



SRSRA NEWSLETTER

For SRS Retiree Association Members

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SRSRA Mission

The mission of the SRS Retiree Association is to work to advocate for the maintenance of retiree pension and medical benefits in current dollars, provide assistance and support of the greater SRS retiree population, ensure that the retiree benefits and needs are visible to the broader community, and support current and future missions of the SRS.

About this newsletter

The SRSRA Newsletter is published four times a year – January, April, July, and October. The Newsletter is sent to all dues paying SRSRA members. Previous editions of this newsletter are posted on the Retiree Association website at www.srsretirees.org under the Newsletters tab. All newsletters are there except for the current issue, which is only available to current paid SRSRA members.

To switch to an electronic newsletter, send a note via www.srsretirees.org, with your current email address and we will update our records. This saves on the Association's costs of printing and distributing this newsletter.

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SRSRA Membership



Anyone who has been employed at, or in direct association with, the Savannah River Site for at least five years and who has since retired from that employment and their spouses are eligible. All spouses of retiree members, whether they are SRS retirees themselves or not, are eligible for membership in the SRSRA.

Annual dues for the Association are \$25. For surviving spouses of retirees, annual dues are \$5. Dues may be paid up to 3 years (current plus 2 future years). If you know of someone retiring, encourage them to join us by completing the membership form at <https://www.srsretirees.org/membership/>. We have strength in numbers.

Annual Meeting Scheduled

The SRS Retiree Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2023. The meeting will be held at the USCA-Etherredge Center, Aiken SC. The meeting time will be announced in the next newsletter, via Facebook and by direct email. Please note that the SRSRA website and Facebook page are available for submitting questions for the Annual Meeting. All questions previously submitted for the Annual Meeting Q&A session are on file. You can contact the SRSRA, the SRSRA Resource Center through our email address at the top of this page or <https://srsretirees.org/contacts/>.

Gas Card Winner



The first gas card winner for this issue is Ronald David Gable.

This SRSRA member has won a \$50 gas card courtesy of the SRSEA and SRSRA.

Contact Bob Hottel by email, abhottel@bellsouth.net, or by cell phone 803-221-74248 within 30 days to claim your gas card! Please verify your home address when you contact Bob.

SRS Retirees on Facebook

Check us out! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1628555790551114>.

Great sharing and information can be found on the SRSRetirees Facebook page. All SRS retirees who are on Facebook are welcome to join the page, ask questions, and participate in the discussions. Search for the group name SRS Retirees and join your fellow retirees in that group.



United Way

Thank you for your generosity. SRSRA members contributed \$19,135 to the United Way in 2022. Your contributions further securing resources that allow individuals and families to achieve their potential through education, financial stability, and healthy lives. United Way unites people and mobilizes community resources to create lasting changes that transform lives.

SRSRA Retiree Resource Center Metrics

2014 through 2022

Clients	3,946
Office Visits	5,015
Home Visits	117
Phone Contacts	11,854
Emails	1,636
HE/WW Claims Filed	\$3.8 million
Rx Plan Savings	\$2.8 million
Age-in-Training Group Meetings	98
Age-In-Training Meeting Participants	1527

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SRSRA Retiree Resource Center Report

Laureen Feinman, Manager, SRSRA Retiree Resource Center

Our volunteers and partners worked hard in 2022 to meet the demands of the annual open enrollment for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans, educating and assisting initial Medicare Plan enrollments, and facilitating claims reimbursements. We are proud to have such a strong volunteer group.

A number of our retirees continue to need face-to-face help with considering plan options, understanding the enrollment process, and avoiding serious medical coverage and reimbursement issues. With the SRS Benefit Center telephone changed to a recorded message line and no longer offering in-person retirement exit reviews, the SRSRA Resource Center has received more requests for help. Phil Croll and his team continue to offer Age-In-Training classes. We've assisted 1,527 retirees and spouses during 98 meetings since 2015. The Resource Center works closely with the SRS benefits staff to identify needs and to support one another for the best interest of SRS retirees.

