

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 returning the membership forms to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska by the deadline on the forms. You can choose from among the four insurance options available to retirees and spouses, and can choose two single policies instead of retiree and spouse if you are married and need coverage for only two individuals.

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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What does membership cost?

- OEA-Retired is unified with NSEA-Retired and NEA-Retired. Annual members pay \$70 per year (\$35 for NEA-Retired, \$25 for NSEA-Retired, and \$10 for OEA-Retired).
- Become a pre-retired lifetime member of all three organizations by making a one-time payment of \$600 (\$300 for NEA-Retired, \$200 for NSEA-Retired, and \$100 for OEA-Retired). Life members do not pay annual dues.
- ✓ Retired ESP employees from OPS pay \$56 in annual dues, and \$360 in lifetime dues for all three organizations.

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 NSEA Special
Services
800-742-0047**

WHEN THAT TIME ARRIVES...



OEA-Retired

NSEA-Retired

NEA-Retired

***...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 and who was is eligible to receive benefits from a school employee retirement system and who was employed for at least five years in a position that qualified for membership in NSEA.

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 join 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 have access to a portfolio of health insurance plans including NSEA-Retired BlueSenior Classic Medicare Supplement and long-term care insurance.
- 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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