Welcome and thank you for joining us today as we present The UC Retirement Process, From Start to Finish. This presentation is intended for those who are close to retiring from UC, or who are planning to retire in the near future, and who want to better understand the process of retirement step-by-step.
UC retirement process from start to finish

We will review in detail:
• Glossary of terms
• First steps to retire
• Initiating your retirement
• Completing your Retirement Election
• How to submit required documents
• Track the progress of your retirement
• Your confirmation letter
• UC retiree health plans and Medicare
• What to expect once you are retired

In this webinar, we will first start off covering a glossary of terms which are helpful to understand as we move through the presentation. We will then talk through:

- the First steps you can take as you prepare to retire
- How to initiate your retirement from UC
- Completing your retirement election
- How to submit required documents needed to process your retirement
- Where you can go to track your retirement election
- Details about your retirement confirmation letter
- Steps to enroll in retiree health benefits, if eligible, and how to coordinate your UC retiree medical benefits with Medicare
- And what to expect once retired

Understanding UC’s retirement process step-by-step will better prepare you for this next chapter in your life and make your retirement a smooth one.
Let’s get started and define a few common terms that we will discuss throughout the presentation.
UCRP stands for the University of California Retirement Plan. This is UC’s pension and provides lifetime monthly income options upon retirement. For some, there is also an alternate lump sum cashout option. To be eligible, or vested, for UCRP benefits, you need to have 5 or more years of UCRP service credit. For more information on your UCRP benefits, please visit UCRAYS at Retirementatyourservice.ucop.edu.

Under the Retirement Savings Program, or RSP, we offer three defined contribution plans that allow you to save additional money for your retirement. With the DC Plan, you can make voluntary after-tax contributions that you can also have access to at any time, even while employed at UC. You may have also made mandatory pre-tax contributions to the DC Plan during your career depending on your employment classification. Additionally, you can make voluntary pre-tax contributions to either the Tax-deferred 403(b) Plan or the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan or both. Your RSP balances will be based on contributions made into the plans and the investment returns. Fidelity is our record-keeper for these plans and you can view your balances or enroll through Fidelity’s website at Netbenefits.com.

Glossary of terms

UCRP
• University of California Retirement Plan
  • Provides lifetime monthly income or, if eligible, lump sum cashout once vested (5 or more years)

RSP
• Retirement Savings Program
  • Defined contribution plans to help save for retirement
    › DC Plan
    › Tax-Deferred 403(b) Plan
    › 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan
Glossary of terms

**Separation Date**
- Last day of employment at the University in a UCRP eligible position (aka termination date)
- Can be a work day, sick/vacation day, leave of absence or weekend

**Retirement Date**
- Effective or start date of UCRP retirement benefits (monthly income or LSC)
- At least one day following your separation date

Your separation date is your last day of employment at the University, otherwise known as a termination date. It can be a working day, a day on vacation or sick leave, or a weekend. It can also be a day where you are on a paid or unpaid leave of absence. Nevertheless, it is the last day of your employment at UC prior to your retirement date.

Your retirement date is the effective date of your UCRP retirement benefits and can be the day immediately following your separation date, there could be a one business day break, or it could be 10 years after your UC separation. Nevertheless, it is one of your most important decision as you consider when is the right time to retire for you.

The choice of separation date and retirement date will impact the benefit calculation and other benefits you may be eligible to receive from UCRP.
Glossary of terms

**BRI**
- Basic Retirement Income
- Monthly UCRP retirement income based on age, years of service and salary at retirement

**CAP**
- Capital Accumulation Payment
- Special allocations to UCRP members in early 1990s and early 2000s
- Must be paid upon retirement (rollover or distribution)
- Check UCRAYS – Membership details

Basic Retirement Income, or BRI, is the monthly income you will be eligible to receive upon retirement based on your age, years of UCRP service credit, and 3-year average salary. Instead of the BRI, you can elect an alternate payment option which would reduce your BRI to provide lifetime monthly income to someone else upon your death or, depending on your tier or member classification, you can elect a lump sum cashout. Alternate payment options or the lump sum cashout will be based on the BRI calculation.

The Capital Accumulation Payment, or CAP, is the result of a series of special allocations provided to active UCRP members in the early 1990s and early 2000s. If you were an active UCRP member during these times, an amount equal to a percentage of your eligible salary would have been deposited into an interest-bearing account. Upon retirement, you must take a taxable distribution of the CAP account or roll the funds over to another qualified plan. If you have a CAP account, you can log on to UCRAYS and view your CAP account balance in the membership details section.
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| **Contingent Annuitant** |
| • Elect an alternate payment option to provide lifetime monthly income upon your death |
| • Can you be your eligible survivor or anyone else |
| • Can only name one contingent annuitant |
| • Irrevocable |

As defined by UCRP, an eligible survivor is a person who may receive monthly survivor income automatically or who may be eligible to continue health benefits upon your death. The first eligible survivor is a spouse or domestic partner, provided you have been married or partnered for at least one year prior to your retirement date and you must remain married or partnered continuously until your death. The next eligible survivor is a minor child, a child under age 22 if attending school full time, or a disabled child. Finally, the last eligible survivor could be a dependent parent.

A contingent annuitant is a person you name, through an alternate payment option, to receive lifetime monthly income upon your death. If you elect a contingent annuitant option, your income will be reduced depending on your age and the age of the contingent annuitant at retirement, as well as the option you select. Your contingent annuitant can be any person you want, including your eligible survivor, or someone else. You can only name one person as your contingent annuitant however and the election of a contingent annuitant at retirement is an irrevocable decision.
Glossary of terms

**UC Retirement At Your Service (UCRAYS)**

- Review membership details
- Initiate UCRP retirement, disability or service credit purchase
- Update your UCRP beneficiary
- Second Choice Election for Savings Choice participants

**Retirement Administration Service Center (RASC)**

- System of record for UCRP membership
- Processes UCRP retirement, survivor and disability income benefits
- Enrollment and eligibility for UC retiree medical, dental, and legal
- Contact through Messages on UCRAYS or (800) 888-8267

UCRAYS, or UC Retirement At Your Service, is your online member portal for all things related to UCRP whether you are an active, inactive, or retired member. The website can be found at: https://retirementatyourserivce.ucop.edu, or by clicking on the icon from the right hand side of the UCnet website (ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu).

In UCRAYS, you can review your membership details, including any service credit in UCRP or Savings Choice as well as your UCRP and CAP account balances. You can prepare UCRP retirement estimates and elect your UC retirement. If you are an active employee, you can also initiate an application for UCRP disability or an eligible UCRP service credit purchase. You would also use UCRAYS to designate or update your UCRP beneficiaries and, if a Savings Choice participant, make a Second Choice Election to switch to Pension Choice.

The Retirement Administration Service Center, or RASC, is a division within Systemwide Human Resources at UCOP responsible for the day-to-day operations of benefits from UCRP and UC’s retiree health plans. The RASC manages the system of record for membership in UCRP and processes the calculation and payments for UCRP retirement, survivor and disability income benefits. The RASC also enrolls eligible retirees, family members and survivors in UC’s retiree medical, dental and legal benefits. If you need to contact the RASC for specific details on your retirement benefits, you can send a Secure Message through UCRAYS or call, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, PT, at 1-800-888-8267.
First steps to retire

Preparation and planning are the most important first steps everyone can take when getting ready to retire. So, let’s discuss a number of ways in which you can get started.
First steps

- Attend other workshops and webinars (myUCretirement.com)
- Review your UCRP estimates and RSP balances
- Talk to a Fidelity Workplace Financial Consultant
- See your projected Social Security benefit
- Find out if you qualify for benefits from previous employers
- Consult with your tax or financial advisor
- Ensure your personal finances are in order

First, take advantage of the many workshops, presentations and webinars that are available to help you understand your benefits and all the things you’ll need to prepare for as you take this important step. You can visit myUCretirement.com to enroll in any of the classes we offer, or those offered by our Fidelity partners.

