

Thinking of Retirement?

What do I need to know about my Pension?

- If eligible, you can begin collecting your pension as early as 55, though you can collect the full benefit at age 65.
- You can calculate your estimated pension by visiting <https://client.sbcsystems.com/DRVCess/> to run calculations to help plan for your retirement, consider options, and designate a beneficiary
- Contact DRVC Pension *at least 12 weeks* before your planned retirement date by e-mailing hr@drvc.org or calling 516-678-5800 ext. 259. When calling, please leave a clear detailed message and you will be contacted within 24 hours!
- Your pension is effective the first of the month following your retirement date and pension checks are received at the end of each month. You can elect direct deposit!

What Do I Need to Know About my Benefits?

- Your health and welfare benefits will continue until the last day of the month in which you retire. (i.e.: if you retire on March 17th, your benefits would continue until March 31st).
- If you are currently enrolled in the CHS offered medical and/or dental plans, you will receive Continuation of Coverage information (COBRA) in the mail at your home address. If you elect coverage, you will be eligible to continue your medical and dental plans up to 18 months (36 months total for your medical plan if you are a resident of New York)
- If you are eligible for Medicare, it may not be necessary to elect Continuation of Coverage. Be sure to notify Medicare 60-90 days before your retirement date to ensure your coverage becomes active when you retire.
- There is paperwork that needs to be filled out by both you and your employer before your Medicare benefits can take effect.

Who Do I Need to Notify?

- You must notify your manager (in writing) of your intent to retire. Notification must be equal to the amount of vacation time your position accrues (i.e.: if your position accrual is 4 weeks' vacation, you must provide 4 weeks' notice).
- Contact the Diocese of Rockville Pension Office at least 12 weeks before you plan to retire.
- You should call Medicare (1-800-MEDICARE) 60-90 days before your retirement date.

Don't forget about Social Security!

Social Security can be an important part of your retirement income. You can find information at www.ssa.gov or by calling 1-800-772-1213 or your local Social Security Office.

Have Questions?

- Contact a Benefits Advisor
 - chsbenefits@chsl.org
 - 516-705-MYHR (6947) and press option 1
- Diocese of Rockville Centre Pension Department
 - hr@drvc.org
 - 516-678-5800 ext. 259
- Medicare Questions?
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