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Dear Retiree and/or Eligible Dependents:

You are receiving this letter as a current member of the Penn State retiree medical program, **Highmark Freedom Blue PPO**. Information about Freedom Blue PPO is available on the Penn State Employee Benefits website at [www.hr.psu.edu/retiree](http://www.hr.psu.edu/retiree).

**All questions regarding benefits and claims should be directed to Highmark Blue Shield at 1-866-918-5285**

Per Medicare regulations, a person can only be enrolled in one Medicare sponsored product at a time, which includes Medicare Part D. Enrolling in another Medicare Advantage plan will result in the Center for Medicare Services (CMS) notifying Highmark and canceling your Freedom Blue plan.

**If it is your intention to stay with the Penn State retiree medical plan NO additional action is needed.** Please disregard the commercials regarding Medicare's Open Enrollment period.

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**Freedom Blue PPO contribution rates WILL NOT CHANGE for 2024:**

- **Retired AND Age 70 Prior to 1/1/2007:** \$49/person per month
- **ALL Other Retirees:** \$80/person per month

**Lifetime Benefit Solutions (LBS) will continue to bill you on a quarterly basis in 2024.** Information about your coverage, premium due dates and copies of letters can be securely accessed through the LBS Member Portal.

**If you have any questions regarding registration or your premium, please contact Lifetime Benefit Solutions Customer Service Department at 1-855-798-0683, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST.**

Sincerely,

Penn State Employee Benefits  
[benefits@psu.edu](mailto:benefits@psu.edu)

Penn State Employee Benefits, The 331 Building, Suite 136, University Park, PA 16802  
HR Services: (814) 865-1473, Fax: (814) 863-6227

The **Penn State University Retirees Association** provides social, service, and educational opportunities for the mutual benefit of its members and the University. Membership is open to all retirees and their spouses or partners. You can access more details regarding the Association at <http://www.psur.org>.

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# PennState Monthly Retiree Health Care Contributions | 2024

## MEDICARE PLANS - HIGHMARK

FREEDOM BLUE PLAN	
Rate per Enrolled	\$80.00

Retired AND 70 Before 2007 Freedom Blue Rate	
Rate per Enrolled	\$49.00

## NON-MEDICARE PLANS - HIGHMARK

LION Traditional	
Individual	\$232.32
Two-Person	\$464.63
Parent/Child(ren)	\$348.48
Family	\$580.79

LION Advantage	
Individual	\$167.19
Two-Person	\$334.39
Parent/Child(ren)	\$250.80
Family	\$418.00

### Below are the common combinations:

Retiree	+	Spouse	+	Children	=	Monthly Rate
Freedom Blue		Freedom Blue				\$80.00 + \$80.00 = \$160.00
Freedom Blue		LION Traditional				\$80.00 + \$232.32 = \$312.32
Freedom Blue		LION Traditional		LION Traditional		\$80.00 + \$348.48 = \$428.48
Freedom Blue				Freedom Blue (1Child)		\$80.00 + \$80.00 = \$160.00
Freedom Blue				LION Traditional (1 Child)		\$80.00 + \$232.32 = \$312.32
Freedom Blue		LION Advantage				\$80.00 + \$167.19 = \$247.19
LION Traditional		Freedom Blue				\$232.32 + \$80.00 = \$312.32
LION Traditional		Freedom Blue		LION Traditional		\$348.48 + \$80.00 = \$428.48

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