Newly Retired? What to Expect
A Your Benefits in Retirement topic
Objectives:

By the end of this presentation, you will be able to:

• Explain your annuity payment and why it may change
• Identify mailings you will receive during retirement
• Be aware of life changes during retirement that may affect your benefits
Annuity Payments
Changing Your Annuity Payment Option

**Change Benefit Effective Date**
- 60 days
- Request to change must be made in writing

**Benefit Effective Date locked in**
- 60 days
- Cannot be changed after 60 days
Yearly Annuity Adjustment

Yearly changes to a retiree’s monthly pension payment

Payments may increase or decrease based on investment returns

Annuity adjustments affect monthly payments starting May 1
Reasons Your Monthly Payment May Change

• Final calculation
• Change in tax withholding
• Accelerated payments ending
• Annual dividend adjustment
Mailings
• Received after you submit your retirement application

• Informs you when first direct deposit will be made and the amount
• Mailer only sent when the amount of your monthly retirement payment changes

• If the amount of the payment is the same as the month before, no mailer is generated
Taxes: 1099-R Distributions Form

- ETF will send by January 31 each year
- Separate form for each annuity account
Annuity & Taxes

• No Medicare or Social Security

• State & Federal – Taxed, ETF can only withhold for Wisconsin

• Change tax withholding status at anytime
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Group Health Insurance Plan

• Only for members participating in an ETF administered health plan

• Receive a packet containing info ~90 days before turning 65

• Look for documents like these in the packet
Important Reminders
Returning to Work

Non-WRS Employer (Private Entity)
- No restrictions

WRS Employer Good Faith Termination
- 75-day break in service and no agreements to return

WRS Employer Hours and Time Restriction
- Work more than 2/3 of full time, annuity is suspended
  - 880 hours for teachers and school district employees
  - 1,200 hours for other employment categories
Update Your Beneficiaries!

Examples of why you may need to update your beneficiary:

- Marriage
- Children
- Death
- Grandchildren
- Divorce
Life Insurance

Local Employer Non-ETF Life Insurance

ETF Administered Group Life Insurance Program

Contact your employer

Automatically continues and is deducted from your annuity

Change or Cancel Coverage – Go to ETF website or call ETF for more information
Health Insurance

Local Employee

Contact your employer

State Employee

Go to the website for updates for insurance
Tax Withholding Calculator

• Helps you decide your withholding

• Test multiple calculations before printing

• Print your Tax Withholding Election Form to change your withholding and mail it to ETF

etf.wi.gov/retirement/calculators
Resources
Living in Retirement Page

Retirement info located in one place
Information for Retirees (ET-4116) brochure
Link to info on Life Changes
Links to pages designed for Retirees
Watch videos about your topic online at:

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