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Enclosed you will find information on MERS' 2020 participant education offerings along with important updates about the resources we provide to you and your employees.

A Look Ahead at MERS' 2020 Educational Offerings

In-Person Events

Pizza & Planning

Back by popular demand, this year our regional meetings will focus on those preparing to retire. We'll provide important information on the MERS retirement process as well as highlights of the Social Security and Medicare programs.

Retiree Connections

Based on feedback we received last year from retirees who attended a *Retiree Connections* meeting, we'll continue to offer these events in 2020. As a reminder, *Retiree Connections* are meetings held around the state providing our retired participants with face-to-face retirement and financial education.

Onsite Education

Your Benefit Education Specialist [BES] is available to come onsite throughout the year to provide retirement benefit and financial wellness education to your employees, at a date and time convenient for you. Enclosed you will find our *Menu of Education Options* which provides an overview of the presentation topics available. [FIRST NAME] is happy to help you put together a program that is relevant to your employees. [He/She] can be reached by calling our Service Center at 800.767.6377.

Online Events

Webinars More in 2020!

Our Quick Bite webinar series will focus on financial wellness topics such as debt management, emergency savings and estate planning. Tune in to have your questions answered or take a look at our past webinars in the Video Library on our website.

Facebook Live More in 2020!

We've also increased the number of Facebook Lives we're hosting in 2020. We're hosting several events on topics that we typically get the most questions on such as Social Security and estate planning. Encourage your employees to tune in.

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Financial Wellness Challenge

Back in 2020!

 In addition to events, MERS will continue sending out quarterly post cards educating your employees on four important financial themes – Saving, Planning, Investing and Preparing. Each quarter, participants will receive a checklist of action items. They can upload a selfie with their completed checklist to the MERS of Michigan Facebook page for a chance to win prizes. Watch for more information coming soon on additional ways to enter as well.

Website Resources



Last year we launched our blog, *CentsAbility*, a hub of financial education and information featuring articles and resources centered on topics such as investing, building an emergency savings fund and budgeting tips and tricks. Check it out by visiting our website and encourage your employees to as well.

Administrative & Policy Change Log

We continually strive to make plan administration and policy updates to better serve our customers and we want to make sure you are well-informed of these changes. You can access an archive of plan and policy updates in the *Administrative and Policy Change Log* located on our website for important information and resources related to these updates.

Communications Corner

In the spirit of keeping you informed, we would like to remind you about the *Communications Corner* on our website. This is a place where you can find all communications that have been sent out to both you and your employees, along with relevant resources and communication samples.

Video Library

Updated!

The MERS Video Library is full of a wealth of video resources including recorded webinars and quick bite overviews on topics such as investing and MERS resources. You can also find our updated new participant video, providing more relevant information and additional resources for your new employees. The Video Library can be found at www.mersofmich.com/video-library.

Continue to watch for additional information on these resources and educational opportunities, and the value they can provide for you and your employees. If you have any questions or concerns, or need additional posters, please contact me.

Sincerely,

[RM NAME]

Regional Manager

Enclosures