

# VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM RETIREE NEWS AND NOTES

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## Cost of Living Increase Effective January 1, 2001

The cost of living adjustment effective January 1<sup>st</sup> will be: **Group A - 3.70%**  
**Group B & C - 1.85%**

All eligible retirees will see the increase in their monthly allowance scheduled for payment on January 31, 2001.

## State Treasurer Conducts Study of Military Service Credit

Legislation enacted during the 2000 session directed the State Treasurer to conduct a comprehensive study of the military service credit in the State Employees' Retirement System, the State Teachers' Retirement System, and the Municipal Employees' Retirement System, and report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2001.

The Treasurer's Office is requesting your assistance in gathering the data necessary to complete the study.

***If you served a minimum of one full year in the military in any capacity prior to becoming a member of the Teachers' Retirement System, please complete the questionnaire on the next page and return it to the following address on or before December 15, 2000.***

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### MILITARY SURVEY

1. How many years did you have of full-time military service? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were your dates of entry and discharge? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you currently receiving any military pension benefit from your military service, or will you be entitled to receive a military pension benefit at a future date?  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
4. If still serving in the Guard or Reserve and have not yet reached 20 years, check here: \_\_\_\_
5. Have you received credit in your Teachers' Retirement Plan for your military service? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, was the service PURCHASED \_\_\_\_\_ or GRANTED \_\_\_\_\_
6. How many years of service did you have actually credited to you're account at retirement? \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

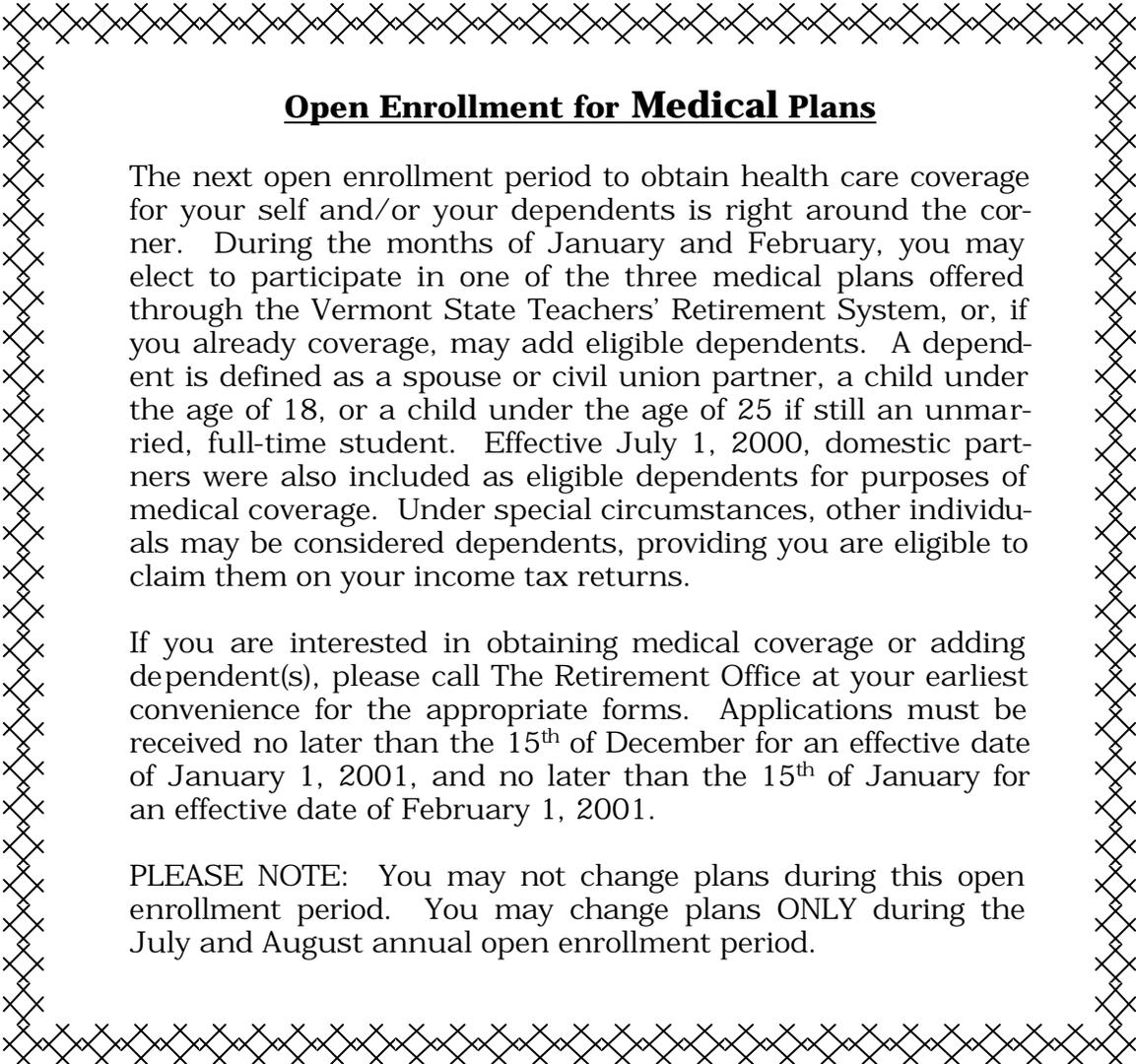
Please cut on the line above, and return by 12/15/00 to:

State Treasurer's Office  
Retirement Division  
133 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-6901

Thank you for your assistance.

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## **Open Enrollment for Medical Plans**

The next open enrollment period to obtain health care coverage for your self and/or your dependents is right around the corner. During the months of January and February, you may elect to participate in one of the three medical plans offered through the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System, or, if you already have coverage, may add eligible dependents. A dependent is defined as a spouse or civil union partner, a child under the age of 18, or a child under the age of 25 if still an unmarried, full-time student. Effective July 1, 2000, domestic partners were also included as eligible dependents for purposes of medical coverage. Under special circumstances, other individuals may be considered dependents, providing you are eligible to claim them on your income tax returns.

If you are interested in obtaining medical coverage or adding dependent(s), please call The Retirement Office at your earliest convenience for the appropriate forms. Applications must be received no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of December for an effective date of January 1, 2001, and no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of January for an effective date of February 1, 2001.

PLEASE NOTE: You may not change plans during this open enrollment period. You may change plans ONLY during the July and August annual open enrollment period.