Lessie Price, a long time Resource Center advocate, located a place for face-to-face meetings with our retirees while the LSCOG building roof is being replaced. Though the LSCOG facility is expected to be available in late Spring 2023, meeting space was needed immediately. Price was instrumental in working with the Savannah River Mission Completion team (Dave Olsen, Mark Barth, and Julie Bogart) for the Resource Center to temporarily use SRMC space on a limited base. While the search continues

for an alternate facility during the LSCOG repairs, Don Stevenson and John Veldman are working with LSCOG management.

The R plan reviews report will be available in the April Newsletter. In the meantime, let's all thank the following volunteers for helping retirees with their insurance reviews, in person and remotely:

Bruce Cadotte	Sandy Carroll	Dave Fauth
Dick Frushour	Larry Hall	Rick Geddes
Ken Perrine	John Plodinec	Jack Roberts
Ranny Saylor	Don Stevenson	John Veldman
David Zigelman		



Thank you, and all the others who have made our mission possible. We can't do it without our volunteers!

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Don't Leave Your 2022 Benefit Money Behind!

SRS Catastrophic Drug Plan Benefit can decrease your 2022 Medical Expenses. You must file before the deadline. Filing a claim can save you money!

Am I eligible for the SRS Catastrophic Drug Plan Benefit? You are if...

- you are eligible for the post-65 SRS Retiree Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) and are enrolled in a Part D Rx or Part C Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage.
- your 2022 prescription drug costs exceeded the Stage 4 Catastrophic Level as determined by your prescription drug insurance company's 2022 year-end Explanation of Benefit (EOB) statement that is sent to you in January 2023. For 2022, the catastrophic threshold was \$7,050 in plan covered out-of-pocket prescriptions drug costs and can receive the benefit.

How do I apply for the benefit?

- Obtain a copy of both sides of your prescription drug insurance company EOB statement for the period January through December 2022.
- Complete the 2022 plan year SRS Catastrophic Drug Application Form (last page of this newsletter).



- Package your EOB statement with the SRS Catastrophic Drug Application Form and mail, fax, or transmit your package to Right Opt.
- Your application package must be postmarked no later than February 28th, 2023.

How much will I get?

- The amount of your catastrophic level out-of-pocket expenses as shown on that EOB.
- There is an aggregate limit on the benefit which means if many people file large claims, your benefit could be pro-rated.

What if I have questions?

- Read your Catastrophic Drug Benefit mailing instruction materials you will receive from RightOpt/SRS in January 2023 (see also this newsletter's last page).
- Call RightOpt at 877-591-8904.
- Call the SRSRA Retiree Resource Center message line at 803-508-7065 with questions. If you need help making the claim the Resource Center will help you compile and transmit the application.

Benefit Contact Information

- ✦ **SRS Benefits Service Center at the Site:** HR, payroll and benefits questions. Currently no live answer; the SRS Message Line will take your information for a return call.
803-725-7772 (local area SC and GA) 800-368-7333 (toll free) service-center@srs.gov
- ✦ **SRSRA SRSRA Resource Center:** 803-508-7065 Message Line srsra@Lscog.org
- ✦ **Transamerica Pension and 401K:** 866-288-3257 www.transamerica.com/portal/srsretire/
- ✦ **RightOpt** (MyMedicareAdvocate/GetInsured) 877-591-8904 www.rightoptretiree.com/srs
- ✦ **HealthEquity** (WageWorks) 877-924-3967: www.participant.wageworks.com
- ✦ **Medicare Helpline** 800-633-422: www.medicare.gov
- ✦ **Prudential Life Insurance** 844-494-4778: (Company Control Number/Access Code = 51945)
www.prudential.com/mybenefits
- ✦ **Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SC:** 800-325-6596: <http://www.southcarolinablues.com>
Option 1 for Medical, Option 2 for Dental, Option 3 for Pre-Cert/Med Authorization
- ✦ **DuPont Retirees Life Insurance:** 800-775-5955
- ✦ **DuPont Retiree Medical with Via:** 866-322-2864: <https://my.viabenefits.com/>
- ✦ **Corteva Agriscience** for other DuPont Benefits: 800-775-5955
- ✦ **DuPont Retirees Contact Information** for other benefits:
<http://www.retiree.dupont.com/our-company/retirees/contact-us.html>
- ✦ **Social Security** 800-772-1213 <http://www.ssa.gov> Aiken: 866-275-8271

