

Pension verification initiative to continue in 2018

One of the greatest responsibilities of the Pension Plan office is to ensure that the retirees and beneficiaries of the New York State Nurses Association Pension Plan are receiving their monthly pension benefits. The most efficient way for us to confirm this is to obtain and verify your signature.

Beginning in 2017, we asked each pension retiree or beneficiary to sign a pension verification form and return the form to us. The purpose of this form was for the Plan to verify that our pension retirees were still receiving their pensions and that they hadn't passed away or become incompetent without notice to us. This process also enabled us to locate retirees/beneficiaries who had moved and weren't getting important Pension Plan communications. The Trustees of the NYSNA Pension Plan have since decided to continue the pension verification efforts on an annual basis.

Starting in January 2018, and continuing every year, at least half of the retirees/beneficiaries will receive a pension verification form. The remaining retirees/beneficiaries will receive the pension verification form beginning in 2019.

Once again, you'll be asked to sign the form and return it in the postage paid envelope provided with the letter. Forms may be e-mailed, faxed, or mailed back to us. Please note that if you don't respond to the pension verification request, your monthly Pension Plan benefit could be temporarily suspended.

If you haven't done so already, please make sure to contact the Plan office at (877) RN BENEFITS [762-3633] and update our file with your current address, telephone number, e-mail address, beneficiary contact information, and/or emergency contact person (if applicable). We'll need your correct address so we can mail your retirement tax form (1099R) at the beginning of the year and it's helpful to have updated information in the event you're hospitalized, incapacitated, out of the country, or otherwise unreachable. It's also helpful to notify the Pension Plan if you will be on vacation or out of the country for an extended period of time. Also, we suggest you discuss with your family or legal representatives what actions to take if you die or become incapacitated, including notifying the Plan. Please contact the Plan office with any questions.

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