

**SPOKANE VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Policy for Paying Supplement B Premiums for 41.26 Retirees #008**

**Purpose:**

By paying the Supplement B premiums for 41.26 retirees, retirees covered under Medicare will be eligible for the current Department Medicare Supplement plan under the Department's self-insurance program.

**Authority:**

RCW 41.26.150 paragraph 5 states that:

“(5) Any employer under this chapter may, at its discretion, elect to reimburse a retired former employee under this chapter for premiums the retired former employee has paid for medical insurance that supplements Medicare, including premiums the retired former employee has paid for Medicare part B coverage.”

The statute provides authorization for the Spokane Valley Fire Department, under the direction of the Board of Fire Commissioners to approve payment of Supplement B premiums for 41.26 retired personnel.

**Policy:**

The Board of Fire Commissioners, following recommendation of staff, hereby establishes a written policy to pay Supplement B premiums at the yearly rate set by the Social Security Administration. The Board further declines to pay any penalty assessed to any retiree (41.18, 41.18/26 or 41.26 pension only) due to voluntary late enrollment in Supplement B.

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