



What's Next?

Retirement and Beyond



Summer 2021

What will be covered . . .



1. Retirement Process
2. Health Insurance
3. Post-retirement Employment
4. Taxes
5. Death Benefits
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RETIREMENT PROCESS



Information from You

You should have already returned necessary forms to TRS

- ✓ Retirement Application
- ✓ Depository Agreement form
- ✓ Health Insurance (TRIP) Participation Election form (if enrolling)

Optional service and 2.2 balances must be paid before TRS will process your retirement claim

- Personal check
- Rollovers
- Pension reduction (2.2 only)



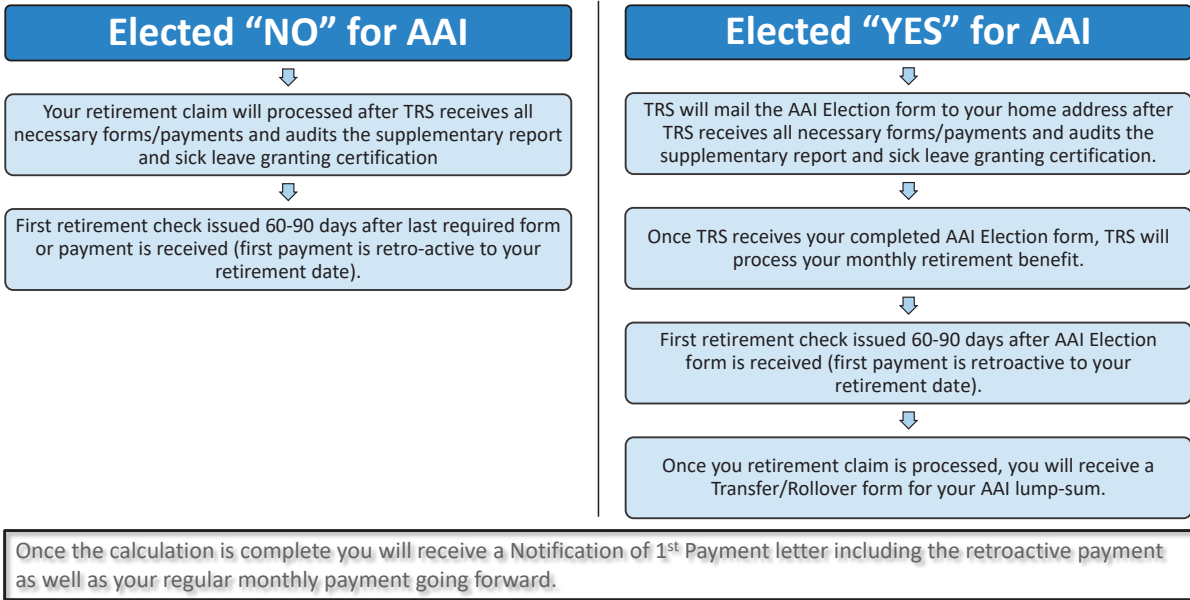
Information from your Employer

Employer will or has already sent in the supplementary report and sick leave granting certification

- ✓ Cannot be electronically submitted until after last day of service
- ✓ Supplementary Report: last school year's earnings and available sick leave days after last day
- ✓ Sick leave granting certification: reports any sick leave granted over the annual allotted sick leave days



The TRS Claim Processing Begins



And Now Those Payments Begin!

- ✓ Our top priority is getting your monthly pension started
- ✓ Your monthly benefits will continue for your lifetime
 - Currently, our oldest retiree is 108 so this could be a while!
- ✓ Payments deposited on the first banking day of each month as payment for the previous month



There Could Be More Than Just Your Pension

- Issued after you have received your Notification of First Payment Letter
- Refunds
 - 2.2 Upgrade overpayment
 - ERO – if not already claimed
- 1% Survivor Benefit Refund (if eligible)
 - Offered **only** if you have no dependents
 - 1% of every dollar earned during active service
 - Eliminates survivor benefit paid upon your death
- Refund checks are always **mailed** by the Illinois Comptroller's Office
- Taxable refunds over \$200.00 are eligible for rollover
 - If not rolled over, 20% withheld for federal tax



If You Said “Yes” to AAI

How do you want to take the AAI Lump Sum?

