MSRB Special Announcement

Medicare Coverage Through the Group Insurance Commission (GIC)

In our ***October Retiree eNews Bulletin***, we included information regarding the annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period, which runs from October 15 through December 7. We would like to clarify that this enrollment period is intended for individuals who obtain their Medicare coverage outside of employer-sponsored group health plans.

If you are a retired Massachusetts state employee or surviving spouse enrolled in Medicare coverage through the Group Insurance Commission (GIC), this is NOT your annual health insurance enrollment period.

The GIC conducts its own annual enrollment period, generally in the spring, and communicates directly with members regarding their GIC health insurance options.

Your GIC Medicare health plan includes comprehensive medical and prescription drug coverage. **If you enroll in a non-GIC Medicare health insurance plan outside of the GIC during Medicare Open Enrollment, you will lose your GIC health, behavioral health, and prescription drug benefits**.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.