

EMPLOYMENT STATUS CHANGE (FORM-1A)

Leave of Absence, Transfers and Termination, Retirement



This form is intended for use **ONLY** by GIC members without access to a digital device. GIC members with an up-to-date email address on GIC records received a registration email for the **MyGICLink Member Benefits Portal**. MyGICLink allows GIC members to view their benefits throughout the year and update coverage during Annual Enrollment or if experiencing a qualifying event in just a few minutes. Learn more at mass.gov/mygiclink. If you haven't received a MyGICLink registration email, please include your email on this form.

REQUIRED						INSURED INFORMATION						
REQUIRED	Insured Information	GIC-ID (usually Soc. Sec. #)			Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Date of Birth / /	Dept. ID # or Agency/Division #			/ /		
		Name – Last			First			MI				
	Address	Street				City		State	Zip			
		Contact Information	Preferred Phone ()		Preferred Email				Annual Salary \$			
Employment Information	Bargaining Unit/Union Name			HR/CMS or UMASS Employee ID #		Number of work hours/week:		Salary Eff. Date / /				

LEAVE OF ABSENCE			Effective Date (for GIC use only)			/01/			
Select One:	<input type="checkbox"/> Leave with pay	<input type="checkbox"/> Leave without pay	Cancel Coverage:	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Life Insurance (if not enrolled in health insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Life and Health Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Long Term Disability (LTD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Optional Life Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> GIC Dental/Vision
Select Type of Leave:	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Illness	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Reason	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Leave Start Date:	____/____/____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Accident	<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military Caregiver (26 weeks)		Leave End Date:	____/____/____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> FMLA (12 weeks)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sabbatical	<input type="checkbox"/> FMLA Military Exigency (12 weeks)		Last Day on Payroll:	____/____/____			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Maternity	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension	<input type="checkbox"/> PFML		Return from Leave Date:	____/____/____			

TRANSFERS AND TERMINATION			Effective Date (for GIC use only)			/ 01 /		
Transfer from	Name of Agency/GIC Municipality				Last Day of Work: / /			
Transfer to	Name of Agency/GIC Municipality				Hire Date: / /			
Termination of Service Coverage (if elected)	Termination reason				Last Day of Work: / /			
<input type="checkbox"/> 39-week Layoff (See reverse) <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred Retiree (Life only) (See reverse) <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred Retiree (Life & Health) (See reverse) <input type="checkbox"/> COBRA (must complete application) <input type="checkbox"/> Conversion (contact carrier for application)								

RETIREMENT		Date Retired:	/ /		Effective Date (for GIC use only)		/ 01 /	
Health Insurance Election (If enrolling in GIC benefits for the first time, also complete Form-RS)						<input type="checkbox"/> Cancel Health Insurance		
Medicare Eligibility – check if applicable:								
<input type="checkbox"/> Insured <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Medicare plan election form will be mailed to eligible members.								
Non-Medicare Plan Election for insured or spouse not eligible for Medicare:								
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep current health plan <input type="checkbox"/> Change Non-Medicare Plan election to Plan name: _____								
Optional Life Insurance Election								
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancel Optional Life <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Optional Life to Fixed Amount: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Keep current Optional Life coverage								
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Optional Life multiple of salary to: <input type="checkbox"/> 1X <input type="checkbox"/> 2X <input type="checkbox"/> 3X <input type="checkbox"/> 4X <input type="checkbox"/> 5X <input type="checkbox"/> 6X <input type="checkbox"/> 7X								
GIC Retiree Dental								
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to enroll in GIC Retiree Dental and have completed and submitted the GIC Retiree Dental Enrollment and Change Form to the GIC.								
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not wish to enroll in the GIC Retiree Dental at this time								
Note: You must apply for the retiree dental plan within 60 days of your retirement								

SIGNATURE REQUIRED		AUTHORIZATION	
I have read the instructions on the reverse side of this form and authorize my employer, or direct my pension authority, to deduct from my payroll or pension check the amount required for the coverage I have selected. If premiums are not deducted enrolled members will receive a monthly bill for premiums due. I understand that due to IRS regulations, my health insurance coverage elections are binding for the duration of the plan year and that I may only enroll in health insurance or change my coverage elections during the plan year if I experience a qualifying event (examples include marriage, adoption/birth of a child, death of a dependent, and involuntary loss of other coverage). I understand that the GIC must receive any required documentation within 60 days of the event. You must notify the GIC of a legal separation, divorce or remarriage of you or your former spouse; coverage for a former spouse ends upon remarriage. Failure to notify the GIC can result in financial liability to you.			
Signature of Applicant: _____		Date: _____	
Signature of Authorized Official: _____		Date: _____	
This form may only be signed by the employee/retiree or someone with legal authority to sign on behalf of the employee/retiree.			

