal tax return.



## Receive an HCSP Welcome Packet

in approximately 4 weeks:

- after your first contribution is received
- after your termination date is entered or your employer remits severance payment

## **Take action**



Review your investments

The Money Market Fund is the investment default





#### Remember

post-employment account for health expenses only



#### Do not report

reimbursements from your account on your federal/state tax return since the HCSP is a tax-free plan





#### **Pre-retirement timetable**

PRIOR TO RETIREMENT	ACTION		
5 years	<ul> <li>Maximize contributions to your MNDCP account in your final working years</li> <li>Calculate your retirement budget</li> <li>Adjust your MNDCP &amp; HCSP investment allocation as appropriate</li> </ul>		
1 year	<ul> <li>Explore your retirement income &amp; expenses</li> <li>Prepare your retirement budget</li> </ul>		
6 - <b>12</b> months	Contact your pension plan provider to request an audited pension estimate		
3 months	Contact Social Security, if retiring at age 62+		
1 - 2 months	<ul> <li>Complete pension application File with pension plan</li> <li>Contact H.R. about insurance &amp; HCSP eligibility</li> </ul>		

#### **Post-retirement timetable**

AFTER RETIREMENT	ACTION	
Immediately	ENJOY ENJOY ENJOY ENJOY	
Up to 6 weeks	Receive pension authorization letter & first payment	
30 days after receipt of pension authorization letter	Your joint & survivor benefit option is irrevocable	
1st week of the next month	Receive monthly pension payment	
December	Receive notification of post-retirement increase	
January	Receive tax Form 1099-R for pension & MNDCP payments	



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- Provide you with fundamental information on your MSRS retirement plans
- Objectively highlight your investment options
- Outline other sources of information for your decisions

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