
Notice of Critical Status
For
Pension Plan for Hospital and Health Care Employees – Philadelphia and Vicinity

This is to inform you that on [March 29, 2012](#) the plan actuary certified to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and also to the plan sponsor, that the plan [is](#) in critical status for the plan year beginning [January 1, 2012](#). Federal law requires that you receive this notice.

Critical Status

The plan is considered to be in critical status because it has funding or liquidity problems, or both. More specifically, the plan's actuary determined that [the sum of the plan's normal cost and interest on the unfunded benefits for the current plan year exceeds the present value of all expected contributions for the year; the present value of vested benefits of inactive participants is greater than the present value of vested benefits of active participants; and the plan has an accumulated funding deficiency projected by the end of the 2nd year of the projection period.](#)

Rehabilitation Plan and Possibility of Reduction in Benefits

Federal law requires pension plans in critical status to adopt a rehabilitation plan aimed at restoring the financial health of the plan. This is the [3rd](#) year the plan has been in critical status. The law permits pension plans to reduce, or even eliminate, benefits called "adjustable benefits" as part of a rehabilitation plan. On [April 29, 2010](#), you were notified that as of [April 29, 2010](#) the plan is not permitted to pay lump sum benefits (or any other payment in excess of the monthly amount paid under a single life annuity) while it is in critical status. If the trustees of the plan determine that benefit reductions are necessary, you will receive a separate notice in the future identifying and explaining the effect of those reductions. Any reduction of adjustable benefits (other than a repeal of a recent benefit increase, as described below) will not reduce the level of a participant's basic benefit payable at normal retirement. In addition, the reductions may only apply to participants and beneficiaries whose benefit commencement date is on or after [April 29, 2010](#).

Adjustable Benefits

The plan offers the following adjustable benefits which may be reduced or eliminated as part of any rehabilitation plan the pension plan may adopt:

- Disability benefits (if not yet in pay status);
- Early retirement benefit or retirement-type subsidy;
- Benefit payment options other than a qualified joint-and survivor annuity (QJSA);
- Other similar benefits, rights, or features under the plan

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Employer Surcharge

The law requires that all contributing employers pay to the plan a surcharge to help correct the plan's financial situation. The amount of the surcharge is equal to a percentage of the amount an employer is otherwise required to contribute to the plan under the applicable collective bargaining agreement. With some exceptions, a 5% surcharge is applicable in the initial critical year and a 10% surcharge is applicable for each succeeding plan year thereafter in which the plan is in critical status.

Where to Get More Information

For more information about this Notice, you may contact [the Pension Fund for Hospital and Health Care Employees – Philadelphia and Vicinity](#), 1319 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-735-5720 in Philadelphia or 800-531-1199 outside of Philadelphia. For identification purposes, the official plan number is 001 and the plan sponsor's employer identification number or "EIN" is 23-2627428. You have a right to receive a copy of the rehabilitation plan from the plan.

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