

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

Between ages 50 and 64, retired members who were part of the Educators Health Alliance (EHA) BC/BS group at retirement can retain BC/BS coverage by becoming a Special Services member of NSEA on retirement. Unified members in NEA-Retired, NSEA-Retired, and OEA-Retired receive a 50% discount on their annual Special 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-Retired, NSEA-Retired, and NEA-Retired membership is unified and available to any retired member of OEA who was an active OEA member at the time of retirement.

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• The new OEA-Retired member pays annual dues of \$10; you can become a lifetime member of OEA-Retired by making a one-time payment of \$100 and never pay annual dues again.

• Membership in NSEA-Retired and NEA-Retired is also required. Dues for NSEA-Retired are \$25 annually or \$200 for lifetime dues. NEA-Retired Annual Dues are \$30 or \$250 for lifetime dues.

NSEA-Retired Conferences

NSEA-Retired holds two conferences each year. Several special-interest sessions and general sessions are scheduled for each conference, and members have the opportunity to give direction to the Association for the coming year. All retired members are eligible to participate in these conferences. Notice of the conferences is provided in the *NSEA-Retired Advocate*.

**Questions?
Call Lorrie at the OEA
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WHEN THAT TIME ARRIVES...



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...A Program For Retired Members

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Questions and Answers 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, earnings on their retirement accounts, the rising costs of health care, changes in tax rates, and fair housing practices

The Retired Program gives retired members the news they need to remain well-informed in local, state, and national developments affecting public schools and school employees and their economic well-being. Every OEA-Retired member automatically receives *NSEA Voice*, *NSEA-Retired Advocate*, *NEA Today for NEA-Retired Members*, and *OEA-Retired Voices of Experience* once he/she joins the local, state, and national associations. Members may be called on to help with lobbying issues directly affecting retirees. Our member services can save you more than the cost of membership. So why not subscribe today?

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

- More effective lobbying and advocacy for retirement benefit enhancements.
- By becoming a member, you will be part of a united action group that is devoted to improving the welfare of retired and active school employees, and the cause of public education. Through OEA-Retired, you can remain active in your retired years.
- Membership provides retirees valuable member benefits and services available to other association members—including access to NEA Member Benefits Programs.
- Lifetime members receive the **Retirement Planning Guide** from NEA-Retired, a comprehensive guide for retirement planning.
- Representation—The National Education Association and its more than 3.2 million members is your advocate for the rights of all educational employees, active, and retired. NEA-Retired 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-Retired 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, long-term care, and In-Hospital Options.

- NEA-Retired members are provided liability insurance if they choose to substitute in the schools after retirement.

Services Designed Especially for You

NEA-Retired members are eligible to enroll in a wide range of unique programs available from NEA Member Benefits. These include the following (***complete details are available at www.neamb.com***):

- Home owners and renters insurance
- National credit card service
- Car rental discounts
- Magazine and book discount purchasing service
- Long-term care insurance
- Group life insurance
- Medicare Supplemental Insurance
- Cell phone and long-distance discounts
- Investor Services

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