



The Statewide Schools Program allows retirees under age 65 to keep the same benefits they had before they retired. Retirees over age 65 must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B to enroll in the Statewide Schools Over-65 Retiree Program. Blue Cross of Idaho also offers a wide choice of Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans with Part D creditable prescription coverage to help retirees meet their benefit and budget needs.

How You Can Help Your Retirees

New retirees over age 65 can enroll in the Statewide Schools Over-65 Retiree Program, a Medicare Supplement plan or Medicare Advantage plan within 60 days of retirement. Changes to plans can occur each year during open enrollment, October 15 to December 7. Using this guide, school district health plan administrators can help all retirees with enrollment procedures and the annual renewal process.

If a New Retiree is Enrolling: Over 65 Application Process

The retiree must first complete the required retirement documentation with their school.

- Ensure Medicare Parts A and B are in place prior to retirement and cancellation of active employee or under 65 retiree benefits
- Call Blue Cross of Idaho at 888-492-2583 or 208-286-3671 to speak with a representative who can assist with the entire process

- Ensure the applicable forms are completed and returned:
 - Statewide School Retiree Application (Form 4-150)
 - If deferring the use of PERSI funds due to other group-sponsored insurance coverage, the retiree completes the form and signs the deferment section (Form 4-150)
 - Complete a Medicare Supplement Application or Medicare Advantage Election Form, as appropriate
 - The Retiree PERSI Authorization Form (Form 4-161) allows for direct billing to the retiree's PERSI account

**Please note different forms may have different Blue Cross return addresses*

For retirees enrolled in the Statewide Schools Over-65 Retiree Program:

The Statewide Schools Over-65 Retiree Program offers one medical-only plan and one medical/prescription plan for 2021. The retiree may use the Blue Cross of Idaho Change Form to move from the medical-only option to the medical/prescription option or vice versa.