

# Introduction to the NCPERS Group Voluntary Term Life Insurance Plan

#### Washington LEOFF 2 Retirement Board

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### Overview

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# NCPERS Life Plan Background

- Offered to NCPERS member retirement systems only
- Established in 1969
- Over 125,000 current covered participants
- Over \$13 Million in life insurance benefits paid in 2013
- Maintains strong reserves
- Plan premiums never increased since inception
- Insured by Prudential
- Gallagher Benefit Services manages plan for NCPERS
- Health Smart Benefit Solutions is Plan Administrator

# Plan Objectives

- Provide supplemental survivor benefits when younger
- Provide extra financial protection when older
- Provide retiree life insurance
- Offer enhanced AD&D features and benefits
- Provide benefits for spouse and children of insured

#### Plan Features

- No medical underwriting
- Waiver of premium included
- Employer contribution not required
- Dependent coverage included
- Includes accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D)
- 24/7 coverage on or off job
- Accelerated death benefit
- Enhanced AD&D features

## Plan Features, Continued

- One premium rate regardless of age (decreasing term insurance)
- Conversion option
- Minimal plan sponsor involvement
- Domestic partners coverage where allowed
- Pays in addition to any other group or individual coverage
- Estate Guidance will preparation benefit included with direct pay option

# Plan Benefits

| ACTIVE MEMBER* |            |                  |                   | DEPENDENT      |            |
|----------------|------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| Member's       | Group Term | Group Accidental | Total Benefit for | Group term     |            |
| Age at Time    | Life       | Death &          | Accidental        | Life Insurance |            |
| Of Claim       | Insurance  | Dismemberment    | Death             | Spouse         | Child(ren) |
| Less than 25   | \$225,000  | \$100,000        | \$325,000         | \$20,000       | \$4,000    |
| 25 – 29        | \$170,000  | \$100,000        | \$270,000         | \$20,000       | \$4,000    |
| 30 – 39        | \$100,000  | \$100,000        | \$200,000         | \$20,000       | \$4,000    |
| 40 – 44        | \$65,000   | \$100,000        | \$165,000         | \$18,000       | \$4,000    |
| 45 – 49        | \$40,000   | \$100,000        | \$140,000         | \$15,000       | \$4,000    |
| 50 – 54        | \$30,000   | \$100,000        | \$130,000         | \$10,000       | \$4,000    |
| 55 – 59        | \$18,000   | \$100,000        | \$118,000         | \$7,000        | \$4,000    |
| 60 – 64        | \$12,000   | \$100,000        | \$112,000         | \$5,000        | \$4,000    |
| 65 and over    | \$7,500    | \$7,500          | \$15,000          | \$4,000        | \$4,000    |

<sup>\*</sup>includes actives taking coverage into retirement

# Plan Benefits (Retirees)

- LEOFF 2 Existing retirees are given one-time enrollment option on guaranteed issue basis
- Active coverage carried into retirement
- No maximum age limit

#### Plan Costs

- \$16 or \$17 per month regardless of age
- Includes dependent coverage and AD&D
- If enhanced plan offered in future, active participants will be given opportunity to upgrade
- Premium payment options:
  - Pension/payroll deduction (\$16/mth premium)
  - Direct member payment (\$17/mth premium)

#### Benefits to LEOFF 2 Board

- Enhances retirement system's image as providing quality value added benefits to active and retired members
- Benefits offered at no direct expense to Board
- Offers supplement to retirement benefits for younger employees
- Offers additional financial security for older employees
- Dependent benefits included
- Coverage can be taken into retirement
- Turn-key implementation. Limited LEOFF 2 staff involvement
- Implementation allowance to offset indirect costs

#### Statewide NCPERS Life Plan Clients

- Arkansas Fire and Police Local Retirement System
- Connecticut Professional Fire Fighters (March 2014)
- Idaho PERSI
- Illinois Municipal Retirement System
- Illinois State Employees' Retirement System
- Louisiana Professional Fire Fighters (January 2014)
- Minnesota PERA
- Wyoming RS
- Plus numerous local government plan sponsors

# Implementation Process

- Obtain Board approval to offer plan
- Determine premium payment method
- Develop open enrollment communications plan and schedule
- Develop printed materials for open enrollment
- Conduct at least two open enrollment mailings
- Provide open enrollment using online tools
- Mail evidence of coverage to enrollees
- Conduct future annual open enrollments for active members



## **Discussion and Questions**

**Next Steps**