

County Contributions
RETIREE STIPEND PROGRAM
PLAN YEAR 2027

The County provides a monthly Stipend to County retirees to help defray the premium cost of medical insurance under a County plan.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to receive the Stipend, you must be a Kern County (not special district) retiree and:

- Choose continuous retiree medical coverage with the County, OR
- Have purchased medical coverage through the County for the last three (3) consecutive years without benefit of the Stipend.

If you discontinue coverage through the County at any time, you will not be immediately eligible to receive the Stipend should you re-enroll during an open enrollment period. The three-year waiting period may be waived if the retiree provides proof of continuous *group* coverage through another group program.

Current Benefit

The monthly amount of the Stipend is based on how many persons are covered. If the retiree alone is covered (single), the County Stipend amount is \$39.75. If the retiree plus one dependent is covered (two-party), the County Stipend amount is \$53.69. If the retiree plus two or more dependents are covered (family), the County Stipend amount is \$61.50.

2027 Retiree Stipend

Coverage Selected	Stipend Amount
Single	\$ 39.75
Two-Party	\$ 53.69
Family	\$ 61.50

NOTE: Employees who are ineligible to participate or opt-out of participating in the Retiree Health Premium Supplement Program (RHPSP) will also be ineligible for the retiree Stipend Program.

You can continue to receive the Stipend after age 65.

For additional information, visit www.kerncountyhealthbenefits.com.

QUESTIONS ABOUT STIPEND ELIGIBILITY, CONTACT:

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