

# State Retiree, Annuitant and Survivor Benefits Handbook Amendment

## (Amendment VIII)

This document is an amendment to the State of Illinois Retiree, Annuitant and Survivor Benefits Handbook released in October 2011 and revised periodically. An amendment adds, modifies, deletes or otherwise changes a benefit listed in the Benefits Handbook. As changes occur, the online handbook will be modified to reflect the changes. Those updates and changes will be included in this amendment document as they occur. If you have a printed copy of the online handbook, you should refer to this amendment to ensure you have the most up-to-date information.

### STATE RETIREE, ANNUITANT AND SURVIVOR AMENDMENT (POSTED 12/1/2015)

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#### **The following amends the Benefits Handbook, effective retroactive to July 1, 2013:**

Effective July 1, 2013, State retirees, annuitants and survivors were required to contribute to their healthcare premiums an amount equal to 1% for Medicare eligible members or 2% for non-Medicare eligible members for the period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014, pursuant to Public Act 97-695. For the period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, contributions were increased to 2% and 4% respectively. Beginning with the October 2014 pension benefit month, contributions were ceased by a court order in the Kanerva vs. Weems case until the case was decided in November 2014. At that time, the court indicated that all contributions taken due to Public Act 97-695 must be refunded to members and that the previous contribution structure would be reinstated retroactive to July 1, 2013. Therefore, the section of the Benefits Handbook which describes the State contribution rate for retiree, annuitant and survivor health coverage is restored to indicate that the State will contribute 5% of the cost of elected coverage for each year of an annuitant's State service, up to a maximum of 100% contribution by the State for annuitants who worked for 20 years or more.

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