



PE Annual Webinar Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q1: How do we find out who is our HBA and Designated Access Officer?**

A1: Call the HBA Helpline 518-474-2780 and they will assist you.

**Q2: Is there a way for us to obtain a list of who has access to NYBEAS now to ensure access is turned off for all HBAs who have separated our PE Employment?**

A2: Yes. If you would like this information, call the HBA Helpline at 518-474-2780.

**Q3: Is 2018 Choices Available for order?**

A3: Yes, it is available for order on HBA Online.

**Q4: If Joe did not have End Stage Renal Disease would he be required to enroll or is Medicare Part B not necessary until the employer sponsored coverage ends?**

A4: In Scenario #4 Joe would not need to enroll in Medicare if he did not have ESRD.

**Q5: Can you review the process used when an Enrollee doesn't qualify as retiree under agency but does with combined state and PE service?**

A5: EBD maintains a record of eligibility rules, including the acceptance of other NYSHIP employer service toward eligibility for retirement benefits, for all PE's. EBD may be able to see that an enrollee has benefits-eligible service through the NYBEAS. If not, a letter is sent to the enrollee that provides them with the opportunity to send proof of other service to our office.

**Q6: If an employee retires with benefits, they have their sick leave credit applied to their benefit. If they are rehired by another NYSHIP employer and take active coverage, then later terminate their employment do they lose that sick leave credit?**

A6: The employee may re-enroll in retiree coverage and continue to use their sick leave credit. They do not lose their sick leave credit.

**Q7: Can an active employee who ages into Medicare eligibility can elect Medicare and keep NYSHIP coverage? I always thought that enrolling in Medicare B would terminate your NYSHIP coverage.**

A7: Active enrollees who become eligible for Medicare at age 65 do not need to enroll in Medicare; as NYSHIP remains primary. Active enrollees who enroll in Medicare will have NYSHIP primary and Medicare secondary, and will not be terminated from NYSHIP.