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2019 IRS Form 1099-R Update

The 2019 Form 1099-R's were mailed at the end of January and are viewable on your [PayInfo](#) account. If you have yet to receive your Form 1099-R please call our office at (617) 367-7770 for assistance.

Please note, although this is a handy item to have available for reference, the copy on PayInfo is not considered an official Form 1099-R and cannot be used to file your taxes. Therefore, be sure to hold on to the original hard copy that was mailed to you.

Additionally, due to the technical limitations of PayInfo, PayInfo can only display one Form 1099-R. PayInfo displays Form 1099-Rs for members who received a monthly benefit in 2019. It does not display refund Form 1099-Rs.

For more information about your Form 1099-R, please visit our Understanding your Form 1099-R webpage:

[Understanding your Form 1099-R](#)

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Did You Know?

Cellphone Text-to-9-1-1 Is Available in Massachusetts

On December 14, 2018, Text-to-9-1-1 was deployed across Massachusetts. When a citizen sends a text message to 9-1-1, it'll be routed to an emergency call center based on the location information provided by the cellphone carrier. **For this reason, it's very important that if you send a text message to 9-1-1 you should make every effort to text your location, such as the address or the name of the town.**

It's also important to note that messages sent to Text-to-9-1-1 may not go through because the service is not available in your location. Whenever possible, you should always make a voice call to 9-1-1 during an emergency. For more information, visit the [State 911 Department website](#) or, to view the [Text-to-9-1-1 FAQs](#), [click here](#).

Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative

The Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative is a network of leaders in the community, health and wellness, government, advocacy, research, business, education, and philanthropy who have come together to advance healthy aging.

GIC Open Enrollment

The GIC's (Group Insurance Commission) **Annual Open Enrollment** period begins on **Monday, April 6 to Friday, May 1, 2020**. MSRB staff will be at most GIC Benefit Health Fairs during the month of April to answer pension-related questions.

If you have questions about your GIC health and other insurance benefits or premiums, you must contact the GIC direct at 617-727-2310 and select option # 2 or visit their [website](#). Thank you.

IRS Federal Withholding Tables Updated for 2020

With the start of 2020, the Board has applied the new federal withholding tables released by the IRS. Please review your monthly withholding amounts to determine if they are appropriate for you.

If you would like to change your Federal tax withholding amount with the Board, please complete an [IRS W-4P Tax Form](#) and mail it to our Boston office.

Free File: Do Your Federal Taxes for Free

The IRS offers a free and reliable source for filing your federal income taxes called Free File.

You can get started with Free File by clicking the link below:

[Free File](#)

Did you receive this **Retiree eNews Bulletin** as a forwarded e-mail from a friend? If you are an MSERS retiree and

According to their website, mahealthyagingcollaborative.org, the Collaborative has identified a two-part model to promote healthy aging and the delivery of elder services in Massachusetts through evidence-based programs and other health promotion programs to support healthy communities.

Notably, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) and Department of Public Health (DPH) have been collaborating since the 1990s to promote and disseminate chronic disease self-management education and prevention programs and build sustainable program delivery systems.

For more information and resources on healthy aging, visit their website mahealthyagingcollaborative.org.

Starting October 1, 2020, You Will Need a REAL ID!

The clock is ticking! Beginning on October 1st, a new federal law goes into effect requiring a new type of identification – REAL ID – for anyone 18 years and older flying within the United States or entering a Federal building that requires identification.

According to AAA.com, after 10/1/20, a standard license will NOT be acceptable to pass through **domestic airport security checkpoints**. You will need a REAL ID or another acceptable form of identification, such as a valid passport, federal government PIV card or US military ID.

How do you know if your ID is compliant? Look for a GOLD STAR in the top right-hand corner of your ID. If you don't have it, you'll need to update your ID before 10/1/20.

You can update your ID at your local Registry of Motor Vehicles. Don't wait to

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Have you, or are you, planning to move? If so, be sure to notify the Board of your address change! Retirees who already have summer and winter addresses on file with the Board can call us to request the address update. Otherwise, you'll need to notify the Board in writing. You can download our Change of Address form [here](#)!

update your ID as long registry lines are expected for those who wait until September. Alternatively, you can visit your local AAA office as they offer limited registry services.

For more information online, visit the [Guide to Massachusetts Identification \(ID\) Requirements](#).

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