Transfer/Rollover Form sent once you are set up on payroll

- ✓ Rollover entire AAI Lump Sum
- ✓ Receive a check for entire AAI Lump Sum (minus 20% for federal taxes)
- ✓ A combination of above





Questions regarding claim processing?



HEALTH INSURANCE (TRIP/TRAIL)



TRIP/TRAIL Enrollment

- Eligible with 8.000 years of TRS service credit
- Step 1: If you are enrolling as a new retiree, your TRIP/TRAIL Participation Form must be submitted within 30 days of your retirement date
- Coverage always starts on the first of a month



TRIP/TRAIL Enrollment

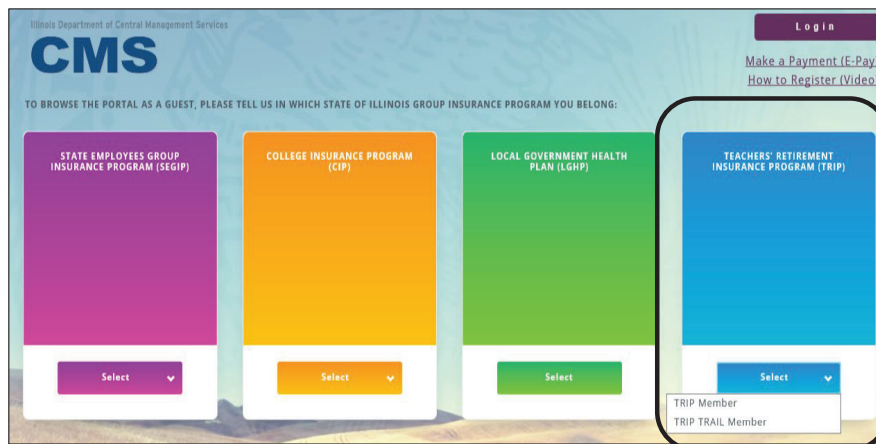
- Step 2: Call the MyBenefits Service Center (MBSC) to elect your TRIP/TRAIL carrier up to 60 days before coverage takes effect
- Insurance/prescription ID cards issued by your selected carrier
- Premiums withheld from your TRS pension check in arrears
 - Example: August insurance premium to be withheld on September 1 check



MyBenefits Service Center

TRIP health insurance administered through the MyBenefits Service Center:
<https://mybenefits.illinois.gov> or call (844) 251-1777

Enroll, change coverage, add, terminate and compare insurance coverage



Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP)

TRIP

- HMO & Open Access Plans (OAP)
- Teachers Choice Health Plan (PPO)
- For members/dependents under 65
- Also for those 65 and over without Medicare
- Includes prescription drug coverage

TRAIL

- Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO and PPO)
- Member/dependents age 65 and over with Medicare Parts A & B
- Includes prescription drug coverage



TRIP Premiums

Monthly Contributions through June 30, 2022

Type of Participant	Type of Plan	Not Medicare Primary	Not Medicare Primary	Not Medicare Primary	Medicare Primary*
		Under Age 26	Age 26-64	Age 65 and Above	All Ages
Benefit Recipient	Managed Care Plan (OAP and HMO)	\$96.55	\$299.92	\$408.64	\$118.53
	Teachers Choice Health Plan (TCHP)	\$250.58	\$699.96	\$1063.69	\$281.05
	TCHP when managed care is not available in your county	\$125.29	\$349.98	\$531.86	\$140.53
Dependent Beneficiary	Managed Care Plan (OAP and HMO)	\$386.36	\$1,199.69	\$1,634.51	\$408.38
	Teachers Choice Health Plan (TCHP)	\$501.18	\$1,399.91	\$2,127.38	\$562.10
	TCHP when managed care is not available in your county	\$501.18	\$1,399.91	\$2,127.38	\$421.59



