



# PERS HEALTH INSURANCE SPECIAL OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE FOLLOWING GROUPS:

- ◆ City Council/Elected Officials
- ◆ Municipal Employees (TME-AFSCME)
- ◆ Library Employees Association (TLEA)
- ◆ Certain Full Time Salaried and Hourly Employees (non-represented)
- ◆ City Employees Association (TCEA)
- ◆ Executive and Management Employees
- ◆ Police and Fire Trainees
- ◆ Professional Parks & Recreation Employees Organizations (TPPREO)

## NOW through October 31, 2005

On September 27, 2005, the Torrance City Council approved the return of employees into the CalPERS health insurance program. Therefore, all employees in the above mentioned groups must make an election for health insurance coverage during the special open enrollment to be effective January 1, 2006. If you are currently on a waiver for health insurance, you must update your waiver during this open enrollment period. **Enrollment packages are being sent to your department for distribution.**

For Los Angeles Area Region  
(Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Ventura)

Effective January 1, 2006

CARRIER	1-PARTY	2-PARTY	FAMILY
Blue Shield-HMO	\$312.98	\$625.96	\$813.75
Kaiser	\$306.54	\$613.08	\$797.00
PERSCare	\$633.27	\$1,266.54	\$1,646.50
PERSCchoice	\$376.55	\$753.10	\$979.03

For Other Southern California Region  
(Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Riverside,  
Orange, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare)

Effective January 1, 2006

CARRIER	1-PARTY	2-PARTY	FAMILY
Blue Shield-HMO	\$357.67	\$715.34	\$929.94
Kaiser	\$320.55	\$641.10	\$833.43
PERSCare	\$646.74	\$1,293.48	\$1,681.52
PERSCchoice	\$384.56	\$769.12	\$999.86

The City contribution of the health insurance supplement is up to \$695 per month for non-safety employees.

For on-line information about doctors and health plan benefits use the following Web Sites:

Kaiser Permanente	<a href="http://www.kaiserpermanente.org">www.kaiserpermanente.org</a>
Blue Shield Access+ HMO	<a href="http://www.blueshieldca.com">www.blueshieldca.com</a> or <a href="http://www.mylifepath.com/calpers">www.mylifepath.com/calpers</a>
PERS Care & PERS Choice	<a href="http://www.calpers.ca.gov">www.calpers.ca.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.bluecrossca.com">www.bluecrossca.com</a>

### CalPERS Health Plan Chooser

Do you know about the Web-based decision-making tool, CalPERS Health Plan Chooser, developed to assist you in finding the health plan that best meets their needs? During Open Enrollment, and year-round, the Chooser will allow members to rank health plans by cost, doctors, member satisfaction, and covered services.

To help you choose a health plan that best meets your needs, utilize the Health Plan Chooser at CalPERS On-Line. The Chooser will allow you to:

- Rank health plans for cost, doctor availability and hospital affiliation, member satisfaction, and covered services
- View reports showing doctors' addresses and their specialty certification
- Learn about covered services such as chiropractic and acupuncture, hospital care, drugs, home health, and mental health.

You will find the Health Plan Chooser at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov) in the "For Members" area under "Shortcuts."

**To avoid loss of coverage on January 1, 2006, be sure to submit your enrollment packages by October 31, 2005. If you have a special situation and need to schedule an appointment, please call Kathy Carbajal at 618-2956 or Mary Dorner at 618-2962.**

**If you have any questions about this communication, please contact Human Resources at 618-2960.**

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