EMPLOYEE GUIDE FOR RETIRING UNDER FRS INVESTMENT PLAN

1. Contact the MyFRS Financial Guidance Line at 1-866-446-9377 to review your retirement account and estimate your income at retirement.

2. Investigate your distribution options. Contact the MyFRS Financial Guidance Line for information and review the publication Termination Kit – When Your FRS Employment Ends. This publication is also available in Spanish.

3. You do not need to submit any forms in order to retire from the Investment Plan.

4. Employee must provide notice of retirement date to supervisor and provide the Benefits Department (benefits@fiu.edu) with a copy of the supervisor’s acknowledgement.

5. Termination date is reported by the employer to the Division of Retirement via the monthly payroll contribution file.

6. You must terminate ALL employment with FRS employers (including third-party and OPS appointments, paid or unpaid).

7. After meeting the termination requirements, initiate a distribution by either calling the FRS Investment Plan Administrator at 1-866-446-9377, Option 4, or log on to MyFRS.com. To be officially defined as a State of Florida retiree, you must receive a distribution from your FRS Investment account. This distribution will make you eligible to convert your active health and life insurance from a State employee to State retiree.

8. Upon distribution, apply for the Health Insurance Subsidy (HIS) by completing and submitting to the Division of Retirement the forms included in the Health Insurance Subsidy Packet.

**Leave Accrual Payout**

Your leave cash-out will be submitted by your department and processed in accordance with FIU Leave policies and regulations. Only 12-month employees are eligible to receive payment for unused accrued vacation leave balance up to the lifetime maximum payout.

This annual leave lump-sum payment can be processed tax-deferred (403b/457 voluntary retirement savings account) or cash out.

a. Contact your 403b/457 provider company and follow necessary steps for tax-deferred payout.

b. Elected option needs to be communicated to Benefits Administration prior to payroll processing of scheduled last payment.

Payment is generally issued approximately 4-6 weeks after your last paycheck. Payments are directly deposited into the account on file. For payment information contact the Payroll Department.

Sick leave accruals may be eligible for payout. Please contact the Payroll Department for confirmation.

**State Health Insurance and Medicare A/B**

If you are enrolled in a State Health Insurance Plan, your coverage will end the last day of the month after your retirement date; for example, if your retirement (termination) date is June 7, your coverage ends July 31. People First will mail a State of Florida Retiree Packet two weeks following your termination. If you do not receive it within this timeframe, please contact the People First Service Center at 866-663-4735. Your action is required and time sensitive, you will need to either accept or decline coverage by returning the retiree packet to People First. The monthly premium rate table can be found via this link. Please note you will not be allowed to elect state retiree health insurance at a later date.

MEDICARE A/B will become your primary health coverage on the first of the month following the end of the State Health Insurance coverage. Contact the Social Security Administration at 1-800-772-1213 to discuss your Social Security benefits and to complete enrollment.

Medicare enrollment may be done upon retirement or at any time while eligible and active with FIU. While employed, the State’s insurance through FIU is primary, hence the employee is not obligated to sign up and pay for Medicare, which would be considered “secondary”.

- Medicare A – Covers hospitals and premiums are usually free
Medicare B – Covers doctors/providers and premiums are based on earnings / income tax information

Please be advised it is your responsibility to ensure Medicare A/B is your Primary Health Insurance when you retire. Neither our office nor the State interface with the Social Security Administration to provide employment and retirement details. Please contact SHINE (Florida Department of Elder Affairs) at 1-800-963-5337 for additional information on coverage options. Please note that this is a free, unbiased, and confidential counseling assistance to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregiver.

Flexible Spending Account

If you are currently enrolled in the Flexible Spending Account, you can continue this plan after retirement and into the end of the year in which you are retiring pending you pay the remaining pledged contributions at your time of termination. You have the option to issue a check or designate part of your leave cash-out. Contact People First at 1-866-663-4735 and complete the form prior to your termination date. A copy of the form should also be submitted to the FIU Benefits office via email, no later than the date of termination, if you wish to allocate your leave cash-out funds to pay the balance.

Basic Term Life

Upon retirement, choose either the $2,500 or the $10,000 benefit. Please be advised you will be automatically enrolled into $2,500 retiree life insurance coverage, unless you make an active change within sixty (60) calendar days from your last day worked.

Gabor Supplemental Plans (non-State)

For questions on the policy(s), you may contact Gabor Financial Solutions directly.

FIU 403(b) & 457 Voluntary Savings Plans

Once employment has terminated, you may take a distribution from your voluntary retirement account(s). You can contact your provider company directly at any time, to discuss investment and distribution options.

FIU Retiree Association

As a member of the FIU Retiree Association, you can expand your horizons through a variety of discount programs that provide access to some of the university’s best arts, entertainment, and athletic events. There’s a rich array of programming available to our university’s retirees. Obtain your FIU Retiree OneCard or contact 305-348-0101.

Reemployment Rules

The reemployment laws are very complex, and returning to work for an FRS-participating employer after you’ve retired may have significant financial consequences. Before taking any distribution from your Investment Plan account or returning to work for an FRS-participating employer, we strongly recommend you call the MyFRS Financial Guidance Line at 1-866-446-9377. For more details, review the Reemployment Rules for Investment Plan Members.

Address Updates

Prior to retiring, address changes must be processed via My.FIU.edu.

FIU Email Access

Login access is through panthermail.fiu.edu. If you need assistance logging in, please contact the Division of Information Technology Customer Support Center at 305-348-2284.

W-2 Access

Employees who have separated from FIU, retain limited access to Employee Self Service for two (2) years after their last date of employment. You will need to log into My.FIU.edu and print out the W2 at your convenience. If you need assistance logging in to the system, please contact the Division of Information Technology Customer Support Center at 305-348-2284.