To be better prepared, you can visit UCRAYS to review your UCRP retirement estimates or model various retirement scenarios including survivor and contingent annuitant options. You should also review your RSP balances at Fidelity’s website, NetBenefits.com.

Fidelity Workplace Financial Consultants are available to meet with you one on one, via zoom, or the telephone and can help you put all the pieces together, including UCRP, RSP balances, Social Security and other retirement income sources, to ensure you are retirement ready. Each location has at least one dedicated Fidelity Consultant or you reach out to their phone team at 1-800-558-9182, M-F, 5am to 6pm, PT.

If you will be eligible for Social Security benefits, please visit ssa.gov to view your projected Social Security benefits as the income you receive will be dependent upon the age you collect them.

Find out if you have any other sources of savings and potential retirement income from previous employers. And you might also want to consult with your own tax or financial advisor and make sure your personal finances are in order so that you can take the next step into retirement financially secure.
Attend UC retirement planning webinars

Preparing for Retirement Webinar
• 1st Tuesday of the month at 10am
• 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm

UC Retiree Health Benefits Webinar
- 3rd Wed. of the month at 2pm

UC offers two additional retirement planning webinars that you can attend to understand more in depth your UCRP retirement and UC retiree health benefits, and all the different options available.

You can register and view copies of the presentation with the QR code or by visiting UCNet here: https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/compensation-and-benefits/retirement-benefits/preparing-for-retirement-presentation/index.html

Twice a month, we offer our Preparing for Retirement webinar which discusses, in detail, what is UCRP and how your benefits are calculated, what retirement income options you can elect when you retire including monthly income or, if eligible, a lump sum cashout, how to qualify for UC retiree health benefits and how those benefits coordinate with Medicare, and a brief overview of the retirement process and what to expect when retired. This webinar is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10am and the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the evening at 5:30pm.

We also offer our UC Retiree Health Benefits webinar on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 2pm. In this webinar, we discuss in greater detail all the UC health benefits you can receive, if eligible, in retirement, what plans are offered in California and outside, how your UC medical benefits coordinate with Medicare, and address common questions you might be asking as you transition from active employee benefits into retirement.

These webinars, in addition to this one, are designed to build on each other and provide
you with all the important information and details you’ll need to make your retirement election decisions and understand how those benefits can support you and your family in retirement. In some cases, it helps to attend these webinars more than once as you’ll always learn something new each time, and invite your spouse or partner to listen in as well.
The first step in the formal process of initiating your retiring from UCRP is to prepare your Personal Retirement Profile, or PRP. You can initiate your retirement no sooner than 3 months prior to your anticipated retirement date. For example, if you plan to retire July 1st, you can initiate your retirement no sooner than April 1st. Your PRP will be your planning tool and will include estimates of all your retirement income options from UCRP as well as your eligibility for UC retiree health benefits. You’ll use your PRP to make your retirement election decisions.

The entire process of retirement from start to finish can take 60-90 days, so, we recommend you start early to ensure you have enough time to make an informed decision and your retirement application can be processed in time.

When you elect to retire, you will have to inform your department or, if you are an academic appointee, your local Academic Personnel that you are retiring. You can do this at the time you initiate your retirement, or you can wait until closer to your separation date, whatever time frame works for you. We do not inform your department you are retiring, so, it’s important you take all necessary actions needed to ensure your separation from UC employment is processed in time for your retirement benefits to be paid. If not, your first retirement payment(s) could be delayed.
You can also visit UCnet under the Compensation & Benefits tab for more information on your UC retirement benefits, including summary plan descriptions, factsheets, and benefits summary documents. Search for “Preparing for Retirement” or use the QR code and you’ll find a roadmap that lists all the steps of the retirement process, one by one, and links to important documents.

We recommend you review the Retirement Handbook, for example, which has lots of great information and details about the options you can select at retirement, eligibility information, required documents and decisions you’ll make when you retire from UC.

You can also find links to our UC RASC webinars, such as the one you are attending today, where you can view PDF copies of the webinar presentation itself as well as recorded versions of the presentation, when available.
Initiating your retirement is the first and most important step in beginning your retirement journey. In this process, which we will go through step-by-step, you will prepare your PRP, or Personal Retirement Profile. You can prepare your PRP no sooner than 3 months in advance of your retirement date. If it’s less than 3 months, don’t worry, it’s still important that you start the process as soon as you have settled on your retirement date. Please note that your retirement date can be no sooner than the first of the current month, provided you are separated from UC employment.
How do I initiate the retirement process?

Log on to UCRAYS and select:

- Retirement > Initiate & Elect UCRP Retirement > Create PRP
- Follow the prompts to create and save your Personal Retirement Profile (PRP)

Or

Fill out the Request for Retirement Initiation Packet form:
http://ucal.us/retirementform

There are two ways in which you can initiate your retirement:

1) Log on to UCRAYS and select the “Retirement” icon. From there, you can select “Initiate & Elect UCRP Retirement” and follow the prompts to create and save your PRP.

If you do not want to use UCRAYS, or you are unable to do so:

2) You can fill out the “Request for Retirement Initiation Packet” form and submit to the RASC and we will prepare your PRP for you.

Now, we will walk through the steps of creating your PRP.
If you are logged in to UCRAYS, this is the screen you will see. On the upper left, you can select “Membership Details” to view your UCRP and CAP balances, review your UCRP service credit, and any UC retiree health and welfare service credit, if applicable. You can also use UCRAYS to manage your contacts, update your beneficiary designations and, if you are an active employee, apply for UCRP disability income or elect an eligible UCRP service credit purchase.

When you are ready to retire, or if you want to view or prepare a retirement estimate, click on “Retirement”.

When you click on your Membership Details, you can view your current service credit, including in which tier that service has been earned, as well as the contributions you’ve made into UCRP.

If you have a CAP account, which we will discuss in more details later in the presentation, you can view your current balances and the monthly interest accrued.

And, if you are active employee, you can see the years of service credit – including UCRP and/or Savings Choice service – that counts towards eligibility for retiree health and welfare benefits.
From the Retirement screen, you can view and create UCRP retirement estimates on your own. There is no limit to the number of estimates that you can create. It is a great planning tool that allows you to model different retirement scenarios and can help you prepare for retirement. On this screen, you’ll also be given three BRI estimates based on three different ages and, if eligible, the lump sum cashout.

When you are ready to initiate your retirement, select “Initiate & Elect UCRP Retirement”.
Before you get started, please note all the detail information above which includes links to the Retirement Handbook, to UCnet for our retirement webinars, as well as contact information if you have further questions.

If you have created a PRP previously, you can view that PRP if it has not expired. PRPs will expire 90 days after the selected retirement date.

To start, select “Create a New PRP”.
There are several steps in the process of creating your PRP and the wizard on UCRAYS will walk you through each one. Please note that not all steps will be available to all members if, for example, you aren’t eligible for UC retiree health benefits. You can also skip passed some steps that don’t apply to you.

To move forward, select “Create PRP”.
PRP – Membership Details

Step one will provide you with a summary of your membership details which will be used as the basis of the calculation of your benefit options, as well as any projections of service and salary to your planned separation date that are needed to complete those calculations.

