



STOP *Cutting Our Benefits!* **Fix and Fund PEIA NOW!**

What you need to know:

Despite claiming to fully fund PEIA during the Special Session, legislative leaders failed to appropriate the funding level needed to avoid benefit reductions.

The failure of the legislative leaders to adequately fund PEIA, coupled with skyrocketing drug costs, is forcing the PEIA Finance Board to propose cutting \$54 million of earned benefits from active and retired public employees.

The PEIA Finance Board proposed a plan to cut benefits to help cover higher-than-projected increases in prescription drug costs for the year. Drug costs increased from 9 percent to 11 percent, driven primarily by soaring prices for specialty drugs.

How the proposed cuts will affect you:

Prescription drug deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums all increase:

- raising specialty drug co-pays for preferred-list drugs from \$50 to \$100
- raising co-pays for drugs not on the preferred list from \$100 to \$150
- raising the prescription drug out-of-pocket maximum from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per year

While there are no across-the-board premium increases proposed, the plan does call for setting premiums based on total family income. This could change the premium amounts for some employees. The plan also calls for compressing what is now 10 premium tiers into 4, which would reduce premiums for the highest-salaried state and public school employees.

What you need to do:

Vote for candidates who support funding high-quality, affordable PEIA coverage for public employees on November 8th.

Attend a PEIA Finance Board public hearing and speak out!

PEIA Public Hearing Schedule		Registration 5:00 pm Public Hearing 6:00 – 8:00pm
Huntington	Wednesday, November 9, 2016	Big Sandy Arena, One Civic Center Plaza, Huntington
Beckley	Thursday, November 10, 2016	Tamarack Ballroom, One Tamarack Park, Beckley
Martinsburg	Monday, November 14, 2016	Holiday Inn, 301 Fox Croft Ave., Martinsburg
Morgantown	Tuesday, November 15, 2016	WVU, The Erickson Alumni Center, One Alumni Drive, Morgantown, WV
Wheeling	Wednesday, November 16, 2016	WV Northern CC, 1704 Market St., Wheeling
Charleston	Thursday, November 17, 2016	University of Charleston, Ballroom, Charleston, WV

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