

Can I retain my Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance after I retire?

Between ages 55 and 65, retired members who were part of the Employee Health Alliance (EHA) BC/BS group at retirement can retain BC/BS coverage by becoming a Special Services member of NSEA upon retirement. Unified members in NEA-Retired, NSEA-Retired, and OEA-Retired receive a discount on their annual Specific Services fee.. EHA BC/BS coverage is not available without NSEA Special Services membership.

Are OEA-Retired and NSEA-Retired affiliated with the NEA Retired Program?

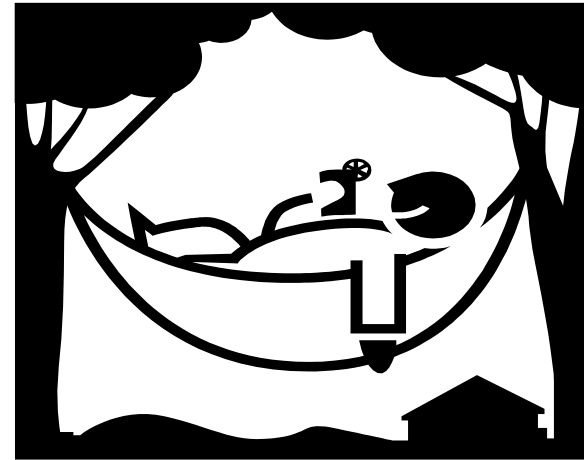
- Yes, OEA-R, NSEA-R, and NEA-R membership is unified and available to any retired member of OEA who was an active member of OEA at the time of retirement.
- The new OEA-R member pays local dues of \$10.00 annually or \$100 life-time upon joining the Association program.
- Membership in NSEA-R and NEA-R is also required. Dues for NSEA-R are \$15.00 annually or \$150 life-time dues. NEA-R Annual Dues are \$15 or \$100 for life-time dues.

NSEA-R Annual Conference

The NSEA-R Annual Conference is held in the spring. At this conference members are brought up to date on issues of interest. All members are eligible to participate in this conference.

Questions? Call Marj at the OEA (346-0400)

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For Retired Members

Questions and Answer about

OEA-Retired, NSEA-Retired and NEA-Retired

What is the Retired Program?

The Retired Program is open to any retired educator who has reached the age of 55, is eligible to receive benefits under a school employee retirement system and has held active membership in the Association.

Retired Americans are more affected than are others by increases in the cost of living, threats to Social Security and Medicare, retirement funds, the rising costs of health care, and changes in tax rates and fair housing practices. The program offers the features and benefits listed below for retired or soon-to-be retired OEA active members.

What are the benefits of Omaha Education Association-Retired, Nebraska State Education-Retired, and National Education Association-Retired membership?

- More effective lobbying for retirement benefits.
- Members for life receive a 3-ring notebook, “**Planning for the Best Years of your Life,**” which is recognized as one of the best pre-retirement planning guides available.
- Social, professional and economic status for every retired educator who was an active member of the Association prior to retirement. You can find a practical basis for united action with others who are devoted to the welfare of retired and active school employees, and the cause of public education. Through OEA-Retired, you can remain active.

It gives retired members the news they need to remain active and well-informed in local, state, and national developments affecting public schools and school employees. Every OEA-R member automatically receives *NEA Today*, *NSEA Voice*, *NEA-R “This Active Life,”* and *OEA-Retired Voices of Experience* once he/she joins the local, state, and national levels. Members may be called on to help with lobbying issues directly affecting retirees and benefits. We can often save you more than the cost of our service alone. So why not subscribe today?

- It provides retirees valuable membership benefits and services available to other association members—including NEA Member Benefits Programs.
- Representation—The two million-member National Education Association is your advocate for the rights of all educational employees, active, and retired. NEA-R members are eligible to become active participants in NEA’s congressional contact and political action teams.
- Involvement—Members elect their own officers, as well as elect representatives to the NSEA Delegate Assembly, NEA Representative Assembly, and NEA Board of Directors. Membership in NEA-R enables you to keep your active involvement in key governance positions.
- Member Care Program—Members can receive a portfolio of health insurance plans including a Medicare Supplement, Excess Major Medical, and In-Hospital Options.
- DUES-TAB Insurance—This service provides low cost term life insurance to NEA-R members who are NEA-R Life members, and have retained annual employment of some type with a school district.
- NEA-Retired members are provided liability insurance if they choose to substitute or work in the schools after retirement.

Services designed Especially for You

NEA-R members are eligible to enroll in a wide range of unique programs available from NEA Special Services. These include the following (and more are offered each year of retired membership):

- Prescription and vitamin discounts
- Accidental death and dismemberment insurance
- Home owners and renters insurance
- National credit card service
- Hertz car rental discounts
- Magazine discount purchasing service