If you want to view your membership information in more detail, go to “Membership Details” from the left hand “My Account” menu on the UCRAVS home page. Please note the the details of your PRP will not be saved until you have completed all steps.

To continue, select “Next”.

Step one will provide you with a summary of your membership details which will be used as the basis of the calculation of your benefit options, as well as any projections of service and salary to your planned separation date that are needed to complete those calculations.

If you want to view your membership information in more detail, go to “Membership Details” from the left hand “My Account” menu on the UCRAVS home page. Please note the the details of your PRP will not be saved until you have completed all steps.

To continue, select “Next”.
One of the most important decisions you are going to make is when to retire.

On this screen, you will enter both your UCRP retirement date, which is the effective date of your pension, and your UC separation date, your last day of employment at UC. For more information on things to consider when electing your retirement and separation dates, select the link marked “here”. A pop box will included some additional things you might want to consider. For instance, you might want to retire on your next age factor increase, or you may need to coordinate your retirement and separation dates with your academic teaching schedule.

Remember that your retirement date must be at least one day following your separation date, but, it can be later. As another example, many of our active 1976 tier and Safety members will select a separation date of June 29 and a retirement date of July 1 to have a one business day break in service and take advantage of the Inactive HAPC COLA. You might also be an inactive member who separated from UC many years prior to your retirement. If you need additional details before deciding on your retirement and separation dates, please review the Retirement Handbook or attend our Preparing for Retirement webinar.

If you have reciprocity with the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) or the California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS) and want to have that information included in your UCRP retirement, click on the checkbox at the bottom. Once you have entered the necessary information, select “Next”.

Note: Click here for important information on what to consider when selecting a separation and retirement date.
Here you will be able to view the current address we have on file for you. If you are an active employee at UC and need to update your address, you will need to go to UCPATH and make changes there.

If you are an inactive member, you can update your address through UCRAYS.

If you plan to move after retirement, don’t worry, you will have the opportunity to provide us with your new address details in the retirement election process.

Click on “Next” when you are ready.
If you have a spouse or domestic partner, we will ask you for their information on this screen. If they are already one of your personal contacts, such as a beneficiary or employee health benefits dependent, then you can select them from the “Existing Contact” dropdown menu. You may still need to add additional details such as marriage date or domestic partnership date and their contact address if different than yours. This information is necessary to calculate benefits that they might be eligible to receive upon your death and how to contact them when needed. When you elect to retire, your spouse or domestic partner will also need to sign your retirement election.

If they are not an existing contact, you can still enter their details directly into the screen.

If you are not married, or do not have a domestic partner, then you can check the box at the top. Once you have completed this step, you select “Next” at the bottom of the screen.
On this screen, you will review and/or add any additional eligible survivors other than a spouse or domestic partner. Eligible survivors include a child who is either under age 18, under age 22 if attending school full time, or who is disabled as their disability occurred when otherwise eligible based on age. If you have a dependent parent, for whom you provide 50% or more financial support, they also can be an eligible survivor.

Existing contacts may already be listed and you add additional details or remove them if they are not qualified. You can also select Add Family Member to add any additional eligible survivors that are not already listed.

Select “Next” when you are done.
A Contingent Annuitant is a person that you may want to name to receive lifetime monthly income from UCRP upon your death through an alternate payment option. If you would potentially like to name a contingent annuitant, or be provided with the calculated contingent annuitant options, it is often a good idea to include their information here. Your potential Contingent Annuitant might be listed as an existing contact or you can enter their information new.

Please note that any contingent annuitant included is only used to prepare the estimates for the various alternate payment options available when you retire. By entering a contingent annuitant here, you are not obligated to elect an alternate payment option with that contingent annuitant when you retire. In fact, you can create more than one PRP with a different contingent annuitant. For example, you might want to compare options with your spouse as contingent annuitant versus an adult child.

When you elect your retirement option, however, you can only select one person as contingent annuitant.

If you do not wish to view any contingent annuitant options, you can check the box at the top. Select “Next” when you are done.
If you are potentially eligible for UC retiree health and welfare benefits in retirement, the next step in creating your PRP will be to review your current insurance details, including the UC medical, dental and/or legal plans in which you are enrolled as an employee. If you have family members enrolled with you, their information will also be displayed here.

If you have family members covered by your UC medical, dental and/or legal plans who are not listed here, please contact the RASC for assistance with your PRP.

There are several requirements to meet to be eligible for UC retiree health benefits. Most importantly, your UC retirement date must be within 120 days of your UC separation date and you cannot elect a lump sum cashout. For more specifics on UC’s eligibility rules for retiree health benefits, please review the Retirement Handbook.

If everything looks good, select “Next” to continue.
Here you can view all the details you entered to prepare your PRP. If you would like to go back and review a particular section, or if you need to make a change, you can click of the hyperlink to go back to that section.

If you are ready to create your PRP, click on the “I agree...” checkbox and select “Create PRP”.
Once your PRP is created, you will generally be able to view it right away on the UCRAYS screen. Your PRP will include the calculation of the options that you will be able to select when you retire, including the amounts potentially payable to your eligible survivors and/or contingent annuitant. You can also view your UC retiree health plan options, if eligible, including your cost for your medical, dental and/or legal premiums. You can come back and view your PRP at anytime and you can also send a copy of your PRP to your UCRAYS message inbox, print a copy to PDF or print on your local printer. If you do not elect to retire, your PRP will expire 90 days after your selected retirement date.

Please note that you may receive reminder notifications that you have a retirement in progress until you either complete your retirement election, or cancel your PRP if you decide not to retire.
Though not common, in some special circumstances, an additional review is required by the RASC before we can prepare your PRP. If so, instead of seeing your PRP, you will receive this message informing you that the RASC needs to review your PRP. You do not need to take any action at this time and your PRP will be completed in most cases in 5-7 business days, if not sooner.

Once the review is complete, your PRP will be created and a message will be sent to your UCRAYS message box. You will also receive an email to your work or personal email address on file once your PRP is ready to view. You can log back on to UCRAYS and view your PRP in the Retirement section.
If you are unable to prepare your PRP through UCRAYS, you can complete the “Request for Retirement Initiation Packet” form and submit it to the RASC and we will prepare your PRP for you. This form gathers all the same information needed to prepare your PRP that you would have needed to enter into UCRAYS.

Once your PRP is prepared, you will receive an email to your work or personal email address on file alerting you to log into UCRAYS to view your PRP which will be available in the “Retirement” section.
As we mentioned earlier, your PRP is your planning tool to help you make your retirement election decisions. Your next step is to review your PRP and the different options available to you. For more details and to better understand your choices, we encourage you to review the Retirement Handbook which is linked in UCRAYS or available on UCNet. If you have specific questions that can’t be answered in your PRP or the Retirement Handbook, you can contact the RASC for questions via secure message or phone. You can also make an appointment to speak with a Fidelity Workplace Financial Consultant to review not only your PRP but all other sources of retirement income.

If you are married or have a domestic partner, you should review your PRP with them as your election decisions impact benefits they could be eligible to receive upon your death. You can also consult other family members and/or your tax or financial advisor.

