

KEA President's Points

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Dear member,

With October comes cooler weather, pumpkin spice everything, football, fall festivals, and of course Health Insurance renewal! See the article below for resources about the KEHP for 2017.

Health Insurance 2017

This year is a **MANDATORY ENROLLMENT** year. If you do not file an application for 2017, you will be placed on the default Standard PPO Plan. If you currently waived coverage with **KRS** in 2016, you are not required to complete an application waiving coverage for 2017.



There are **NO** premium increases for the LivingWell plans if you completed your 2016 LivingWell Promise, and you choose another LivingWell plan for 2017. LivingWell plans deductibles have increased to \$750 for single and \$2,500 for family in-network coverage.

There is a 1% premium increase in the Standard CDHP and Standard PPO plans.

The out-of-pocket maximum increased in all four plan options. LiveHealth Online Psychology is now available at no cost for you and your dependents age 10 and over.

Humana Vitality has changed its name to "go365". Log ins, passwords and benefits are the same as the Vitality program. Benefits Fairs are occurring Oct 3-14th in various locations around the state.

For more information about benefit fairs, premiums, forms, and more visit: <https://personnel.ky.gov/Pages/OE-FormsAndDocuments.aspx>

Important changes to your paycheck coming in 2017

All payroll officers were sent a memo from the Teachers Retirement System in April of this year regarding a settlement of a dispute with the Internal Revenue Service. In the attachment found [here](#), you will see an example of how this might affect your paycheck in 2017. Please contact your local payroll department for questions about how this might directly

impact the employees in your district.

Voter Registration Deadline is October 11th!

This could be one of the most important elections of our lifetime. Please remember to ask you family and friends to get registered to vote. It can be done either by filling out a voter registration card or done on-line. Also if you plan to be out of town on November the 8th, stop by your County Clerk's office and obtain an absentee ballot so you make sure your vote is counted! For more information please visit:



<http://elect.ky.gov/register tovot e/pages/default.aspx>

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