

# Pension E-Alert



September 28, 2016

## IMPORTANT UPDATE LISTED UNDER 2017 PLAN CHANGES

### **Registration Now Open!**

## CTPF's Retiree Health Insurance: Seminars & Webinars

### **Open Enrollment Seminars**

CTPF will offer four seminars for Medicare-eligible members and non-Medicare eligible members. If you will become eligible for Medicare in 2017, or if only one family member is Medicare eligible, consider attending both sessions.

**Seminar registration opens today, September 28**, you can now register online at: [tinyurl.com/ctpf2016](http://tinyurl.com/ctpf2016) or by calling CTPF Member Services at 312.641.4464.

Tuesday, October 11th	Thursday, October 13th
<p><b>Harold Washington Library *</b> Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, Lower Level 400 South State Street   Chicago, Illinois</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00 a.m. - Medicare plans ^</li><li>• 1:00 p.m. - Non-Medicare plans</li></ul> <p><i>* Parking discounts offered at Interpark South Loop Garage, 318 S. Federal Street, Chicago 60604</i></p> <p><i>^ 9 a.m. session enter through the Plymouth Court entrance</i></p>	<p><b>Hilton Oak Lawn - Ballroom *</b> 9333 South Cicero Ave.   Oak Lawn, Illinois</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9:00 a.m. - Medicare plans</li><li>• 1:00 p.m. - Non-Medicare plans</li></ul> <p><i>* Free parking available</i></p>

### **Open Enrollment Webinars**

Members who prefer not to travel or are unable to attend the seminar dates can watch the webinar from their home computer. CTPF will offer webinars that include the same information as the seminars.

**Webinar registration opens today, September 28**, you can now register online for a: Non-Medicare Eligible Webinar- [tinyurl.com/ctpfweb1](http://tinyurl.com/ctpfweb1) or Medicare Eligible Webinar- [tinyurl.com/ctpfweb2](http://tinyurl.com/ctpfweb2) or by calling CTPF Member Services at 312.641.4464.

## Medicare Eligible Members Webinar

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 | 1:00 p.m.  
Register at: [tinyurl.com/ctpfweb2](http://tinyurl.com/ctpfweb2)

## Non-Medicare Eligible Members Webinar

Thursday, October 6, 2016 | 10:00 a.m.  
Register at: [tinyurl.com/ctpfweb1](http://tinyurl.com/ctpfweb1)

CTPF will send a confirmation email with additional parking and transit information after you register.

## 2017 Open Enrollment for CTPF Retirees

Choosing a health insurance plan for you and your eligible dependents is one of your most important decisions. The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund (CTPF) sponsors comprehensive health insurance plans designed to promote wellness and provide high-quality coverage at a reasonable cost. CTPF offers health insurance benefits to retirees, dependents, and survivors if the retiree's final teaching service was with the Chicago Public or Charter Schools.

**The Open Enrollment Period for the 2017 health insurance is October 1-31, 2016.**

During the open enrollment period retirees can:

- Enroll in a health insurance plan for the first time
- Add a dependent to a CTPF plan
- Change a health insurance plan or carrier

**Members currently enrolled in a CTPF health plan do not need to take any action to stay enrolled.**

[Changes made during Open Enrollment become effective January 1, 2017.](#)

### Open Enrollment Central

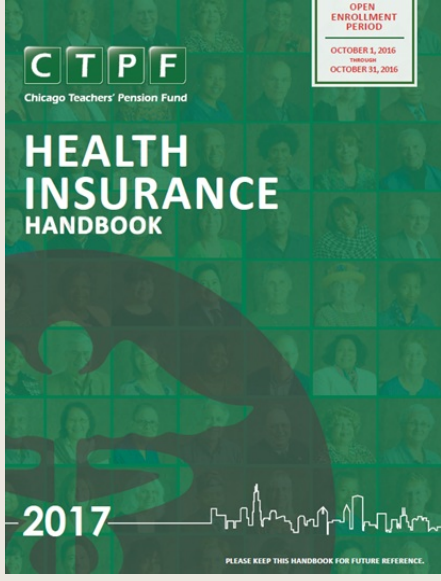
Visit the CTPF Open Enrollment Central page at [www.ctpf.org](http://www.ctpf.org), to view links to providers, prescription drug formularies, downloadable forms, and additional health insurance resources.