If you don’t wish to proceed with retirement, you do not need to do anything further and your PRP will expire automatically 90 days after the retirement date you entered. However, if you do wish to proceed, it is important to note that you must take action to elect to retire. If you do not make a retirement election within 90 days of your retirement date, your retirement will be cancelled and you will need to start over again with a new retirement that is no sooner than first of the month in which you initiate a new PRP.
If you are ready to take the next step and formally elect your UCRP retirement, let’s walk through the steps you’ll need to take to make your retirement election decisions and sign your election form.
To initiate your retirement election, please log on to UCRAYS and select the “Retirement” icon and then “Initiate & UCRP Elect Retirement”. From the following screen, you’ll be able to view any active PRP(s) that been prepared. You’ll then follow a series of prompts to provide your election instructions and prepare your retirement election form for signature.

If you do not wish to go through UCRAYS, or unable to do so, you can complete and submit an Election Planning Worksheet so the RASC can prepare the election form for you.

Let’s walk through the steps of your UCRP retirement election one by one.
From the “Initiate & Elect UCRP Retirement” screen, you can view any active PRPs that you or the RASC have prepared. To view your PRP or to initiate your retirement election, click on the checkbox and select “View PRP/Elect Retirement”. Note there are links to additional resources available to find out more information regarding your retirement election options or to speak with someone in more detail about your specific situation.

If you have more than one PRP, be sure to select the correct PRP before initiating your retirement election. For example, if you prepared one PRP with your spouse as contingent annuitant and a second one with your child, be sure to electing off of the correct one.

Once you select View PRP/Elect Retirement, you PRP will come onto the screen and you can click on the yellow banners to expand the section and view the specific information about that PRP, including the retirement and separation dates, survivor or contingent annuitant details, and your estimated retirement income options. You can also send a copy of your PRP to your UCRAYS inbox or print a copy for your review.

If you are ready to proceed, select “Elect UCRP Retirement”.
To complete your UCRP retirement election, you will be walked through a series of screens to provide the details of your selected payment options. Please note that not all steps presented here will apply to every member’s retirement election and will be skipped if they don’t apply to you. Each step will be saved along the way if you need to stop for some reason and come back later.

To move to step one, select “Elect UCRP Retirement”.
The first step in your retirement election is to select your payment option(s). You’ll see that your elected Retirement Date and Separation Date are visible. Before you proceed, please ensure these are correct. If not, you will need to Cancel and return to the Initiate & Elect Retirement screen and select a different existing PRP or prepare a new one.

In general, you can only select one payment option when you retire: monthly income or, if you are eligible, the lumpsum cashout. If you are selecting a monthly income option, you can choose the “BRI”, or basic retirement income option, or one of the alternate payment options A through D to provide for a contingent annuitant benefit. Please note that Option D is only available to those who are 1976 Tier members, coordinated with Social Security and whose eligible spouse or domestic partner is also their contingent annuitant.

If you are a multi-tier member, you must select an option for each tier, or Benefit Type, separately. In general, though, you must select the same option for each Benefit Type. For example, if you have service in both the 1976 Tier and 2013 Tier and want to elect Option A, you must select Option A for both the 1976 Tier and the 2013 Tier Benefit Types.

If you are a 1976 Tier coordinated member and select Option D and have service in another tier, you must select Option C for all other Benefit Types since Option D is not available. Multi-tier members who elect the Lumpsum Cashout for service in the 1976 Tier, Safety, and Modified 2013 Tier, and who have service in the 2013 or 2016 Tier where the lumpsum cashout option is not available, may choose any of the monthly income options (BRI, Options A-C) for the service in those tiers.
Here you must select the payment address for your UC retirement income payment(s). If we have an existing “Home” address, it will be listed on the screen. You may also add a separate “Mailing Address” if it is different than your home address, such as a P.O. Box, and/or you can add a “Temporary Address” if you will be living somewhere else on a short-term basis after you retire. If you need to make changes to any of the addresses listed, click on the hyperlink under Address Type.

Once you have saved and confirmed your address(es), you must select one as your “Payment Address”. This will be the primary address associated to your retirement income payments, even if you select a direct deposit option. This address will be maintained and used to mail any paper checks, benefit income statements or 1099R tax forms.

To keep you connected with the UC community after retirement, you check on the “I consent…” checkbox and be connected to your local Emeriti or Retiree association or center. These centers and organizations provide a lot of great resources for UC retirees, offering local programs and ways to access campus services such as libraries and email. If you do not wish to share your personal email address with your local retirement center or association, then do not select the check box or include your email address.

When you are ready, select “Next”.
• Verify your Eligible Survivor and/or Contingent Annuitant, if applicable
• If you wish to change your Eligible Survivor and/or Contingent Annuitant, you must cancel your election and create a new PRP

If you have an Eligible Survivor and/or Contingent Annuitant and elected an option that provides for a benefit to them, you can review their details here. Note that if you are a 1976 Tier or Safety member and elected the BRI option, your Eligible Survivor(s) can still be eligible for the post retirement survivor continuance benefit.

From this screen, you cannot make any changes to your survivor and/or contingent annuitant. If you need to make a change, such as selecting a different contingent annuitant, you must Cancel your retirement election and return to the Initiate & Elect Retirement screen to select a different existing PRP or prepare a new one.

If everything looks good, you can select “Next” to proceed to the following screen.
You may add up to 3 separate bank accounts
Otherwise, you can receive a paper check

Whether you chose a monthly income option, or a lump sum cashout, you must provide your payment and tax withholding instructions for your initial payment(s).

For any monthly payment, you may elect to “Add Bank Account” to have your funds automatically deposited into your bank account. If you are an active employee and have an existing bank account with UCPATH, you will be able to select that bank account or you can enter the routing number and account number of a new bank. You may elect to split your direct deposit, by percentage, up to three different bank accounts. Please note that you must select a US based bank with an ACH (Automated Clearing House) routing number even if you plan to live outside of the US after retirement.

If you do not want to sign up for direct deposit, you can select the check box to have a paper check mailed to you.
Elect Retirement – Tax Withholding

- Enter federal tax filing status
- Enter California tax withholding, if applicable

In general, most, if not all, of your UCRP retirement income will be taxable, so, you must provide your tax withholding instructions. If you are living within the US, you can select “Do Not Withhold” but note that you will be solely responsible for paying any income taxes owed. UCRP retirement income, including the CAP, is reported on a 1099R tax statement. Or if you are receiving a benefit from the 415(m) Restoration Plan, it will be reported on a W2.

If you will be residing outside of the United States and will be a tax resident of a foreign country, you can select the country where you will be a tax resident we will withhold taxes based on the Tax Treaty between the US and that country. In this case, retirement income is reported on a 1042-S tax statement.

For US Federal tax withholding, you’ll need to provide your filing status such as “Single or Married Filing separately”, “Married Filed Jointly” or “Head of Household”. You can enter in additional details to determine your tax withholdings and you can add an “Additional Dollar Withholding” amount on top of the standard deductions.

For California State tax, you can select taxes based on the Tax Table Allowances, or a Percentage and can included an additional dollar amount. If you are going to be living outside of California, or will at some point in the future, we cannot withhold taxes from another state and you may wish to select “Do Not Withhold”. However, we recommend you speak with your tax advisor on whether you should withhold California state income tax.
Please note that you can update your direct deposit and tax withholding options anytime after you receive your first payment through UCRAYS.
If you are electing a lump sum cashout (LSC) or have a CAP account, you will also need to provide your instructions on how these benefits are to be paid out. For more information on the tax implications of taking a one-time distribution, please review the Special Tax Notice for UC Retirement Plan Distributions and speak with a tax advisor.