TRAIL Premiums

TRAIL Premiums through December 31, 2021

TRAIL MAPD Plan Monthly Contributions Effective January 1, 2021				
	Humana Employer Medicare HMO	Aetna Medicare Plan HMO	Health Alliance MAPD HMO	UnitedHealthcare PPO
Member Rate	\$36.94	\$38.75	\$46.55	\$42.48
Dependent Rate	\$110.79	\$116.22	\$139.65	\$127.45



Don't Need TRIP/TRAIL Yet?

Other Enrollment Opportunities

- Benefit Choice Period
 - May 1-31 for TRIP non-Medicare (Plan runs July 1-June 30)
 - October 15 – November 15 for TRAIL Medicare Advantage (Plan runs January 1-December 31)
- Involuntary termination of previous insurance coverage
- Medicare becomes available (age 65 in most cases)
 - Dependents may enroll at same opportunities and must be enrolled in same insurance plan as the member



Dental and Vision Coverage

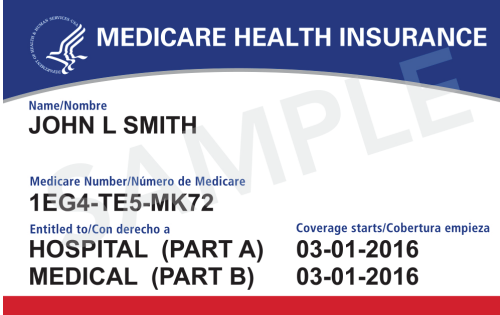
- Dental and Vision coverage is NOT included in TRIP/TRAIL
- Check with employer to determine if you can stay on their dental/vision plan (COBRA)
- Check with retired teacher organizations to ask about plans they offer
- TRS can withhold premiums for some retired teacher plans as a courtesy



Medicare

- Qualify through non-TRS employment
- TRS employment after March 1, 1986
- Qualify through spouse
- Medicare election in 2004
- Medicare (800) 633-4227

www.medicare.gov



MEDICARE HEALTH INSURANCE

Name/Nombre
JOHN L SMITH

Medicare Number/Número de Medicare
1EG4-TE5-MK72

Entitled to/Con derecho a
HOSPITAL (PART A) Coverage starts/Cobertura empieza **03-01-2016**
MEDICAL (PART B) **03-01-2016**



Switching from TRIP to TRAIL

- Must enroll in Medicare Parts A & B
- Once your Medicare card is received, submit copy to TRS
- 1 month prior to the effective date, contact the MyBenefits Service Center to enroll in your TRAIL Medicare Advantage plan
- Medicare checklist available online:
<https://www.trsil.org/members/retired/health-insurance-trail>



3 Months Before Your 65th Birth Month

- Contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) and apply for Medicare Parts A and B online by visiting www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare or by phone at (800) 772-1213. Use the chart on the right to know when to apply.
- Establish how your Medicare Part B premium will be paid to the SSA. This premium is separate from your retirement insurance premium and cannot be deducted from your monthly benefit check.

Birth Month	Month to Apply for Medicare
January	October
February	November
March	December
April	January
May	February
June	March
July	April
August	May
September	June
October	July
November	August
December	September

If the SSA determines that you are not eligible for Medicare coverage:

- Request a statement of Medicare ineligibility from the SSA.

2 Months Before Your 65th Birth Month*

- Receive your Medicare Card or Statement of Medicare Ineligibility from SSA.
- Make a legible copy of the front side of your Medicare card or ineligibility statement and send to TRS. If you are not currently enrolled, you also need to send TRS the Participation Election Form. **See reverse for submission instructions.**

***Important: If your birthdate is on the 1st of any month, you must elect coverage two months before your 65th birth month to avoid an interruption in coverage. See below on how to complete the enrollment process.**

1 Month Before Your 65th Birth Month

- Review the TRAIL Medicare Advantage Initial Enrollment Guide mailed to you from the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services and MyBenefits. You can also review the materials online at MyBenefits.Illinois.gov, select the TRAIL MAPD Enrollment Information tile located on the home page.
- Review the TRAIL Medicare Advantage Enrollment materials mailed to you from the TRAIL insurance carriers available in your residential area.
- Choose a TRAIL MAPD plan.** You may elect your plan by visiting the website at MyBenefits.Illinois.gov or by calling MyBenefits Service Center toll free at (844) 251-1777.

