



# ‘Did you *KNOW*?’

## NCRSP Monthly Newsletter

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### Get out & *VOTE!*

Early voting ends **Saturday, November 3, 2018**. Look up the nearest early voting site by visiting the NC-Voter website, <https://www.ncvoter.org/early-voting-locations/>.

To get a copy of your ballot, visit the NC State Board of Elections website, <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/>. If you are unable to vote during the early voting period - **Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018**.

## SHP Open Enrollment is Under Way

Attention UHC Medicare members: Open Enrollment is under way and ends October 31, 2018.

If you are currently enrolled in a UnitedHealthcare® (UHC) Group Medicare Advantage Plan you do NOT need to take any action during Open Enrollment unless you want to change plans or add dependents.

If you are Medicare-eligible and are currently enrolled in the 70/30 Plan, you will be automatically enrolled into the UnitedHealthcare® (UHC) Group Medicare Advantage (PPO) Base Plan effective January 1, 2019. You will need to take action during Open Enrollment if you want to be enrolled in a different plan option.

*Need to make a change?* Visit the State Health Plan’s website, [www.shpnc.org](http://www.shpnc.org), click eBenefits and select Log into eBenefits through ORBIT. Once you

are logged into ORBIT, locate the eBenefits button. Please Note: NCRSP does not have your ORBIT login or password information.

Or phone the Eligibility and Enrollment Support Center (855-859-0966) is offering extended hours during Open Enrollment:

- Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- \* **Nov.6: Election Day**
- \* **Oct. 31: Open enrollment ends**
- \* **Dec. 3: NEA-R Delegate Nominations due**
- \* **Dec. 15: Cash Pay Deadline**
- \* **Feb.1, 2019: Registration opens for State Convention**

## Health Plan Board of Trustees Unanimously Supports Provider Reimbursement Initiative that Lowers Health Care Costs

State Treasurer Dale R. Folwell, CPA announced [October 22, 2018] that the State Health Plan Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution favoring a new provider reimbursement strategy for North Carolina providers that care for Plan members.

The provider reimbursement strategy, to go into effect January 1, 2020, will move the Plan away from a commercial-based payment model to a reference-based government pricing model based on publicly available Medicare rates, according to the resolution passed today.

This effort is aimed at keeping rising health care costs under control while promoting quality care, transparency and affordability. The new provider reimbursement strategy will cut rates for some medical providers. However, rates will increase for many, including primary care physicians, critical access facilities and mental health practitioners.

For the full press release, visit the NC Department of State Treasurer, <https://www.nctreasurer.com>.

## Each One, Reach One

Participate in NCRSP’s membership drive and sign up a new member!

Referring members will be entered in a drawing for prizes, and will receive \$10 for each member that joins (see rules on flyer) NCRSP.

\*See attached flyer that outlines the membership campaign.



### Cash Pay Dues

**\*REMINDER:** All Cash Pay members must send their dues to the state office for processing by **December 15, 2018**.

This ensures you are an eligible member for the NEA-R Delegate election and the upcoming State Convention.

### NEA-R Delegates

Nomination forms for NEA-Retired/NEA Delegate for 2019 must be received at NCRSP State Office by 4:00 pm, Monday, **December 3, 2018**.

To obtain a form access the NCRSP website, <http://www.ncrsp.org/> Sign in to the Members Only portal, select [click] *Forms*; select [click] *NEA-R Convention*; select [click] the *2019 NEA-R/NEA Annual Meeting Delegate Nomination form*.

## Save the Date!

The 2019 NCRSP State Convention is **April 4 -5, 2019** at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center in Durham, NC. Registration will open February 1, 2019.

\*See attached flyer to share with members in your local unit.

