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2020 IRS Form 1099-R Update

The 2020 Form 1099-R's will be mailed by the end of January and will be viewable on your [PayInfo](#) account.

Please allow ample time for your Form 1099-R to be delivered to you via the United States Postal Service (USPS). Due to the ongoing pandemic, mail delivery may be affected in your area. You can view the USPS Service Alerts here:

<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/>.

If you don't receive your Form 1099-R by the end of February, you can call our office at 617-367-7770.

Please note, although this is a handy item to have available for reference, the copy on PayInfo is not considered an official Form 1099-R and cannot be used to file your taxes. Therefore, be sure to hold on to the original hard copy that was mailed to you.

Additionally, due to the technical limitations of PayInfo, PayInfo can only display one Form 1099-R. PayInfo displays Form 1099-Rs for members who received a monthly benefit in 2020. It does not display refund Form 1099-Rs.

For more information about your Form 1099-R, please visit our Understanding your Form 1099-R webpage:

IRS Federal Withholding Tables Updated for 2021

With the start of 2021, the Board has applied the new federal withholding tables released by the IRS. Please review your monthly withholding amounts to determine if they are appropriate for you.

If you would like to change your Federal tax withholding amount with the Board, please complete an [IRS W-4P Tax Form](#) and mail it to our Boston office.

Is one of your goals for 2021 to get your finances in order?

The Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment recently launched the first statewide program of its kind to provide state retirees free tools and resources to make informed financial decisions throughout one's lifetime. These resources will assist you with budgeting in retirement to saving for your next vacation.

Check out our website today to get started on your financial education journey: mass.gov/finwell.

If you have any questions about the program, please email the Office of Economic Empowerment at empowerment@tre.state.ma.us.

[Understanding your Form 1099-R](#)

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GIC Open Enrollment

The GIC's (Group Insurance Commission) **Annual Open Enrollment** period is scheduled to begin on **Wednesday, April 7, to Wednesday, May 5, 2021.**

If you have questions about your GIC health and other insurance benefits or premiums, you must contact the GIC direct at 617-727-2310 and select option # 2 or visit their [website](#). Thank you.

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Note: Please include your full name and either your MSRB I.D. or the last four digits of your Social Security Number, and request that we add it to our distribution list.

Is there something you would like us to communicate in an upcoming **Retiree eNews Bulletin**? If so, let us know!

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Free File: Do Your Federal Taxes for Free

The IRS offers a free and reliable source for filing your federal income taxes called Free File.

You can get started with Free File by clicking the link below:

[Free File](#)

Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative

The Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative is a network of leaders in the community, health and wellness, government, advocacy, research, business, education, and philanthropy who have come together to advance healthy aging.

According to their website, mahealthyagingcollaborative.org, the Collaborative has identified a two-part model to promote healthy aging and the delivery of elder services in Massachusetts through evidence-based programs and other health promotion programs to support healthy communities.

Notably, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) have been collaborating since the 1990s to promote and disseminate chronic disease self-management education and prevention programs and build sustainable program delivery systems.

For more information and resources on healthy aging, visit their website mahealthyagingcollaborative.org.

Contact us:

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Have you, or are you, planning to move? If so, be sure to notify the Board of your address change! Retirees who already have summer and winter addresses on file with the Board can call us to request the address update. Otherwise, you'll need to notify the Board in writing. You can download our Change of Address form [here!](#)

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