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I. Important Correction to Friday, September 21 Round-Up

The email version of the League's Friday Round-Up included a factual error in the item below. This has been corrected on the League's website and please note the corrected copy below with emphasis on the correction.

State Health Benefits Plan Rate Renewal Recommendations Announced (*Corrected*)

AON (the independent auditing experts) has recommended, to the State Health Benefits Plan (SHBP) Board of Trustees, Local Government SHBP overall premium rate adjustments for Plan Year 2019. They are recommending for Active Employees a 1.7% increase, for Early Retirees a 37.1% decrease, and for Medicare Retirees a 36.9% decrease. In the aggregate, the recommended rates represent an **overall 7.6% decrease** for the Local Government Group.

The plan design changes adopted by the SHBP Plan Design Committee for plan year 2017 have been reaffirmed for plan year 2019. These changes include an out-of-network reimbursement change for physical therapy services in PPO plans, mandatory generic for prescription drugs, and prescription drug copay change. The SHBP Plan Design Committee also approved the continuation of the alternative prescription drug formulary for plan year 2019.

We anticipate that the actual rates for the various State Health Benefits Plans will be released shortly as open enrollment typically begins in October. We will continue to keep you posted.

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II. Important Conference Sessions: Public Safety and Public Health

This is our fourth Conference Preview letter, written to help you to prepare for your Annual League of Municipalities Conference. The sessions listed below will provide you with important insights into public safety and public health issues in your municipalities.

Tuesday, November 13

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Session: Bringing Wellness to Your Community With the Mayors' Wellness Campaign
Room 307

Time: 3:45 p.m.

Session: Schools and Municipalities: Working Together for Student Safety
Room 312

Wednesday, November 14

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Session: Improving Population Health in New Jersey
Room 312

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Session: Resources Available to Municipalities Fighting the Opioid Epidemic
Room 301

Thursday, November 15

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Session: Police-Community Relations: Avoiding Conflict and Assuring Cooperation
Room 411

For more information on these and other sessions, visit the League's website at www.njslom.org/conference. For more information on the approved Continuing Education Credits (CEU), please visit the [CEU Tracking Page](#) on the Conference Website. Follow Conference updates on the League's Facebook and Twitter using #njleague. Also, be sure to read more about these sessions and the Conference in the October and November editions of our magazine, *NJ Municipalities*.



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