



Health Insurance Update

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IRTA Members,

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association would like to make our members aware that according to a recent article, Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO will be the sole insurer offered to Illinois retired state workers and retired teachers. This means that, in addition to removing United Healthcare, the State is also removing all HMO options from retired teachers. IRTA understands that in some areas, members will not be able to continue to see their current healthcare providers at the same cost.

The attached article makes it clear that this will be true in the Champaign area, but your area could be impacted as well. You may want to check with your healthcare providers about how the State's decision to contract Aetna as the sole provider could impact your benefit.

Open enrollment for retirees has been pushed back to November 1st from the typical October 1st start date. The new plan will go into effect for enrollees January 1, 2023. Communication regarding the change will begin within the next couple of weeks. To read the full article, please click [here](#).

Sincerely,
Jim Bachman
IRTA Executive Director

P.S. This only affects members who are on TRAIL, not TRIP. You should get a new enrollment form in the mail and online near the end of October. Watch for it.