GIC EMPLOYMENT STATUS CHANGE FORM (FORM-1A) INSTRUCTIONS

Use this Form-1A for all employment status changes including retirement. If enrolling in GIC health insurance coverage for the first time at retirement, you must also complete and return Form-RS.

For an overview of your GIC benefit options, see your GIC Benefit Guide at mass.gov/GIC

Leave of Absence

Employees on a leave of absence are responsible for the monthly premium while on leave to maintain GIC insurance coverage. An employee may cancel health coverage within 60 days of going on an unpaid leave. However, when the employee returns to work after a leave of absence, they have the option to enroll health insurance during Annual Enrollment. Employees on FMLA or military leave* only, may re-enroll in GIC health insurance upon return from leave. The employment status change form (Form-1A) must be received at the GIC within 60 days of the return to work.

*Members on military leave that cancel all GIC benefits may reinstate all benefits upon return from leave. Please refer to qualifying event chart on mass.gov/gic for more details.

Transfers and Terminations

Since GIC premiums are paid a month in advance, coverage terminates at the end of the following month after you leave a state agency or GIC participating municipality (for example, if you leave June 10, your coverage will end July 31). If you are hired by a state agency, authority, or participating municipality before the coverage end date, you are considered a transfer and will not be subject to the new hire waiting period. You must remain in the same health plan. For other GIC benefits, the same rule applies. If you are hired after the coverage end date, you are subject to the new hire waiting period. If an employee is terminating state service, he/she may continue GIC health coverage and must indicate the option elected. Please put the termination reason (e.g., resigned or laid off).

Deferred Retirement

To be eligible for this benefit you must be vested and your funds must remain in a GIC participating retirement system. Any withdrawal of funds or subsequent determination of ineligibility for a pension allowance disqualifies you from deferred retiree benefits. You are responsible for 100% of the monthly premium.

Retirement

If you are using a work email to access the GIC's member benefit portal, MyGICLink, be sure to update your email in the member portal to an email that you will have access to after you retire.

When you retire, the GIC will bill you monthly for your GIC premiums until the premium can be deducted from your pension (generally three months). You must pay your GIC premiums to maintain coverage.

If you and/or your covered spouse are age 65 or over, and eligible for Medicare Part A for free, you (and your covered spouse, if applicable) must enroll in Medicare Parts A and B to continue coverage with the GIC. If one of you (or other family members) is under age 65, the non-Medicare member(s) will be covered under a non-Medicare plan until he/she becomes eligible for Medicare coverage. Medicare plan election form will be mailed to eligible members.

If enrolling in one of GIC's Medicare Plans, you will be automatically enrolled in the GIC's SilverScript Medicare Part D prescription drug plan. After your enrollment is processed by the GIC, you will receive a mailing from SilverScript with information about the plan and advising you that you have the choice to opt out of the prescription drug plan.

IMPORTANT: The opt-out letter is required by Medicare, but we do not recommend that you do so because if you opt out of SilverScript, you will lose your GIC medical, prescription drug and behavioral health coverage. If you enroll in another non-GIC Medicare Part D plan anytime throughout the year, you will lose your GIC medical, prescription drug and behavioral health coverage.

Employees who are retiring should review the amount of your optional life insurance coverage and its cost to determine whether it will make economic sense for you to keep it or reduce your amount of coverage. If you do not change your optional life insurance coverage amount, you will be responsible for the new higher monthly premiums. (See mass.gov/lists/gic-benefits-rates for rate details.)

If you reduce your coverage to a fixed amount, the amount must be equal to or less than one times the amount of your salary at retirement. Another option is to reduce the multiple times your salary at retirement to a lower multiple. For example, if you currently have 6 times salary, you can only reduce to 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1 times your salary. Reinstatement of optional life insurance is subject to evidence of insurability.

Form and Document Submission

Incomplete forms and insufficient required documentation may result in no coverage or a delayed effective date.

Email completed form to gic.forms@mass.gov or mail to:

Group Insurance Commission
PO Box 556, Randolph, MA 02368