

Minnesota State
Retirement System

Correctional Plan Eligibility August 27, 2021

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MSRS Retirement Plan Eligibility

- •Generally, MSRS Plan coverage is defined in statute by position title or type of appointment.
- Correctional Plan covered positions fall into two categories.
 - 1. Covered by position title regardless of work time spent in direct contact with inmates or patients.
 - 2. Covered position titles in statute provided at least 75% of time is spent in direct contact with inmates AND the department certifies the eligibility.

Correctional Plan Coverage

Defined in Minnesota Statutes 352.91, Subd. 1

- Positions covered without specific citation related to time spent working with offenders or patients.
- •Must be employed at a state correctional facility, state-operated forensic services program, or the Minnesota Sex Offender Program.
 - Corrections Officer 1, 2, 3
 - Corrections Officer Supervisor
 - Corrections Lieutenant
 - Corrections Captain
 - Security Counselor
 - Security Counselor Leader
 - Corrections Canine Officer

Correctional Plan Coverage

This is not a complete list

Defined in Minnesota Statutes 352.91, Subdivisions 2, 2a, 3c, 3d, 3e, 3f, 3g

- Positions in the Department of Corrections or Department of Human services if they are certified to spend 75% of their time working directly responsible for inmate or patient care
- Subdivisions have lists for both Department of Human Services Employees and Department of Corrections positions.
- Examples include:
 - Maintenance, correctional industry, and trades
 - Auto mechanic, electrician supervisor, painter, plumber supervisor, plan maintenance lead
 - Special teachers
 - Nursing personnel
 - Baker, food service supervisor, chief cook, cook, cook coordinator
 - Chaplain
 - Clinical program therapist series
 - Security caseworker
 - Delivery van driver
 - Library technician
 - Psychologist 1, 2, 3
 - Recreation therapist
 - Work therapy technician
 - Behavior analyst
 - Occupational therapist
 - Dentist, dental assistant, dental hygienist
 - · Chemical dependency counselor senior
 - Social worker senior, specialist



Processes to Add or Change Coverage Individuals or Positions

Occupation Name Changes (M.S. 352.91, subd. 3h)

- Coverage continues to the following July 1
- New title certified by MMB
- Brought to LCPR for consideration next legislative session

Evaluating and recommending potential positions for inclusion (M.S. 352.91, subd. 4a)

- Process for employee to request plan coverage
- Periodic review of positions no longer qualified

Dept. of Corrections process for considering changes

(M.S. 352.91, subd. 4a)

Dept. of Human Services process for considering changes (M.S. 352.91, subd. 4c)

- Committee established
- Positions or classifications reviewed
- Recommendation made
- Appeal opportunity
- Proposed legislation, if required

Correction of coverage errors (M.S. 352.91, subd. 6)



Thank you

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