

Benefits Bulletin

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To: All USGS Employees

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Planning for the Future – Benefits & Retirement Live Presentations and Webinars

The purpose of this bulletin is to convey information about some of the Benefits and Retirement webinars and live presentations available this year. The USGS Benefits team will conduct live presentations of Planning for the Future. They will host a FEHB and Medicare presentation which will also be available by video stream.

FEHB & Medicare

The Benefits Team will host representatives from Blue Cross and Blue Shield, GEHA, Kaiser, Aetna, Medicare, and the Social Security Administration to answer questions regarding FEHB and Medicare. This may be [viewed by video-stream](#) for those not located in Menlo Park. Please gather where possible to share computers. It will be archived for later use. Please email Jessica Hatch to register jhatch@usgs.gov.

When and Where: Thursday, April 7th, 10:00am to 11:30am Pacific Daylight Time in Menlo Park, Building 3, Rambo media.wr.usgs.gov/live/int.html Technical help during the live webcast phone number is 650-329-4735.

Employees watching via streaming may send questions by email to mbollier@usgs.gov.

Additional Resources: <http://www.usgs.gov/humancapital/pb/fehb.html#medicare>

Planning for the Future

We encourage employees to attend every five years to understand your retirement system; the importance of early contributions to the TSP; and impact insurance decisions may have into retirement. Topics include:

- Eligibility and types of retirement
- Annuity Calculation
- Temporary Civilian, Peace Corps and Military Service impact on Retirement
- Social Security Basics
- Health, Life, Dental, Vision Insurances in retirement
- Thrift Savings Plan
- Survivor Benefits

Menlo Park – Live in Building 15, Rambo Room and [Video-streamed](#) for those outside of Menlo Park

- CSRS: Planning for the Future March 29 9am – 1pm Pacific Daylight Time
- FERS: Planning for the Future March 31 9am – 1pm Pacific Daylight time

Reston - Live in BA 102a, b, and c Conference Room

- CSRS: Planning for the Future April 11 9am – 1pm Eastern Daylight Time
- FERS: Planning for the Future April 12 9am – 1pm Eastern Daylight time

Denver – Live at the DFC, Building 25, Lecture Hall

- CSRS: Planning for the Future July 27 9am – 1pm Mountain Daylight Time
- FERS: Planning for the Future July 28 9am – 1pm Mountain Daylight Time

Registration for the live presentations is required. Please contact Jessica Hatch, jhatch@usgs.gov or 303-236-9565 to register. You will need to bring the following with you: [Social Security Benefits Statement](#), [TSP Statement](#), Federal Employees Benefits Statement (when made available on Employee Express), and your [Earnings and Leave Statement](#). You may also download and print out the [CSRS or FERS Handout](#).

The USGS Benefits Team provides [CSRS and FERS: Planning for the Future](#) webinars quarterly. No registration is required for the webinars.

Additional Sources of Benefits Information

The [USGS website on Pay and Benefits](#) provides multiples links and resources to all benefits, including all prior Benefits Bulletins. [This information is available on the internet](#) so you may share with your family or view from home with ease. Contact your [Benefits Specialist](#) if you have questions.