Our Volunteers Keep on Working

Special Appreciation to Sandy Carroll – a Renaissance Volunteer



Sandy Carroll has been with us for more than eight years. She is a licensed SHIP counselor and enjoys helping retirees with their choices. She's conducted 398 office visits at the RRC, reviewed several hundred Medicare Rx annual enrollment plans resulting out-of-pocket savings of over \$230K, and transmitted nearly \$225K in stipend claims with HealthEquity/WageWorks. She has helped with appointment scheduling, return calls, data entry, editing training materials, venue evaluations, and quality control. Sandy is highly organized and committed to doing the best job possible for SRS retirees and their families.

Sandy began her career as a city health inspector, then worked for the state of Missouri with the Department of Natural Resources in hazardous waste enforcement. She came to Aiken with her husband, David, in 1989 to work at SRS in the Environmental Protection Department as a hazardous waste subject matter expert, and in the Environmental Restoration Division as Waste Manager.

Like many of our volunteers, Sandy shares her time and abilities with the community. She has been a docent for several years at the Aiken Visitors Center and Train Museum, and the Aiken Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame and Museum. Sandy is a lifelong horse enthusiast who has ridden for 60 years. The Carroll's recently took a riding trip to Spain. The Carroll's enjoy traveling in Europe and Central America. She also enjoys reading and card-making.

Sandy has been researching her father's military career as a WWII Squadron Commander of C-47's in England/France; and as a Squadron Commander of C-119 "Flying Boxcars" in the Korean War. She was especially proud to learn that her Dad's Squadron played a pivotal role during the Korean Chosin Reservoir breakout by air dropping bridge sections to thousands of troops trapped behind a bombed-out bridge over a chasm.

We are fortunate to have her, and other volunteers, with their dependably generous spirits.

Medicare Shorts

Insulin Users. The *Inflation Protection Act* of 2022 includes a Special Enrollment Period from January 1 to December 31, 2023, to add, drop, or change your existing Part D Plan since these changes were not clearly communicated in The Medicare Planfinder. The law will cover insulin administered via an insulin pump beginning July 1, 2023. Check to see if your insulin is in your Plan's formulary to be eligible of the \$35 monthly cap. If not, you may need to change Rx Plans ASAP. You can call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE or you can call us.

More No Cost Vaccines. You are eligible for the shingles vaccine, pneumonia, hepatitis B, and the flu vaccines, as well as other vaccines recommended by the ACIP at no cost to you to better protect you and your family.

In Memoriam: October – December 2022

Note: SRSRA Board members obtain these names from local newspapers. The information cannot be obtained from site contractors. If you would like your deceased loved one included, please send us their name via our website, email at srsra@lscog.org or leave a message at (803)508-7065.