Note: The TRAIL MAPD plan you choose will replace your current retirement insurance plan.





Questions regarding health insurance?



Post-retirement Employment



Post-retirement Employment

- MUST HAVE RECEIVED FIRST RETIREMENT CHECK
- TRS-covered employment restricted to 120 days/600 hours per school year
 - Subject to changes in legislation
- No work until July 1 of new school year
- Must wait 30 days from the effective date of your resignation with same employer
- Do **NOT** pre-arrange post-retirement employment
 - Strict penalties will apply
- Tier II only: The law suspends your retirement benefits if you accept full-time employment in a position covered by another state of Illinois pension system that has reciprocal rights with TRS.
- No restrictions on non-TRS employment
 - If retiring reciprocally, check limitations of other reciprocal retirement system(s)



First Annual Increase

TIER 1

You will receive your first increase on the **latter** of:

- January 1 following your first anniversary in retirement, OR
- January 1 following 61st birthday (Tier 1)
- For your first increase only, you will receive a letter from TRS including the amount of the increase and your new monthly pension

TIER 2

You will receive your first increase on the **latter** of:

- January 1 following your first anniversary in retirement, OR
- January 1 following 67th birthday (Tier 2)
- For your first increase only, you will receive a letter from TRS including the amount of the increase and your new monthly pension

Increases are effective on January 1 of each year and are reflected in the payment issued on February 1.



Future Annual Increases

- Each January 1 after initial increase:
 - Tier 1 – 3% compounded on prior year’s benefit
 - Tier 2 – The lesser of 3% of your original benefit or ½ of the CPI for the 12 months ending each November

- If AAI elected (Tier 1), your first increase will occur on the latter of:
 - January 1 following your first anniversary in retirement, OR
 - January 1 following your 67th birthday
 - 1.5% of original benefit (flat rate) each January 1 thereafter



Social Security

- TRS-covered employment is not reportable to Social Security
- Earned SSA benefits may be reduced under Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and/or Governmental Pension Offset (GPO)
- Social Security (800) 772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov



Taxes



Tax Reporting in Retirement

- Each January, you will receive a 1099R form in the mail at the address we have on file as of Dec 10 of the tax year
 - Total benefit received (taxable and non-taxable portions)
 - Total tax withheld
- Additional 1099R forms will be issued for EACH Excess Contributions Refund
 - Shows amount distributed (taxable and non-taxable)
- Tax withholding can be adjusted any time
 - Call TRS or go online for a W-4P form
- State taxes can be withheld for IL, IA, WI, MI, IN, KY, MO
 - Flat withholding amount that you choose



DEATH BENEFITS



What is Automatic Designation?

Automatic Designation (*commonly selected by members with a spouse or civil union partner and/or minor children*)
 In lieu of designating specific beneficiaries, I elect that my dependent beneficiaries, as determined at my death, receive a beneficiary refund and/or survivor benefits. If no dependent beneficiary survives, benefits will be paid to my estate.

- Commonly selected by members who have a spouse and/or minor children
- No need to list any names
- Death benefit is automatically paid to a surviving spouse and/or minor children



Beneficiary Refund

- Lump-sum refund of 8% unrecovered pension contributions
- Paid only if you pass away before retirement or before recovering entire contribution.

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If automatic designation is **not selected**, you must complete the Beneficiary Refund and/or Survivor Benefits sections.

