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Retiree eNews Bulletin

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GIC Annual Health Benefits Open Enrollment: April 3 - May 1, 2019 (*changes become effective on July 1, 2019*)

The GIC (Group Insurance Commission) open enrollment period gives you the opportunity to review your current health and dental benefit options and select a new health plan.

GIC Health Fairs

Retirees and survivors who are enrolling in GIC benefits for the first time, thinking about changing plans, or have other benefits questions can attend one of the GIC's health fairs to:

- Speak with health and other benefit plan representatives;
- Pick up detailed materials and provider directories;
- Ask GIC staff about your benefit options;
- Enroll in a GIC health plan (remember to bring [required documentation](#) with you); and
- Take advantage of complimentary health screenings.

Note: staff from the **MSRB** will also be on hand at most locations to answer any pension benefit related questions. Even if you don't have a question, please stop by our booth to say hello!

Did You Know?

The Retirement Board has recently received many inquiries and e-mails where members are adding their full Social Security Numbers to their message. We would like to you remind you that your Social Security Number is susceptible to being stolen when transferred over the Internet. It puts you at risk of identity theft and scams and is just as dangerous as putting your number on a postcard through the mail. The MSRB will never need your full Social Security Number through e-mail.

Instead, you can use your MSRB Member ID number, which can be found on most correspondence from the MSRB.

Please be careful in providing any of your personal information through e-mail. In today's technological climate, it is more important than ever to keep your identity protected online.

Treasurer Goldberg Partners With People's United Bank on Financial Literacy Workshops for Seniors

The series aims to protect senior citizens from financial fraud and scams.

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[Click here to download the 2019 GIC Health Fair schedule.](#)

For GIC related questions, please visit the [GIC website](#), or call them at (617) 727-2310. MSRB staff is not able to answer GIC related questions. Thank you!

Need a new REAL ID or driver's license? New documents required.



As of March 2018, to get or renew any driver's license, ID card, or learner's permit, customers need documentation showing their United States citizenship or lawful presence as required by federal and state law.

REAL ID is a Federal Security Standard for IDs that was created in 2005 as a result of increased federal security measures after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

After October 1, 2020, everyone will need a REAL ID or a passport to fly within the United States or enter federal buildings.

Visit mass.gov/ID for more information and a complete list of acceptable identification documents or [click here to watch the "What is REAL ID?" video](#).

Is there something you would like us to communicate in an upcoming **Retiree eNews Bulletin**? If so, let us know!

seniors. Educating older citizens about potential fraud and scams not only keeps this vulnerable population safe but empowers them to make wise fiscal decisions," said Treasurer Deb Goldberg.

These sessions will cover topics such as fraud and scam prevention, banking, credit, savings, financial recovery, and more. Since the workshops were first launched in 2017, the Office of Economic Empowerment has provided financial education training to over 300 participants in 12 communities.

The next Senior Financial Literacy Workshop is scheduled for April 17, 2019, at 1:30 PM at the Halifax Council on Aging located at 506 Plymouth Street, Halifax MA.

For questions, to register, or to schedule a workshop in your community please contact Christine Callahan at (617) 367-9333 ext. 613 or email ccallahan@tre.state.ma.us.

The Massachusetts State Retirement Board wishes everyone a happy Spring season!

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](#)!

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