If you elect to have an LSC or CAP account payment distributed to you directly, the gross payment amount will be included in your taxable income for the year and you will be responsible for any tax liability on that and other income. If you want to defer your tax liability, you can select an option to rollover ALL or a PORTION of the LSC and CAP account to another qualified plan such as any of the three UC RSP Plans, to another qualified employer plan, or to a traditional IRA. You can also roll your funds into a RothIRA, but, this is still a taxable distribution and you will have the option to elect federal and/or California state income tax from being withheld.

If you elect a rollover, you must select what portion of that you want to have rolled over, whether you are choosing a 100% rollover, or a portion. You’ll select which type of plan you are rolling your balance into. For example, if you elect to roll over to a UC RSP plan, you’ll need to choose whether that will be into the 403(b), 457(b) or DC Plan. In that case, once your retirement is processed, your funds will be rolled into the UC RSP plan automatically.

If you want to roll your funds to another employer plan or IRA, please provide the name of the plan as the check will be payable. Your rollover check, made payable to the other plan, for benefit of (FBO) you, will be mailed to your payment address. It will be your
responsibility to deposit the rollover to the other entity within 60 days.

If you are rolling over to a non-RSP plan, please be sure to contact your other plan to ensure you have the right plan name so your rollover check is issued to them correctly. If UC ends up having to reissue the payment because it is not accepted by your other plan, there will be no additional interest or earnings on those funds in the interim.
For any portion of your LSC or CAP account payment that is not rolled over, you may elect to “Add Bank Account” to have your funds automatically deposited into your bank account or we can mail a paper check.

For the portion payable to you, UC must withhold 20% federal income tax. You can select whether you want 2% California state income tax to be withheld from your payment or not. If you will be residing outside of the United States and will be a tax resident of a foreign country or if you have any other special tax withholding instructions, instead of using UCRAYS, you can complete and submit the Election Planning Worksheet to the RASC who can prepare and send your retirement election form.

Select “Next” to proceed.
If you will be potentially eligible for UC retiree medical, dental, or legal benefits, you can view those details here and elect to “Continue” benefits into retirement, “Suspend” medical or dental benefits if you will have other coverage, or “Cancel” legal benefits. If you are eligible and want to enroll in retiree vision or AD&D benefits through UC, and/or continue pet insurance benefits, you can do so by enrolling and paying premiums directly to the insurance carriers. Please see UCnet or attend one of our other webinars for more information.

Be sure to review the covered family members, if any, listed on the screen. If your covered family members are not listed, but they are currently covered under your plans, you’ll need to complete a separate form, the UBEN 100 and include that with your signed retirement election.

Please note that your retirement election is not a guarantee of eligibility for UC retiree health benefits. In general, you must retire from UCRP within 120 days of your UC separation date and elect a monthly retirement income option. You forfeit eligibility if you elect a lump sum cashout. You must also meet service credit requirements which are subject to review and verification by the RASC.

If you, or any covered family members, are over age 65 as of your retirement date, or will be age 65 within 3 months, select the “Medicare Eligible” checkbox and an instructions letter will be sent to you with information on how to enroll in Medicare and coordinate your Medicare benefits with your UC medical plan. You’ll need to do this even if you are
already enrolled in Part A. This letter will include links to a form you’ll need to take to Social Security to enroll in Medicare, if eligible, as well as the forms needed to coordinate your Medicare with your UC medical benefits. This process also applies to those who are eligible for Medicare through a disability.

If you, or your covered family member, are not eligible for Medicare Part A for free, you will need to provide proof of that from Social Security. More information on this process will be provided later in the presentation.

When you are finished reviewing any insurance enrollments, please select “Next”.
As part of the review and processing of your retirement, UC requires certain documents to verify details such as your marriage or partnership dates, or the age of your contingent annuitant or eligible child.

To help speed along the processing of your retirement, you can upload copies of these documents in the UCRAYS Retirement Election tool. To do so, select the required document from the “Document Type” drop down, and click on “Choose File” to find the relevant document on your device, select the file, and then “Upload”.

It is important to note that there are various documents that can be used as acceptable evidence. Click on the “here” link heighted on the screen for a complete list of acceptable documents. As example, a copy of your marriage certificate requires a seal from the jurisdiction in which it was certified. Ceremonial certificates, even if signed by witnesses and/or the individual who officiated the ceremony, are not acceptable.
Once you have successfully uploaded your required document(s), you will receive a pop up notification. Click “OK” and you view the uploaded document. If you made a mistake, you can click on the “X” to remove it.

If you do not have the required documents available, please make a note of what documents are still needed and we will show you how to upload those separately. Any delay in returning required documents will delay the processing of your retirement election.

Click on “Next” to move forward.
On the final screen of the UCRAYS retirement election, you will be able to review all the elections you made, including the payment option(s), payment details, direct deposit, tax withholding, and retiree insurance enrollments, if applicable. To go back, or make changes, click on the hyperlink to that section.

Some changes, such as choosing a different contingent annuitant, will require you to Cancel your election and elect on a new PRP. You can do that by selecting the Cancel button at the bottom of the any of the steps here.

If you exit without completing or canceling your retirement election, or you are unable to complete it for some reason such as needing to confirm your payment information or marriage date (it happens!), you can exit the retirement election wizard and come back and select “Resume Election” at a later time. Your retirement election, like your PRP, will not expire until 90 days following your noted retirement date. You also can Cancel your retirement election from the Initiate & Elect Retirement screen as well.

Once you are ready to complete your retirement election instruction, you’ll do so from the Review Your Election screen. If you would like to sign your retirement election electronically, select the checkbox to do so. If you have a spouse or domestic partner, they must also sign your retirement election. They can do so physically, or if you have elected to sign electronically, you’ll need to include their personal email address. We will send them a separate notification and instructions on how to e-sign.
When you are ready to proceed with your retirement election instructions, please select the “I agree...” checkbox and click on “Initiate My Retirement Election”.
It is important to note that you are NOT DONE. Once you have submitted your retirement election instructions, your retirement election form will be prepared electronically and sent to your “Messages” box on UCRAYS. If you don’t see your election form immediately, please be patient and refresh after a minute or two. If you submitted an Election Planning Worksheet to the RASC to prepare your retirement election, you will receive an email notification to your work and/or personal email address on file alerting you that action is now required to sign your election form.

Once your election form is ready for your signature, you will see one message with either your “Monthly Retirement Income Election Form” or “Lump Sum Cashout Election Form”. If you elected to sign electronically, there will be a separate message link to sign your retirement election form.

You MUST sign and submit your retirement election form in order to elect retirement. If you delay signing your election, your first retirement payment(s) may also be delayed. If you do not sign and submit your retirement election to the RASC within 90 days of your retirement date, your retirement election will expire and you will have to select a new retirement date, no sooner than the first of the month in which you re-initiate your PRP and retirement election.
Please review your retirement election form to ensure everything is correct. Your retirement election form will include your retirement and separation dates, the payment option(s) you selected, any eligible survivors and/or contingent annuitant you have, your direct deposit and tax withholding instructions as well as your eligibility to continue or suspend UC retiree medical, dental and/or legal benefits.

Once you have reviewed your retirement election form and if you are ready to proceed, please sign and submit your retirement election, electronically, agreeing to the terms and conditions of retiring from UCRP. You can alternately print your retirement election form and sign and submit to the RASC separately.
Your spouse or domestic partner also must review and sign your retirement election form, agreeing to the terms of your retirement election and acknowledging the impact of those decisions on any benefits they may, or may not, receive upon your death.

