

## SEBC Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee Meeting Presentation

Great job Bob Clarkin, Mary Graham, Steve LePage and Karen Peterson!

1. If you missed the great presentation yesterday to the SEBC - Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee Meeting put together by Bob Clarkin, Mary Graham, Steve Lepage and Karen Peterson, you will be able to see it soon on the RISE Delaware website. When it is posted, we will let you know. These folks put in hundreds of hours of research over the past several months to pull together a cogent presentation about the many aspects of healthcare use and funding of State of Delaware sponsored employee/retiree programs. Thank you, Bob, Mary, Steve, and Karen!

Link to their presentation on the website:

[http://www.risede.com/Updates/RHB\\_PPT\\_3-22-23.pdf](http://www.risede.com/Updates/RHB_PPT_3-22-23.pdf)

2. Plan to attend the next SEBC - Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee Meeting on Monday, March 27 from 10:00 am to noon. You can attend in person or virtually. Please check the Delaware Public Meeting Calendar for details such as agenda and electronic platform link.

I would recommend using the link from the meeting page in the Public Meeting Calendar and not the agenda link. I have had the agenda links fail twice. Evidently the State of Delaware is not immune to the same problem that we have using this bulk email system--copying and pasting links from one type of program to another causes failures in the links.

3. Message from Mary Graham, RISE Volunteer Legal Liaison:

Hi All RISE Supporters,

Great news! Secretary Claire DeMatteis at yesterday's meeting of the new RHBAS committee announced that the State has decided to extend the Medicfill contract through June 2024 (subject to SEBC approval in April). She gave as a reason that their appeal of RISE's Superior Court victory won't be decided in time for them to implement Medicare Advantage in January.

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The Secretary did not say what she thought they would or could do in the second half of 2024. But given the rules imposed by Medicare, it is hard to imagine they could actually put in place Medicare Advantage in the second half of 2024. And it is hard to see why Governor Carney would want to be embroiled in doing this on his way out next year. But then, it is hard to see why he has continued to push MA at all even when, as our presentation of today showed, there has been no good financial reason to do so.

I am sure we will learn more soon. In the meantime, go celebrate! And then keep up the work pressuring the committees and your legislators. We still very much need to do that.

Mary

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