



**Seattle Firefighters
Pension Board**

Dear Members,

We hope you had a good year and that this letter finds you and your family well as we begin 2026.

ENCLOSED INFORMATION – ACTION ITEMS

- 2025 Medicare Part B Reimbursement letter (GREEN) and return envelope (GREEN) – send in ONLY a copy of your 2025 Social Security statement showing the amount you paid for 2025 Medicare Part B premiums.
- Contact and HIPAA Form – complete and return in green envelope
- Medical and Pension Direct Deposit Form – complete and return in green envelope (optional)
- 2026 Policy and Procedures – **review updates for your reference**

MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENTS

The Medicare Part B reimbursement letter and return envelope on green colored paper. Please note that this letter is for your reference only and should not be returned.

To process your reimbursement, we ONLY need a copy of your 2025 Social Security statement showing the amount you paid for 2025 Medicare Part B premiums. We cannot reimburse Medicare Part B premiums without documentation from Social Security.

To summarize for MED B reimbursement, we will need one of the following: copy of your **2025 SSA-1099, SSA-2458 OR** if you have **FORM SSA-4926-SM** dated at the end of 2025, we will accept those forms as well.

If you prefer to email your 2025 Social Security statement showing the amount paid for Medicare Part B premiums in 2025, please send it to: SeattleFirePension@seattle.gov. Please double-check the spelling of our email address to ensure we receive your statement.

The 2025 Medicare B reimbursement statement, contact/ HIPPA form and the direct deposit form can all be returned together in the green envelope provided.

OFFICE UPDATES

Direct Deposit – Pension Payments and Medical Reimbursements

The Seattle Fire Fighters' Pension Board is transitioning from paper checks to direct deposit for pension payments and medical reimbursements, this includes **Medicare B reimbursements**.

Participation is optional; members may enroll or continue receiving paper checks, but we strongly encourage direct deposit for its security, reliability, and timeliness.

This change helps prevent mail delays, lost checks, and fraud while ensuring payments are delivered quickly and safely to your designated bank account.

Seattle Fire Pension Board Election

Seattle Firefighter's active and retired will be electing one Firefighter Representative to the Seattle Firefighter's Pension Board. The position is presently held by Steven W. Brown who will be running for re-election. Nominations must be submitted to the Pension Board Executive Secretary in writing with the consent of the nominee and postmarked by February 10, 2026, to 2200 6th Ave, Suite 820, Seattle, WA 98121. Should an election proceed, ballots will be mailed in late February, and the balloting will be over two weeks' time in early March.

Pension Physician

The Pension Board has maintained our agreement with Dr. Khaled Elghonemy to review health-related questions and verify the medical necessity of services under the statutes governing your pension and medical benefits.

Medical

Medicare remains your primary coverage and Premiera Blue Cross is your secondary coverage. When selecting a provider, please confirm they accept Medicare as your primary insurance to avoid out-of-pocket expenses.

Prescription Drug Coverage

Your prescription drug coverage is equal to or better than Medicare's coverage. We are required to notify you of this to qualify for the Retiree Drug Subsidy Program.

Premiera Blue Cross Medical Coverage

When contacting Premiera Blue Cross, if asked for your address, please use our office address: 2200 6th Ave, Suite 820, Seattle, WA 98121. This ensures that paperwork is sent directly to our office so we can assist you.

If you receive medical bills at home and are unsure whether they are being processed correctly, please contact your provider and confirm they billed Medicare as primary and Premiera Blue Cross as secondary. Use the ID number on your Premiera Blue Cross card (do not use your

Social Security number.) If you have other coverage, your provider must bill that insurance (including Medicare) first and Premera Blue Cross second.

Premera Blue Cross cannot process a bill until it has been processed by your primary insurer, and an Explanation of Benefits is received. If you believe a bill was submitted incorrectly, contact Premera Blue Cross at 1-800-722-1471.

If Premera Blue Cross has no record of a bill, mail it with your Blue Cross ID number to:

Premera Blue Cross
PO Box 91059
Seattle, WA 98111-9159

If a provider tells you your bill has been denied, please contact Premera Blue Cross to determine the claim status. We do not deny payment for approved medical care.

Medical Equipment

Items such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, or lifts must be approved prior to purchase. Medicare also covers certain items. Failure to obtain prior approval may result in the item not being covered. Please contact our office before purchasing.

The Board encourages all members to have an annual physical.

You may reach us at 206-625-4355, by email at SeattleFirePension@seattle.gov, or visit our website at www.seattlefirepension.org.

Sincerely,

Your Seattle Fire Pension Staff