



State of Tennessee Group Insurance Program

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Dear Retiree:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the 2016 monthly premium for the Medicare Supplement coverage you have as a retired state employee, retired public school teacher, retired local education support staff or retired local government employee. The total base premium for this coverage before any applicable state support is applied will be \$138.47 per month. This represents a \$1.79 per month increase to plan participants. Refer to the premium table below to see how much you pay after the state support is applied.

The state's service-based contribution for retired teachers and state employees will remain at the same levels: \$50 for 30 or more years of service; \$37.50 for 20-29 years of service; and \$25 for 15-19 years of service. Local education support staff and local government retirees are entitled to employer-supported rates only if the chief governing body has passed a resolution which authorized such support.

Your premium will continue to be deducted from your TCRS retirement benefit one month in advance. For example, the January 2016 premium will be deducted from your December 31, 2015, TCRS retirement benefit. If you are billed directly, you will continue to receive a bill one month in advance. For example, the December bill will be for January coverage. For those participants paying by automatic bank draft (ACH), premiums will continue to be deducted from your account on the 15th of the current month of coverage. The premiums listed are per covered individual amounts.

The POMCO group will continue to administer this coverage during 2016. To contact the customer service office for POMCO for information regarding benefits or the status of claims payments, you may call toll-free at 888.477.9307. Information is also available online at thetennesseeplan.com.

PREMIUMS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2016		
Base monthly premium	\$ 138.47	
	STATE SUPPORT	YOU PAY
30+ years of service	\$ 50.00	\$ 88.47
20-29 years of service	\$ 37.50	\$100.97
15-19 years of service	\$ 25.00	\$113.47
less than 15 years of service	\$ 0.00	\$138.47
dependents (spouse)	\$ 0.00	\$138.47
local education support staff	\$ 0.00	\$138.47
local government	\$ 0.00	\$138.47

If you have questions about your monthly premium you may call the Benefits Administration service center at 800.253.9981 and select option 2.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you currently have a Medicare Advantage Plan or if you join a Medicare Advantage Plan while you are enrolled in the Tennessee Plan, your Tennessee Plan policy will not coordinate benefits. You should contact POMCO and provide them with information about any other coverage you have. They can assist you in determining how it will affect payment by the Tennessee Plan.