

RISE Delaware Update for September 28th

SEBC October 2nd Meeting: Red Alert Urgent!

Dear RISE Delaware Folks—

It is crunch time! Game Day! Red alert! The upcoming October 2 SEBC meeting is very important for a couple of reasons and we need to be there in person if possible! Here is why you don't want to miss being in Dover in person for this meeting!

1. The RHBAS recommendations will be presented at this meeting. RHBAS members will be present and we want to support these folks who have listened, heard our concerns, supported us. Be there.
2. The SEBC members will be deciding on a Request For Proposal (RFP) for bids from contractors for our Medicare retiree healthcare benefit. So, whatever is in this proposal and approved by the SEBC on Monday will be the basis for the two-year contract (not three as recommended by the RHBAS) starting 1/1/25. No, we have not seen the draft RFP. While it might be to administer a plan replicating our current Medicfill plan, we are far from certain about that. The Administration should not again be allowed to slip in Medicare Advantage. We need to hold the SEBC's feet to the fire and make them publicly commit to seeking bids only for a plan identical to Medicfill.

Based on the underhanded conduct that we have continued to see from Carney administration officials in the recent SEBC and RHBAS meetings, you can bet there will be more to come at the meeting on Monday.

The agenda is below with the time and location. If you can't come in person, sign via the Zoom link. We need to pack this meeting both physically and virtually.

Also, the email address list of the SEBC members is below. It's time to send messages of support to the for the work of the RHBAS and to, once again, tell them why we don't want Medicare Disadvantage. That "special" State of Delaware Medicare Advantage plan that Claire, Rick and Cerron keep touting isn't so special as we well know.

Hope to see you in Dover on Monday, October 2! If they run out of chairs in the room where the meeting is held (about 75 chairs for the audience), I recommend packing a camp chair and setting it up in the lobby. RISE Delaware needs to show up *en masse* to make the point that retirees need the benefits that they worked for and were promised.

Please go to the Delaware Public Meeting Calendar (which has a link below in our signature box), find the meeting date and click on the agenda for active links to sign into the meeting.

**State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC)
Monday October 02, 2023
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Location: Delaware Dept. of Insurance
1351 West North Street, Suite 101
Dover DE 19904
Sussex Conference Room**

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The State Employee Benefits Committee meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually. Members of the public may participate in person or virtually/by phone using the information provided. Meeting materials will be posted in advance on the Public Meeting Calendar and the SEBC webpage.

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1. Call to Order
2. Director's Report/Subcommittee Updates
3. Review RHBAS Findings and Recommendations
4. Review Final Draft Medicare Request for Proposals
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment – information on making public comment is posted online
7. Adjournment

Visit the SEBC website at dhr.delaware.gov/benefits/sebc for further details. Meeting materials are posted after each meeting.

*Agenda items may require action and approval by the Committee.

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