If you provided their personal email address during the retirement election process, your spouse or domestic partner will receive a separate email with instructions and a link to sign into UCRAYS to view and sign your retirement election. To sign your retirement election form, they must click on the “I Agree” button and follow the prompts. Your spouse or partner can alternatively sign your physical retirement election form as well.
If you cannot use UCRAYS to complete your retirement election, or do not wish to, you can complete and submit either the Monthly Retirement Income or Lump Sum Cashout Election Worksheet to the RASC to have your retirement election form prepared for your signature.

You must include your retirement date, separation date, all the payment option details you want, your survivor and contingent annuitant information, and your enrollment in retiree insurance, if applicable. Please allow 2-3 weeks for the RASC to prepare your retirement election. Once completed, a copy of your retirement election will be sent to UCRAYS and you will receive an email notification that further action is required to sign.
Next step – Submitting your election documentation

On the home screen left menu, select “Upload Documentation.”

Select the “Process” dropdown and choose “UCRP Retirement Election”

Use “Browse” to select the appropriate documentation from your device; repeat as many times as necessary.

The “Submit” button will only display when at least one document is uploaded.

If you didn’t submit the required documentation needed to process your retirement, including your signed retirement election form and/or your marriage or contingent annuitant birth evidence, you can still do so through UCRAYS.

When you log in to UCRAYS and if there is a process in progress that is missing required documentation, you will see “Upload Documentation” as a menu option on the lefthand side. Click on this link and you will be taken to the “Upload Required Documentation” screen.

To upload your required documents, please do the following:

- First, you’ll need to select the process for which you are uploading documents. For example: “UCRP Retirement Election”.
- Choose the required document from the “Document Type” drop down menu and select “Choose File” to find the relevant document on your device,
- Upload the document,
- Repeat for each required document.
- Select “Submit” to upload the document(s) once you have completed upload the documents.
Submitting your election documentation cont.

You’ll receive a confirmation that the uploaded documents have been submitted.

Once all documents have been submitted, the Upload Documents link is no longer displayed in the left column.

Once you have successfully uploaded your required document(s), you will receive a pop up notification confirming it was successfully uploaded and the “Upload Documentation” will no longer be visible on the UCRAYS menu options.
Required Documents

- **Signed election form:** UC member, spouse or domestic partner
- Along with your signed election form the following **required documents** are needed (if applicable):
  - **Married** - Marriage certificate
  - **Domestic partnership:** Domestic partner documentation
  - **Contingent annuitant:** Birth evidence will be required
  - **Eligible children:** birth evidence, enrollment in school full time
- Please see the **Retirement Handbook** for a list of acceptable documents

✔️ **Copies are acceptable**

As mentioned earlier, when you are completing your retirement election and uploading your required documents, there is link on the screen which provides a list of acceptable evidence for each document type. You can also find a description in the Retirement Handbook. Even if you aren’t sure if you want to retire or not, it is a good idea to have these documents available for when you are ready. Even if you submit your signed election, if there are required documents missing, the RASC cannot proceed with processing your retirement and your retirement payment(s) may be delayed.

The types of required documents will depend on the retirement options you selected. First and foremost, to elect UC retirement you must sign and submit your retirement election form. If you are married or have a domestic partner, they must also sign your election form regardless of the option selected.

If you are married or have a domestic partner and electing a monthly payment option, you’ll need to provide marriage evidence, such as a marriage certificate or copies of your tax returns showing married, filed jointly if signed at least one year prior to retirement. Examples of acceptable domestic partnership evidence include registration filed with and approved by the State of California or other jurisdiction, the UBEN 250 Domestic Partnership Declaration form with two pieces of evidence showing financial interdependence, or proof of completion of UC’s Family Member Eligibility Verification (FMEV) with a domestic partner health dependent.

If you are naming a contingent annuitant, we will need their birth evidence which could
include a birth certificate, passport, or naturalization certificate. If your contingent annuitant is also a UC employee, birth evidence will not be required.

For eligible children, birth evidence is also needed along with proof of full time student enrollment if your eligible child is over age 18. If your eligible child became disabled prior to age 18, or before 22 while in school full time, we will need their disability date and the RASC will reach out to you with further details on completing the verification process once your retirement is complete.

There is a separate process for certifying disabled children over the age of 26 for health benefits. This is handled through your medical plan directly and proof of eligibility will be reported to UCPATH (if active) or the RASC (if retired). Please contact your medical insurance carrier for more information.

For more information on the various forms of acceptable birth evidence, and what is not acceptable, please review the Retirement Handbook and the links on UCRAYS.

Also note we do not need your original copies of these documents; photo or scanned copies are acceptable.
Final steps (you’re almost done!)

RASC receives your retirement election documents and will do a final review of your retirement

Once your retirement has been finalized, you will receive a confirmation letter about 45-60 days

Please note - Change/cancel your election – You will have up until your retirement date or 15 days after the date in which your confirmation letter was sent, whichever is later

Once your signed retirement election, and all required documents, have been submitted, we review you’re signed election and documentation, verify all the service and salary details that go into the calculation of your retirement income, and ensure all your payment details are set up for first retirement. If there is missing documentation or we need additional payroll details to verify your retirement calculation, the RASC will reach out to you or your location for more information.

Generally speaking, it will take approximately 45-60 days to process your retirement and set up your initial payment(s). It is for this reason we encourage you to initiate and complete your retirement election as soon as possible. If there is additional complexity to your retirement or we are waiting for additional information, such as the need to verify reciprocal or concurrent retirement from CalPERS or CalSTRS, or if there is an unresolved divorce situation, there could be additional time required.

When your retirement application has been processed, you will be sent your retirement confirmation letter which will provide you all the details of your retirement election, the final calculation of your retirement income and eligibility for retiree insurance, if applicable. If everything looks good, there is not further action from you required and you can enjoy your retirement!

However, if you do want to make changes, or you have decided to cancel your retirement, you will have until your retirement date, or 15 days from the date of your retirement confirmation letter, whichever is later, to cancel or make any changes to your retirement
options. This date will be printed on your retirement confirmation letter and, once passed, your retirement election is irrevocable and cannot be changed or cancelled.
Understanding the steps in your retirement process

• As you complete the steps necessary to retire, the retirement application progress tracker will show you where you are in the process, and at a glance of each stage, showing you where you need to be.

• When you click on “Retirement Process Glossary” at each stage, including any actions you need to take.

A common question asked during the retirement process is what steps do I still need to do to complete my retirement? Or what happens once I submit my election form and documents? Have I done everything necessary?

You can log in to UCRAYS and track the progress of your retirement application at any time. From the tracker screen, you can click on the “Retirement Process Glossary” link to better understand what occurs at each step, whether it is step that you are responsible to complete, or those being completed by the RASC. The glossary will also include the approximate processing time, if applicable.

The steps in the tracker include the creation, preparation and review of your PRP, the initiation, signing, and submitting of your retirement election and all required documents, as well as the verification of election documents, your final retirement calculation, and the approval of your retirement for payment. Once all steps have completed, you’ll receive your retirement confirmation letter. Use this as your guide through the retirement process.
Your Confirmation letter will include:

- Your retirement date and separation date
- The retirement option you chose
- The last day to make any changes or to cancel your retirement
- Your elected tax withholdings, direct deposit information and the anticipated date of your first payment

Once your retirement is complete, you will receive your retirement confirmation letter which will include the following details:

- the date you elected to retire from UCRP (retirement date) and your last day of UC employment (separation date),
- the retirement income option you selected, whether you chose the BRI, an alternate payment option to contingent annuitant, or lump sum cashout,
- your irrevocable date, the last day you can make any changes to your retirement election or to cancel,
- and any direct deposit, rollover instructions for any lump sum payments and/or the tax withholding options you selected.

