

Health Care Savings Plan

# Sample health care costs

Amount needed to cover retiree health insurance<sup>1</sup> to age 90

	Retiree only	Retiree & Spouse
Anita retires age 66	\$155,520	\$311,040
Sarah retires age 62	\$190,548	\$407,952

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SOURCE: MSRS 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Based on SEGIP health insurance cost of \$793/month retiree; \$2,332/month retiree & spouse from age 62 to age 65. \$365/month SEGIP supplemental insurance and \$175/month Medicare Part B for retiree & spouse from age 65 to age 90.

## What is the HCSP?

## A tax-free savings account

- √ Tax-free contributions
- √ Tax-free potential growth
- √ Tax-free reimbursements
- ✓ No Social Security, Medicare or income taxes

Reimburse **post-employment** health care expenses for employee, spouse, legal tax dependents, and children up to 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **Tax-free matters**

### **Taxable Cash Payout**

Severance payment	\$10,000
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Federal Income Tax 2,200

State Income Tax 680

FICA Tax 765

Net cash payment \$6,355

## **Tax-Free HCSP Payout**

Severance payment	\$10,000
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Federal Income Tax 0

State Income Tax 0

FICA Tax 0

Net cash payment \$10,000

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This hypothetical example assumes a 22% federal withholding rate + 6.80% state withholding rate + 7.65% FICA (Social Security and Medicare) tax rate. Individual tax rates will vary based on total taxable income and filing status for the year.

# **Eligibility for participation**



## Participation MUST be...

- negotiated in union contract or
- included in personnel policy for non-union employees



## Participation **CANNOT** be...

• individual choice—group participation must be specified in union contract or personnel policy

# State employee participation

Union	Paycheck contribution	Severance	Vacation
AFSCME		٧	V
MAPE	1%	٧	V
MMA*	1.5%	٧	V
Managerial** & Commissioners	1%	V	<b>\</b> **

For participation specifics, refer to your union contract at:

https://mn.gov/mmb/employee-relations/labor-relations/labor/

<sup>\*</sup>Effective 7/1/2024

## **Investment Default**



# **Money Market Account**

- Seeks to maintain the value of a participant's original investment
- Seeks to earn interest that is competitive with short-term interest rates
- Plan expenses may exceed earned interest

You could lose money by investing in a money market account. Although the account seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. An investment in the account is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The account's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the account, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the account at any time.

# Higher Risk Potential Reward



Lower Risk
Potential Reward

## **Investment options**

T. Rowe Price Small Cap Stock Fund

**Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund** 

**Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund** 

Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund
Vanguard Dividend Growth Fund

**Vanguard Balanced Index Fund** 

Core Bond Account
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund

**Stable Value Account** 

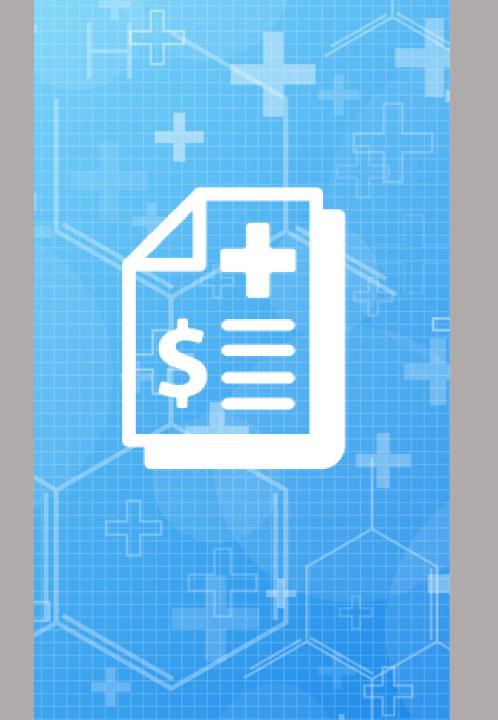
**FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY** The chart reflects the expected relative risk/return potential over the long-term. Past performance is not a quarantee of future results.

#### **Investment Disclosure**

Please consider the investment objectives, fees and expenses carefully before investing. The prospectus and/or disclosure documents contain this and other important information about the investments offered through your plan. To obtain a prospectus or disclosure document, or to learn more about the investment options, visit <a href="www.mnretire.gov">www.mnretire.gov</a> or call 800-657-5757. Read such materials carefully before investing.

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Foreign investments involve special risks, including currency fluctuation, taxation differences and political developments. Equity securities of small and mid-sized companies may be more volatile than securities of larger, more established companies. Asset allocation and balanced investment options and models are subject to the risks of the underlying funds, which can be a mix of stocks/stock funds and bond/bond funds. A bond fund's yield, share price and total return change daily and are based on changes in interest rates, market conditions, economic and political news, and the quality and maturity of its investments. In general, bond prices fall when interest rates rise and vice versa.



# When can you request reimbursements?

- Upon termination of employment...
   at any age
- Once retired
- If collecting a disability benefit from a MN public pension plan

Returning to work?
You may have limited or no access

## What is reimbursable

## Eligible medical/dental expenses, including:

- Insurance Premiums
  - Health, Medicare, Dental, Long-Term Care
- Dental costs
- Eye-care costs
- Co-payments & prescription drugs
- Over-the-counter drugs with prescription



# What <u>cannot</u> be reimbursed

- Life insurance premiums
- Teeth bleaching
- Cosmetic surgery
- Finance charges on bills
- Fees for health club membership
- Funeral expenses
- Vitamins



## Reimbursement requests



- Paid directly to participant, not to insurer or provider
- Out-of-pocket expenses
  - Minimum payout \$75
  - Maximum limit: \$43,000 in 2025
- Monthly insurance premiums
  - Medical, dental, long-term care, Medicare
  - Set up direct deposit to bank account

# **HCSP/HSA** compatibility

If a contribution is made to an HSA on your behalf in same year you are <u>eligible</u> to access your HCSP:

- Your HCSP account becomes "limited-use"
- May request reimbursements for dental & vision expenses only during the year.



Complete a Reimbursement Suspension Election form each calendar year that you or your employer contribute to an HSA

# **About beneficiary designations**

## What if something happens to you?

## Spouse or legal dependents<sup>1</sup>

Account balance automatically transfers to HCSP account for spouse

#### OR, if no spouse

Account balance automatically transfers to HCSP account for dependent(s)

Reimbursements remain tax-free

## If NO spouse or legal dependents<sup>1</sup>

- Account balance transfers to HCSP account for your <u>designated</u> beneficiaries
- Reimbursements taxed as ordinary income

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Legal dependent is someone you can claim on your federal tax return



# Receive an HCSP Welcome Packet

in approximately 4 weeks:

- after your first contribution is received
- after your termination date is entered or your employer remits severance payment



#### **Review**

your investments

The Money Market Account is the investment default



## **Take Action**



### Remember

post-employment account for health expenses only



## Do not report

reimbursements from your account on your federal/state tax return since the HCSP is a tax-free plan