



## HEALTH BENEFITS FOR RETIRING JUDGES

### Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. When will my benefit coverage as an active Judge end?** Health insurance coverage for an active Judge will end on the last day of the month in which the Judge retires.
- 2. When will my retiree benefit coverage begin?** Retiree coverage will begin effective the first day of the month after retirement.
- 3. My first retirement check did not have a deduction for benefits. What should I do?** Contact the Department of Budget & Management, Employee Benefits Division customer service line at (410) 767-4775
- 4. Will I have a gap in coverage between my active status and retiree status?** Generally, if the retirement and benefit paperwork is submitted in a timely manner, a gap will not occur. However, the Department of Budget and Management cannot set up a benefit account until the State Retirement Agency has created the retirement account.
- 5. What should I do if I receive a bill for my benefits?** Contact the Department of Budget & Management, Employee Benefits Division customer service line at (410) 767-4775
- 6. How long will it take to receive my insurance cards once I retire?** Generally, the Department of Budget and Management sends a file to the plans the Wednesday after your benefit account is set up in their system. Once the plan has established your account, it can take an additional 7-10 business days before insurance cards are mailed to your home. This can vary based on when your retirement and benefits paperwork was submitted for processing.
- 7. Will my insurance be effective to schedule medical appointments and fill prescriptions immediately after I retire?** Your benefits should be effective the first day of retirement, however, it is recommended that you make medical appointments and fill all prescriptions prior to your retirement.