

County Employees' and Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County Forest Preserve District Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Cook County

# STEPS TO CHANGE HEALTH COVERAGE STATUS AT MEDICARE AGE



# AGE 65 | THE AGE OF MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY

- The Fund sends a letter 90 days before your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday outlining steps you need to take
  - Sign up for Medicare Parts A and B as soon as possible (three months before your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday)
  - Do not sign up for Part D
  - Send the Fund proof of your Medicare enrollment (Medicare ID card or letter from SSA)
- If you did not pay into Medicare and do not qualify under a spouse or other job, send the Fund verification from the SSA



### AGE 65 | CCPF COVERAGE COORDINATES WITH MEDICARE

- Medicare coverage through the Fund's health plan begins on the first day of the month you turn 65:
  - If you submit Medicare verification 45 days prior
  - If your birthday is on the first of the month, your Medicare coverage begins on the first of the month prior
- CCPF monthly premium changes with Medicare enrollment
- Premiums remain the same for non-Medicare spouses and children
- You and covered dependents stay in the same UnitedHealthcare plan
- Option to change plans at open enrollment in November



# AGE 65 | CCPF COVERAGE COORDINATES WITH MEDICARE

- If you take no action to change your enrollment status at 65 you will:
  - Pay the non-Medicare monthly rate for your CCPF health coverage
  - Pay Medicare's portion (80%) of any medical claims

#### PAY YOUR MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS

- Statements mailed to your home every three months
- Pay your Part B premium directly to Medicare
- Medicare will cancel your Part B enrollment if you don't pay premiums on time
- You will be responsible for paying Medicare's portion of your health claims

Keep your address up-to-date with Fund and SSA