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No Cost-of-Living Adjustment Granted by Legislature in 2011

*However, political subdivision retirees eligible for Medical Subsidy
will receive a one-time supplemental allowance payment*

CONCORD, N.H. – Recently enacted legislation did not provide for a 2011 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for eligible retirees or their eligible beneficiaries. As a result, annual pension benefits will remain at current levels.

However, a supplemental allowance for eligible Medical Subsidy recipients who retired from a political subdivision will be paid, as described below:

Supplemental Allowances for Eligible Medical Subsidy Recipients

Legislation enacted in 2008 and amended in 2011 (RSA 100-A:41-d, III.) provides eligible retirees/beneficiaries who received the Medical Subsidy as of their latest anniversary date of retirement with supplemental allowances in the form of an annual one-time payment. These annual payments began in July, 2008, and will conclude in July, 2012.

The 2011 payment will be issued in a separate check in addition to the pension payment for July 2011.

Non-Medicare-eligible Medical Subsidy recipients who retired from towns, cities, school districts, counties, or other local government employers will receive an additional supplemental allowance as follows:

- A one-person Medical Subsidy benefit recipient will receive a payment of \$500.
- A two-person Medical Subsidy benefit recipient will receive a payment of \$1,000.

Medicare-eligible Medical Subsidy recipients who retired from towns, cities, school districts, counties, or other local government employers will receive up to 60% of the non-Medicare-eligible amounts:

- A one-person Medical Subsidy benefit recipient will receive a payment of \$300.
- A two-person Medical Subsidy benefit recipient will receive a total payment of \$600.

A two-person Medical Subsidy benefit recipient may not receive more than \$1,000 per year.

State employees who retired from state service are not eligible for these supplemental payments related to the Medical Subsidy.

Questions about this supplemental allowance should be directed to an NHRS representative by calling (603) 410-3619 or toll-free at (877) 600-0158, extension 3619.

The New Hampshire Retirement System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to its eligible members and their beneficiaries. The State of New Hampshire and more than 475 local government employers participate in the retirement system for their employees, teachers, firefighters, and police officers. NHRS has approximately 50,500 active members and 26,000 pension recipients. NHRS administers a defined benefit plan qualified as a tax-exempt entity under section 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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