The screenshot shows the CTPF website header with the logo and navigation menu. The main content area features a 'CTPF Headlines' section with a highlighted link for '2017 Open Enrollment Central'. Below the headlines are several portrait photos of staff members. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 203 N LASALLE ST | SUITE 2600 | CHICAGO, IL 60601 | PH 312-641-4464 | FAX 312-641-7185.

## 2017 CTPF Health Insurance Handbook

Look out for your [2017 CTPF Health Insurance Handbook](#) in the mail. Retirees should have books in hand by October 1, 2016.

The Handbook includes a summary of 2017 plan changes, updates and plan costs for Medicare and Non-Medicare Plans, and an enrollment form. This guide is your primary reference material for 2017 Open Enrollment, so **PLEASE REVIEW** it carefully.



## Important Update: 2017 Plan Changes & Updates

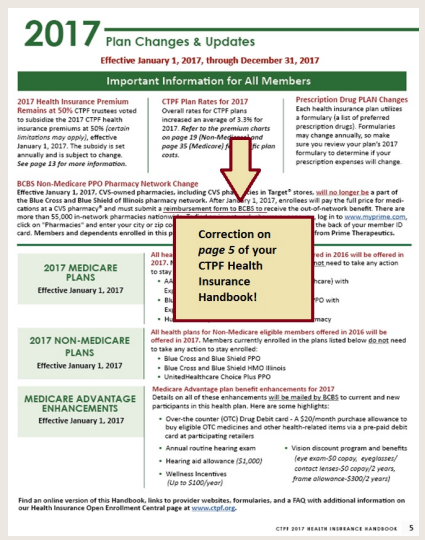
CTPF recently became aware of an error in the 2017 Health Insurance Handbook. **On page 5, under the heading "BCBS Non-Medicare PPO Pharmacy Network Change"**, we stated that after January 1, 2017 enrollees would pay the full price for a prescription filled at a CVS pharmacy and that they would need to send a reimbursement request to CVS to receive an out of network benefit. While all of this is correct, **this type of reimbursement would actually be sent to Blue Cross & Blue Shield (BCBS), not CVS.**

If you have active prescriptions with a CVS pharmacy and you will be enrolled in the BCBS non-Medicare PPO health plan in

2017, CTPF encourages you to have those prescriptions transferred to a pharmacy that is in the BCBS network to avoid having to manually submit a reimbursement request.

If you have any questions about this pharmacy network change, or getting reimbursed for out of network claims, please call BCBS pharmacy customer service at 800-423-1973. You may also go to [www.myprime.com](http://www.myprime.com) to search for a pharmacy that is in network.

[Click here](#) for the updated summary of changes for Medicare and Non-Medicare plans that become effective in 2017.



# HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD OCTOBER 1-31, 2016

## Important Open Enrollment Dates

<b>September 28</b>	Webinar and Seminar registration opens - 8:00 a.m.
<b>October 1</b>	2017 Open Enrollment Period Begins
<b>October 4</b>	Medicare Eligible Members Webinar - 1:00 p.m.
<b>October 6</b>	Non Medicare Eligible Members Webinar - 10:00 a.m.
<b>October 11</b>	Open Enrollment Seminar - Harold Washington Library
<b>October 13</b>	Open Enrollment Seminar - Hilton Oak Lawn
<b>October 31</b>	CTPF Health Insurance Open Enrollment closes. All forms must be postmarked by this date and mailed to CTPF Members Services office.

**HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**  
*If you know a retiree who may not be receiving this information, please forward!*

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