Beneficiary Refund					Survivor Benefits				
Primary Beneficiaries					Primary Beneficiaries				
First name	Last	Date of birth	Relationship		First name	Last	Date of birth	Relationship	
Alternate Beneficiaries					Alternate Beneficiaries				
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Survivor Benefits

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- Funded through survivor benefit contributions made while teaching (**1%** of annual salary)
- Tier I – 50% of monthly benefit to a dependent beneficiary
- Tier II – 66.67% of monthly benefit to a dependent beneficiary
- Lump sum to any beneficiary
- Refundable in retirement if no dependent beneficiary



ONLINE ACCOUNT ACCESS



Member Account Access

The screenshot shows the TRS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for NEWSROOM, FORMS/PUBLICATIONS, and CONTACT, along with a search box. Below this, the TRS logo and the text "Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois" are visible. A secondary navigation bar contains buttons for MEMBER, EMPLOYER, MEMBER LOGIN, and EMPLOYER LOGIN. A blue arrow points to the MEMBER LOGIN button. The main content area features a large image of a hand holding a vial labeled "COVID-19 Vaccine Coronavirus". To the left of the vial, there is a text box with the heading "COVID-19 VACCINE PLAN" and a sub-heading "IL CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE WEBSITE".



Member Account Access

Account Access **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS** trs.illinois.gov **Welcome to TRS!**

TRS Links
 TRS Main Page
 Member Account Access

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 Member Account Access > Secure Sign In

Secure Sign In
 Username:
[Forgot username/password](#)

Need to Create an Account?

The secure session will automatically end after 20 minutes of inactivity.

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 Member Account Access > New User Setup

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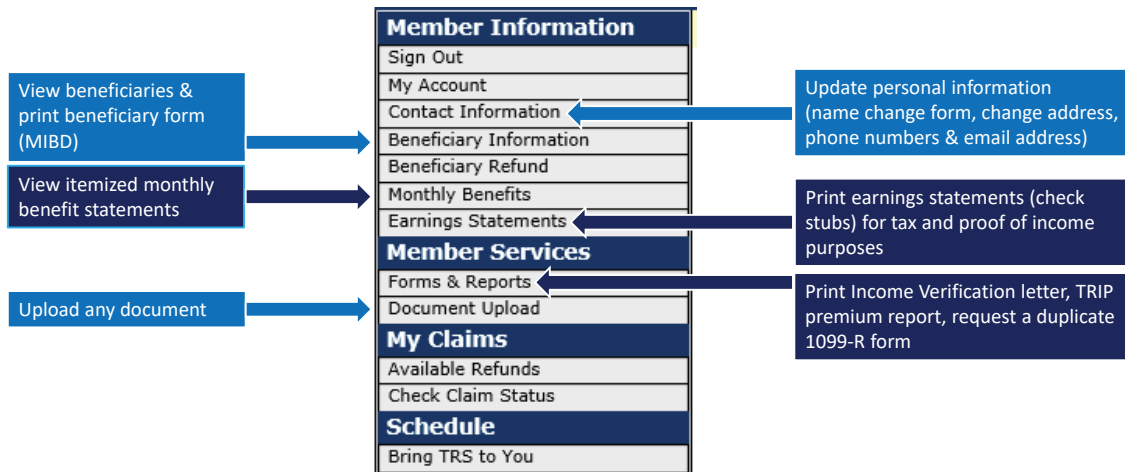
If you are a TRS member, you may view your personalized information online. Please supply the following information to start an online account.

Social Security Number*: - -
 Birth Date*: Month Day (yyyy)
 Member ID*: [What's This?](#)

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Member Account Access



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Social Media

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 <https://trsil.org>

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Phone & Hours

Toll free: (877) 927-5877

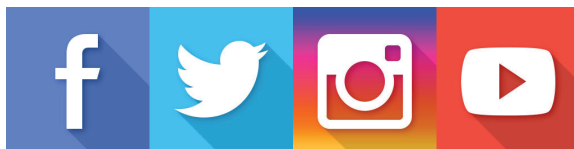
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Questions?





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