Although you won’t be able to change your retirement income option once you are retired, if you elected monthly retirement income, you can update your direct deposit and/or tax withholding instructions after retirement at any time on UCRAYS.
Your Confirmation letter continued:

- Payments of benefits upon death include amount(s) and eligible survivors/contingent annuitant
- Capital Accumulation Payment (CAP) or Lump Sum Cashout
- Your calculation details which include your HAPC, age factor and UCRP service credit
- Retiree health benefits if applicable including current plans and covered family members

In addition, your retirement confirmation letter will provide details on any benefits payable upon your death including the basic death payment, post retirement survivor continuance to any eligible survivors, or the alternate payment option to your contingent annuitant, if selected.

If you have a CAP account or elected a lump sum cashout, the letter will also confirm the payment details, whether you elected to roll it over to another plan, have paid to you as a taxable distribution, or both.

All the factors that went into the final calculation of your retirement income including your HAPC, age factor and UCRP service credit will also be provided in your confirmation letter along with your eligibility for UC retiree medical, dental and legal benefits.

If everything looks good, there is no further action you need to take and you can start enjoying your retirement!
UC Retiree Health Plans and Medicare

Now that we’ve covered the process and steps for electing your UCRP retirement, let’s talk about the transition from UC employee benefits to retirement, for those eligible, and how your UC medical plan will coordinate with Medicare.

[For reference only, this is not included in the spoken webinar]
In order to be eligible for retiree health and welfare benefits, a member must be:

- Enrolled, or eligible to be enrolled, in UC-sponsored health coverage at the time of retirement.
- In most cases, have at least 10 years of retiree health service credit.
- Elect to receive monthly retirement income (retiree health is forfeited if a lump sum cashout was forfeited).
- Retirement date within 120 days of their UC separation date.
- Maintain continuous coverage from the date UC employee coverage, or eligibility for coverage, ends until retiree coverage begins.

If a member returned to UC employment after a break in service, regardless of their age and years of service, they must work at least 12 months in a UCRP eligible position to qualify for retiree health benefits in retirement. This is not required if previously retired from UCRP and eligible for retiree health benefits during their prior retirement.
Transition from employee benefits to retiree benefits

Retiree medical, dental and legal plans

- Enrollment occurs as part of the retirement process
- Premiums deducted from your pension payment

Retiree vision, AD&D and pet insurance

- Enrollment with and premiums paid to VSP and Prudential directly
- Visit Nationwide for pet insurance at http://petinsurance.com/uc/

Medicare

- You will receive a Medicare instructions when you elect retirement
- You must enroll with Medicare through Social Security
- Premiums paid to Medicare or deducted from Social Security check

The transition into retiree medical, dental and legal benefits occur as part of the normal retirement process. Your premiums, if any, will be deducted from your monthly retirement check automatically.

To ensure a seamless transition into retirement, it is often a good idea to fill critical prescriptions and make any necessary medical appointments prior to your retirement in case any issues should arise. Upon retirement, you will be in a new retiree medical group and will receive new medical plan cards.

In addition to medical, dental and legal benefits, when you retire, you can also continue enrollment in the vision service plan and accidental death and dismemberment benefits. As a retiree, however, there is no UC contribution towards vision benefits and you’ll pay the entire premium for vision and AD&D coverage directly to the insurance carrier. UC also offers pet insurance through our contracting provider Nationwide and that option will continue in retirement. You’ll enroll and pay premiums directly to the carrier.

If you are eligible for Medicare Part A for free, and enrolled in a UC retiree medical plan, you must enroll in Medicare Part B through Social Security and coordinate those benefits with your UC medical plan. If you or any of your covered family members will be 65 or older upon retirement, as part of the retirement process, you will receive a Medicare instructions letter that will explain the steps you’ll need to take. We’ll cover that more in detail later. Any premiums for Medicare are deducted from your Social Security check or paid directly to Medicare.
Other benefits

**Homeowners/renters/auto insurance**
- Premiums paid directly to California Casualty / Farmers

**Life Insurance & Supplemental Health**
- Conversion or portability options may be available

**Health FSA**
- End on last day of last month you contributed

**UC and employee paid disability**
- End on last day of work

If you have homeowners, renters, or automobile insurance through UC’s contracts with California Casualty or Farmers Insurance, you may continue coverage by paying the full premium directly to the insurance carrier. Contact the individual carriers directly for cost information and/or to set up payments.

Several benefits that you may be enrolled in as an employee will end when you separate and retire.

There is no retiree group policy for life insurance or supplement health benefits. These plans do offer conversion or portability options, which may allow you to enroll in an individual policy. Please contact the carrier for more information on premiums.

Your Health Flexible Spending Account, if you have one, ends at the end of the month following your last contribution. That means you may be reimbursed for expenses incurred through the date coverage ends. You have the option of continuing the Health FSA through COBRA until the end of the calendar year in which you retire.

Your employee disability insurance ends on your last day of employment.

See the Retirement Handbook for more details about these plans.
COBRA continuation

**COBRA Notification**

- When your employee benefits end, you will automatically receive a COBRA packet in the mail
- If you are eligible for retiree health benefits or otherwise do not need COBRA continuation coverage, you can disregard
- If you are not eligible for retiree health benefits, you can enroll through COBRA for 18 months
  › 18 month extension possible through CalCOBRA

Even if you are eligible for retiree health benefits, all employees enrolled in UC health benefits will receive a COBRA packet automatically upon separation. COBRA coverage allows you the option to continue enrollment in your current group medical, dental, vision and health FSA benefits by paying up to 102% of the full premium.

If you are eligible for retiree health benefits, you do not need to enroll in the COBRA continuation and can disregard the COBRA packet.

However, if you are not eligible for UC retiree health benefits when you retire, perhaps because you don’t qualify or elected a lump sum cashout, you can continue your employee benefits through COBRA. Generally, COBRA continuation is for 18 months, but, can be extended an additional 18 months at a higher cost.
UC & Medicare coordination

If you and/or your covered family member are 65 or older

- Disabled family members may qualify for Medicare under age 65
- Self-identify on your UCRAYS retirement election that you are Medicare eligible

Medicare Letter includes:

- Instructions on how to enroll in Medicare and coordinate with your UC medical plan
- CMS L564 – Request for Employment Information
- Links to the UC medical plan enrollment forms

If you and/or any of your family members covered under your UC medical plan will be age 65 or older at the time of retirement and are eligible for Medicare Part A for free, UC requires enrollment in Medicare Part A & B. You or your family members may also qualify for Medicare prior to age 65 if disabled through Social Security.

To receive instruction on how to coordinate your Medicare with your UC medical plan automatically, you will need to self identify that you or your family members are Medicare eligible when you complete your retirement election through UCRAYS. If you do not self identify, you will be sent a letter with instructions once your signed election form and all required documents are verified by the RASC.

The letter will include:
- Details on UC’s Medicare requirements, how to enroll in Medicare and, once enrolled, how to coordinate with your UC medical plan
- Links to the CMS L564 Request for Employment Information Form which needs to be completed by your location and submitted to Medicare if you are already age 65 or older
- Links to UC’s medical plan enrollment forms that will be needed to assign and coordinate your Medicare with your UC medical plan

If you or your covered family members are not yet age 65 and eligible for Medicare, you will receive instructions on this when you reach 65. One other note, if you are not eligible for Medicare Part A for free, you will still need to apply for Medicare and submit and copy of your denial letter to the RASC.
Medicare: Request for Employment CMS L564?

