



Election For Pre-Tax Deductions For Health or Long Term Care Insurance Premiums

IMRF Form 7.12 (10/06)

INSTRUCTIONS

- The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows retired or permanently disabled public safety employees (see back) to have up to \$3,000 annually deducted on a pre-tax basis from their IMRF benefit payment to pay for health or long-term care insurance premiums.
- If your insurance premiums exceed \$3,000 annually, IMRF will continue to deduct the premiums on an after-tax basis.
- Please submit this form **no later than** the 10th of the month prior to the month deductions are to begin, e.g., submit the form no later than March 10th for deductions to begin with the April payment.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

MEMBER'S FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST	JR., SR., II, ETC.	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
HOME STREET (MAILING) ADDRESS				CITY STATE AND ZIP + 4
POSITION TITLE ON LAST DATE OF IMRF PARTICIPATION				HOME TELEPHONE NO. ()

MEMBER CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

I certify I was an eligible Public Safety Officer when I terminated from IMRF participation or became disabled. I elect to have amounts deducted on a pre-tax basis from my IMRF benefit payments to pay for qualified health insurance premiums, as provided under the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

The annual limit for the pre-tax deduction is currently \$3,000 per year. Taxpayers may not exceed this amount by having deductions made by multiple retirement plans. By signing below, I certify to IMRF that I am not electing to use pre-tax deductions to pay for qualified health insurance premiums from any other retirement plan.

In a year in which I elect pre-tax deductions for qualified health insurance premiums from another retirement plan, I will notify IMRF before the end of that year of those amounts so IMRF can adjust any pre-tax deduction and tax reporting.

I certify the deductions I am requesting are for qualified health insurance premiums. The insurance is (*check one*):

- Through my former employer (IMRF must have your Form 7.10 on file)
- An IMRF-endorsed plan administered by Doyle Rowe LTD (IMRF must have your Form 7.10E on file)
- Obtained privately, please provide the following:

INSURANCE COMPANY/CARRIER

ACCOUNT NUMBER

MAILING ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

MONTHLY PREMIUM

\$

I authorize and request the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) to make pre-tax deductions for health and/or long term care insurance premiums (not to exceed \$3,000 annually) from my IMRF benefit payment and to remit the amount deducted to the health care program. I authorize IMRF to release information to the health care program to ensure proper handling of premiums. I understand that if my insurance premiums exceed \$3,000 annually, IMRF will continue to deduct the premiums on an after-tax basis. **I further understand IMRF will not deduct more than one premium from a benefit payment** (IMRF will not make-up back premiums), and that **IMRF will cease making any deduction if the premiums exceed my IMRF benefit amount.**

This authorization is not an assignment of my right to receive payment. This authorization will remain in effect with IMRF until cancelled by written notice from me.

SIGNATURE

DATE

FOR IMRF USE ONLY	DATE ENTERED	DATE EFFECTIVE
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Tax-Free Distributions from Eligible Plans for Public Safety Retiree Health and Long Term Care Insurance Premiums

Effective January 1, 2007, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) allows for pre-tax deductions of up to \$3,000 annually from governmental pension plans to be used to purchase retiree health or long term care insurance by public safety retirees.

The health insurance or long-term care insurance coverage can include the member, spouse and dependents.

To take advantage of this provision of the PPA, you must be terminated from your IMRF employer because you were disabled or because you reached normal retirement age (55 for Regular and ECO plan members, 50 for SLEP and SLEP-ECO plan members).

What is the definition of a public safety employee?

The PPA uses the definition in Section 1204(8)(A) of the *Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968* (42 U.S.C. 3796b(9)(A)). That definition includes the following individuals serving a public agency in an official capacity:

- An individual involved in crime and juvenile delinquency control or reduction, or enforcement of the criminal laws (including juvenile delinquency), including, but not limited to police, corrections, probation, parole, and judicial officers
- Professional firefighters
- Officially recognized or designated:
 - Public employee members of a rescue squad or ambulance crew
 - Members of a legally organized volunteer fire department
 - Chaplains of volunteer fire departments, fire departments, and police departments

The amount deducted on a pre-tax basis will be paid directly to your insurer

Reimbursements are not covered. For you to take advantage of this pre-tax deduction, IMRF must pay the **premium** to the insurance provider either directly or through your former employer. If you are...

- Continuing your insurance through your employer, IMRF will send the premium deduction to your employer.
- Enrolled in an IMRF-endorsed health or long term care plan, IMRF will send the premium deduction to Doyle Rowe, LTD.
- Privately insured, IMRF will send the premium deduction to the insurance company you indicate on the front of this form.

What if your insurance premiums exceed \$3,000 annually?

If your annual insurance premiums exceed \$3,000, IMRF will continue the deductions on an after-tax basis. For example, if your pre-tax insurance premiums exceed \$3,000 in October, after-tax deductions will be made for November and December. Pre-tax deductions will begin again in January.

Is the pre-tax deduction available to an IMRF member's spouse?

No, the pre-tax deduction is available only on the election of the member. No other individual is eligible to make the election. This pre-tax deduction not available to surviving spouses.