



Educators
Health
Alliance



****NOTICE****

THE MEMBERSHIP FORM ATTACHED IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN YOUR BC/BS HEALTH INSURANCE

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska is notifying you that your health insurance coverage through your school district is expiring. To continue in the Educator's Health Alliance Blue Cross Blue Shield health care plan, you must become an NSEA, NCSA, or NASB Special Services member immediately since the direct bill plan is only sold to members.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to participate in the plan after you cease employment:

1. You must be a Special Services member of either NSEA, NCSA, or NASB [See back of form for descriptions of membership categories.];
2. Your school district must still be participating in the BC/BS program; and
3. You must be at least 50 years of age, or disabled, or the surviving spouse and/or dependent of a deceased school employee.
4. Must have been a participant in the plan for the five years immediately preceding ceasing employment.

SPECIAL SERVICES MEMBERSHIPS:

The Special Services membership category exists solely for the purpose of providing eligibility for the Educators Health Alliance Blue Cross Blue Shield group coverage. No other membership rights are intended or implied.

RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AGE 65 AND ABOVE:

Eligibility for the regular Educators Health Alliance plan ceases at age 65, unless family coverage is needed because of dependents. If you are 65, you are eligible for Medicare and the Medicare Extended Coverage Program. Membership is not required for this coverage.

ENROLLMENT:

An enrollment form is enclosed. Please complete one appropriate membership category and **return a separate check per enrollment form** for the dues amount and return in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to: **Nebraska State Education Association, 605 So. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508-2742.**

QUESTIONS:

- ⇒ **Questions regarding the Special Services enrollment process should be directed to NSEA at 1-800-742-0047 or 402-475-7611. Ask for Special Services Membership.**
- ⇒ **Questions regarding Blue Cross coverage should be directed to Blue Cross Blue Shield at 1-877-721-2583.**

Remember you must be a Special Services member to continue coverage after you are no longer part of your school district plan. Failure to become a member will cause Blue Cross Blue Shield to cancel your coverage.

SPECIAL SERVICES MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

1. **LIFETIME RETIRED PAID NSEA MEMBER**--(\$125.00 Special Services dues). Applicable to retired school employees who were members of NSEA at the time of retirement. This membership category has already paid NSEA-Retired lifetime dues. Couples electing two single plans must both be Special Services members.

⇒ **Note: If you are a lifetime retired member, you must still become a Special Services Member and pay the Special Services dues.**
2. **NSEA MEMBER AT RETIREMENT**--(\$185.00 Special Services dues). Applicable to retired school employees who were members of NSEA at the time of retirement. This category automatically includes an annual retired membership. Couples electing two single plans must both be Special Services members.
3. **SPOUSE OF RETIRED NSEA MEMBER**--(\$125.00 Special Services dues). Applicable to spouses of retired school employees who were members of NSEA at the time of retirement.
4. **RETIRED NARSA OR NASB MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES**--(\$125.00 Special Services dues). Applicable to retired school administrators who were members of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators at retirement who have joined NARSA and their spouses. Also applicable to Nebraska Association of School Boards members who were members of NASB at the time of their retirement and their spouses. Couples electing two single plans must both be Special Services members.
5. **RETIRED NON-NSEA/NON-NCSA/NON-NASB MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES**--(\$250.00 Special Services dues). Applicable to retired school employees/administrators/school board members who were not members of either NSEA, NCSA, or NASB at their retirement and their spouses. Couples electing two single plans must both be Special Services members.