Retirement allows you to apply for Medicare during a Special Enrollment Period (SEP):

- You must have or had group health plan coverage within the last 8 months through your or your spouse’s current employment
- Your location can complete Employer Section B on the CMS L564 form
- You and/or your enrolled family members submit the form to Social Security to enroll in Medicare

What is the Request for Employment Information CMS L564 form?

For those who turned 65 while enrolled in an employer group plan, or any spouse of an employee covered under an employer group plan, Medicare allows you to defer enrollment in Part B without penalty until that coverage ends. Once the employer group coverage ends, such as at retirement, you are given a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in Medicare Part B without penalty. To be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period, you must demonstrate that you had group health plan coverage through your employer or your spouse’s current employer within the last 8 months.

To do so, you’ll need to have your local benefits office or health care facilitator complete Section B of the CMS L564 form confirming your enrollment in an employer group plan unless the section is already completed. You’ll then submit the completed form along with your application to Medicare to ensure enrollment in both Part A and Part B of Medicare. You’ll need to do this if you are already enrolled in Part A, but, need to enroll in Part B. You and/or any covered family members eligible for Medicare will need to complete this form separately. English and Spanish versions of the form can be found here: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms-Items/CMS009718

If you are turning 65 within 3 months of the start date of your UC retiree health benefits, you can enroll with Medicare during your Initial Enrollment Period and do not need to complete this form.
Once you are enrolled in Medicare, you’ll need to complete the special UC medical form to coordinate your Medicare. Each family member eligible for Medicare will need to complete a separate form and submit to the RASC along with a copy of your Medicare card.

If you are currently enrolled in UC Blue & Gold HMO, the Medicare partner plan is UC Medicare Choice administered by UnitedHealth. To transition to this plan and assign all components of Medicare, you’ll need to complete and submit the UBEN 121. Any non-Medicare family members would remain in UC Blue & Gold.

For those enrolled in the UCCare or the UC CORE plans, you’ll need to complete and submit the UBEN 123 to coordinate your Part D coverage with the UC Medicare PPO plan. Other Medicare PPO options may be available during a future open enrollment period after retirement. Again, any non-Medicare family members will remain in UCCare or CORE.

Kaiser Senior Advantage is the Medicare plan for Kaiser and you’ll complete your enrollment through the UBEN 127 form. Be sure to include you’re a copy of your Medicare card or Medicare award letter showing enrollment in both Medicare Part A & B. Enrollment in the Medicare Part D will be handled through Kaiser.

Finally, the UC Health Savings Plan does not have a Medicare partner plan. This means if you are enrolled in this plan and you or any covered family members are eligible for Medicare, you will have to switch your entire family to a new plan that does offer Medicare partner plans. To do so, please complete and submit the UBEN 100 Retiree Insurance.
Continuation Form along with the appropriate Medicare coordination form I just described to ensure timely enrollment.

UBEN 100: https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/pdf/uben-100.pdf
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UBEN 127: https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/pdf/uben-127.pdf
Now that you are retired, let’s talk briefly about a few things you can expect.
What to expect with your retirement payment

- Paid around the first of each month
- Electronically deposited to your bank
- Benefit income statements on UCRAYS
- Income reported on 1099R tax form

If you’ve elected a monthly pension option, your first regular retirement benefit payment usually will come around the first of the month following your retirement date. For example, if you retire on May 1, you will receive your first retirement benefit close to June 1 or the prior business day. Depending on timing, if there was delay processing of your retirement, it is possible that you will receive a retroactive payment to your retirement date in advance of your first regular monthly payment.

Your retirement benefits will be electronically deposited to the bank account(s) you selected and you can view your direct deposit statements on UCRAYS.

If you did not elect direct deposit, you will receive your check in the mail. Rollover payments of a lump sum cashout or CAP account will be mailed to you directly unless you elected to rollover to one your UC RSP plans.

Retirement income is reported on an IRS 1099R form – rather than a W-2 – after the end of the year. During your first year of retirement, you will receive both a W-2 and a 1099R. If you have a CAP account, you’ll receive a second 1099R. Your annual 1099R forms can be downloaded from the UCRAYS site.
Keep your personal information up to date

Use UCRAYS to update:

- Address, phone or email
- Tax withholding
- Direct deposit information
- UCRP beneficiary designation and contact information
- Health benefits changes

Use Netbenefits.com Fidelity website to:

- Manage investments
- Update Retirement Saving Program beneficiaries
- Request rollovers or distributions

Once retired, we encourage you to keep your personal contact information up to date. As an employee, you would do this through UCPath. But, as a retiree, the easiest way to update your personal contact information is through UCRAYS. There you can update your address, telephone number and email, so that you can receive important information about your benefits or for any other communications we need to send.

You may also use UCRAYS to change your tax withholding, enroll or change your direct deposit account, make changes to your UCRP beneficiary designations or update your beneficiary’s contact information. If eligible, you can also make changes to your retiree health benefits during Open Enrollment or due to certain qualified Life Events.

If you have funds in the UC Retirement Savings Program, you can log into the Fidelity NetBenefits website to manage your investments, update your beneficiaries for your RSP balances, or to request distributions or rollovers in or out of the plans.
Many UC retirees stay connected to the university and we hope you will, too.

As a retiree, you will receive New Dimensions, a quarterly newsletter that includes important information about your benefits such as the annual Open Enrollment period or the retirement COLA, as well as stories of what other retirees are up to.

It is a good idea to bookmark the many online resources available that provide information on your benefits, how and when to make certain enrollment changes, and where to go to learn more about your retirement planning needs. These online resources include UCRAYS, which is our retiree member portal, UCnet, which is UC’s main website for things such benefit summary plan descriptions, factsheets, and retiree premium costs, and MyUCretirement.com where you can find retirement planning tools, enroll in webinars and make an appointment with a Fidelity representative.

There are many ways to stay connected locally. You may join your location’s Emeriti or Retiree Association where they provide lectures, social programs, volunteer opportunities and more. Many UC campuses also have retirement centers that offer additional programs and opportunities to serve the university as well as access campus resources. You’ll find more information, including a list of the associations and centers and their contact information, on UCnet.

Each location has a Health Care Facilitator who can help you better understand and obtain the full benefits and services available from the UC-sponsored health plans.
As you continue to prepare for your retirement, we’d like to point out some additional resources, including websites with factsheets, summary plan descriptions, webinars and trainings as well who to contact if you have additional questions.

**Additional Links**

**UC NET:** https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/

**Medicare Factsheet:** https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/pdf/medicare-factsheet.pdf


**Retiree Medical Plan Rates (for those eligible for 100% of UC’s contribution):**

**Returning to Work After UC Retirement:**

**UCRP Service Credit Purchase:** https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/pdf/ucrp-service-credit-purchase-guide.pdf

**UCRP & CalPERS Reciprocity:**
https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/pdf/ucrpcalpers-reciprocity.pdf
https://www.calpers.ca.gov/docs/forms-publications/change-retirement-systems.pdf
UCRP & CalSTRS: https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/pdf/ucrcalstrs-concurrent-retirement.pdf
Other UCNet HR Forms & Publications index: https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/forms/index.html

Health Plan Contacts: https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/contacts/plan-contacts.html
Health Care Facilitators: https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/contacts/health-care-facilitators.html

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One last thought, thanks to all of you for your service to the University of California. And, for those of you who will retire soon, congratulations as you start your journey into what we hope will be an enjoyable and rewarding period of your life.