Nina S Adams	Williston	Lisbeth Osgood Mann	Aiken
Winston Wayne Adams	Augusta	Judy Towne McClary	Williston
Earl Deleon "Andy" Anderson	Williston	Kathryn Sandifer "Kitty" McCormick	Blackville
Jane Baynham Barnes	Williston	Don Martin Melton	Leesville
Robert Clinton Baker, Jr.	Aiken	Jeff Micots	Augusta
Richard Belles	Vidalia, GA	Alonzo Moody, Jr	Williston
Carl A Benjamin	Orangeburg	Errol Glen Orebaugh	Aiken
James Edwin Bodie, Sr.	Aiken	Hazel Gaskins Parcel	Williston
Kenneth Boyle	Aiken	Terrence Allen Parker	N. Augusta
Ollie Raymond Cain, Sr.	Augusta	Roswell Carl "Ross" Pattison Jr	Aiken
Tami Lee Cappeletti	N. Augusta	Clarence Glennwood Piercy	Aiken
Frederick Bates Cavanaugh, Jr.	Aiken	Leigh Ann Martin Schmitz	Augusta
Rodell Evon Cylear	Hampton	Chester Skipper	N. Augusta
Shirley Emily Padgett Daggett	Aiken	Wayne Smith	
Judith Edenfield Livingston	Aiken	Krishan "Tony" Tawney	Atlanta
Donald William Ellison	Aiken	Dorothy Turner Tipton	New Ellenton
Bill Frances Fowler	N. Augusta	William Raymond Vaughn, Jr.	Aiken
Thomas Conway Gray	Aiken	Pete Wallace	Greenville
Carol Jean Payne Grice	Aiken	Ronald Eugene Walker (Jan 22)	Aiken
Dennie Brooks Griner	Aiken	Nancy J Wall	Trenton
Lester Lee Grubbs, Jr	Augusta	Billy Herman "Wess" Westmoreland	Aiken
Otis "Mike" Harrison	Varnville	Hazel Halbhook Whittington	Aiken
Linda W King	N. Augusta	Florence Anne Atkinson Whittle	Augusta
Louise Gleason "Lou" Kirkland	New Ellenton	Richard Greer Willard	Aiken
Melvin Knowles	Aiken	Laura Poston Kirkpatrick	Jackson



SRNS/BSRA/SRMC HRA Catastrophic Drug Program Application for Funding for 2022 Plan Year

Part A. Instructions			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Sections B and C. <input type="checkbox"/> You must have an active Health Reimbursement Account (HRA), be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B, and be enrolled in a Part D Prescription Drug Plan to be eligible for this program. Enrollment in a Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan also makes you eligible for additional HRA funding under the Catastrophic Drug Program. <input type="checkbox"/> For this claim to be valid, you must submit the final year-end Medicare Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from your Part D Prescription Drug Plan insurance company or Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan for the 2022 calendar year, showing your out-of-pocket catastrophic expenses for the year, with this application. <input type="checkbox"/> This application and accompanying EOB must be postmarked/faxed/emailed on or after January 1, 2023, and no later than February 28, 2023, to be eligible. <input type="checkbox"/> Mail, fax or email the completed form <u>and</u> final year-end EOB to the address/number listed below. 			
Part B. Retiree/Spouse Information			
Applicant Name: (please print)		Applicant SSN (Last 4 digits):	
Address:		Phone:	
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree or <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse
Part C. Certification			
<p>I understand that as a program participant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am only allowed one (1) submittal per calendar year. <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription drugs not on my Part D Prescription Drug Plan's formulary are not reimbursable. <input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursement for eligible expenses will be completed through WageWorks. <p>I certify that I have an active SRNS-BSRA-SRMC HRA, am enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B, and am enrolled in a Part D Prescription Drug Plan or a Medicare Advantage Plan. I also certify that the funding for which I am requesting reimbursement meets all of the requirements for the Catastrophic Drug Program and is for my prescription drug(s) that are covered under my Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan or Medicare Advantage Plan. I understand that this program may be discontinued at any time.</p>			
Retiree Signature (REQUIRED)			Date

Please submit this completed form and your final year-end Medicare EOB to:
Mail: RightOpt, 11 Stanwix Street, Suite 700, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Fax: 412-281-0677 | **Email:** SRNSCatHRA@buck.com
 If you have any questions, please contact RightOpt at 877-591-8904.