

Rhode Island Public Employees Retiree Coalition
2026 Available Benefits

For many years NEA Rhode Island Retired has been a member of the Rhode Island Public Employees Retiree Coalition (RIPERC) to pool the resources of the various members of the coalition to protect and enhance benefits for the members in each organization. Below are some of those benefits and when contacting any of these vendors, please let them know that you are a member of NEARI Retired and RIPERC.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) offers Medicare Advantage health plans through RIPERC. They are: 2025 BlueChip for Medicare Group Elite (HMO-POS), 2025 Group Preferred Unlimited 2, and two versions of 2025 Healthmate Coast-to-Coast for Medicare Group Plan 3 (PPO). Any member of NEA Rhode Island Retired has access to these plans. If you need more information on them and/or enroll in a plan, please contact – Michael Sheehan - Michael.Sheehan@bcbsri.org, **Group Medicare Account Executive I Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island**

Start Hearing provides members with a consistent, reliable hearing aid experience from start to finish by offering a broad network of providers and high-quality products. Checkout the website and/or send an email to John Gamble, Vice President Development, Start Hearing, 6425 Flying Cloud Dr., Eden Prairie, MN 55344. John's email address is "John_Gamble@starkey.com" John_Gamble@Starkey.com and his phone number is 953-918-5558 ext. 5558. The website is: starhearing.com to review the products and services available.

Delta Dental of Rhode Island and Delta Vision (in partnership with VSP Vision Care) As a National Education Association Rhode Island Retired member, you can sign up for affordable dental and vision coverage from the name that you can trust. You can contact Delta Dental of Rhode Island and Delta Vision at: 800-843-3582 or visit at: www.deltadental.com.

Legacy Benefits Advisors (LBA) is a company that is constantly looking for new benefits that we can offer RIPERC members. They also provide presentations on various topics to RIPERC members including Medicare/Social Security, Retirement Planning and Investments. They also offer individual consultations on the topics listed above. For more information, please contact Bob Dumais at rdumais@LBARI.com.

American Legal Services is another benefit that is provided to RIPERC members. This benefit is also provided to NEARI active members. It is a yearly membership that provides several legal services. You can check the services provided at <https://www.webalsi.com> and can contact Patricia A. Langford at plangford@webalsi.com or 401.944.4482. Their address is 13395 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919.