



ALAMEDA COUNTY EMPLOYEES'  
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## Dear ACERA Member,

This is your annual opportunity to review your healthcare options provided by ACERA. In this packet, you'll find the ACERA 2021 Retiree Enrollment Guide containing information about the ACERA-sponsored healthcare plans. Review the new monthly healthcare premiums for the next year starting on [page 2](#). The Monthly Medical Allowance will remain the same for the 2021 plan year.

### Timeline to Make Changes

Annual benefit enrollment decisions can only be made during the Open Enrollment period outlined on the back of this letter unless you experience a qualifying event. For qualifying events, you must notify ACERA in writing within 30 days of the event. To find out more about qualifying events, visit [www.acera.org/enrollment](http://www.acera.org/enrollment).

Check out the back of this letter for a quick start guide. Detailed instructions on how to make changes are contained in the enclosed Enrollment Guide. We hope you find this packet of information useful and a resource throughout 2021.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Nelsen".

**Dave Nelsen**

Chief Executive Officer  
October 2020



# Quick Start Guide

## Who DOES need to take action?

ACERA members who want to make changes to their medical, dental, and/or vision plan(s).

## Who MAY WANT to take action?

- Kaiser Permanente HMO and UnitedHealthcare SignatureValue HMO members: the UnitedHealthcare SignatureValue Advantage network plan, which is a select group of high-quality and cost-effective providers, has experienced a considerable premium reduction, making it 34% cheaper than the regular UHC SignatureValue plan and 6% cheaper than the Kaiser Permanente HMO. You may want to consider changing to this plan—see [page 2](#).
- Newly Medicare-eligible members with 10+ years ACERA service credit: you will probably want to enroll in the Medicare Part B Reimbursement Plan for help with your Medicare costs—see [page 24](#).
- Medicare-eligible members in a Via Benefits plan may want to review whether their drug plan is still the best option based on changes in cost and their current needs—see [page 14](#).

## Who DOES NOT need to take action?

Members who don't want to make changes to their medical, dental, and/or vision plan(s).

## Open Enrollment Periods and Plan Years

ACERA Healthcare Plans	Open Enrollment Period	Plan Year
<b>Kaiser Permanente HMO California</b> (non-Medicare)	November 1, 2020 - November 30, 2020	February 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022
<b>Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage California</b> (Medicare)		
<b>UnitedHealthcare SV HMO and SVA HMO</b> (non-Medicare)	November 1, 2020 - December 15, 2020	January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021
<b>Delta Dental</b>		
<b>Vision Service Plan</b> (VSP)		
<b>Via Benefits Non-Medicare Plans</b>	October 15, 2020 - December 7, 2020	
<b>Kaiser Permanente Individual Non-Medicare Plans</b> (outside California)		
<b>Via Benefits Medicare Plans</b>	October 15, 2020 - December 7, 2020	
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