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## HCSP reaches major milestone

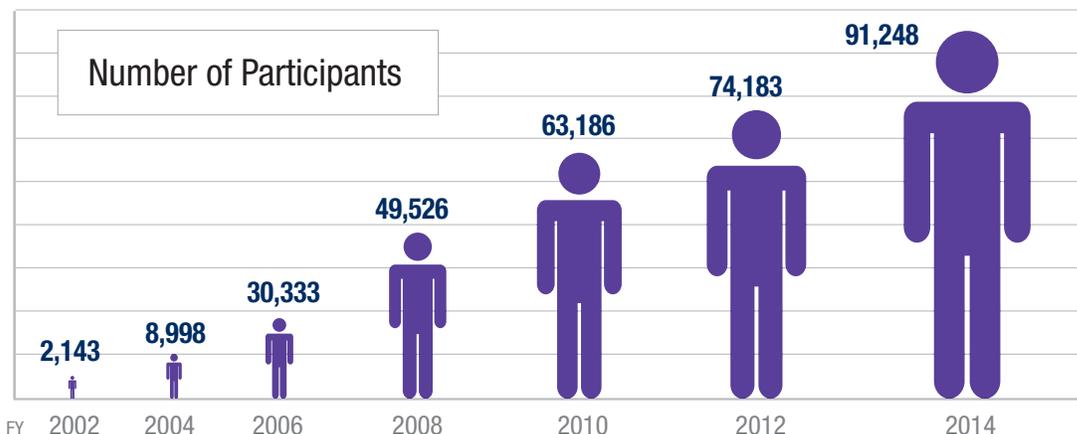
**The HCSP reached a significant milestone in March with over 100,000 participants enrolled in the Plan.**

Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) introduced HCSP on July 1, 2001. The Plan was created in response to requests from employers who wanted a tax-advantaged medical savings plan to offer employees to help pay for post-employment medical expenses.

“We are extremely pleased by the popularity and continued growth of the HCSP,” said MSRS Executive Director Dave Bergstrom. “It’s proof that employers and employees alike see the value of tax-free savings to pay for medical expenses incurred after you leave employment.”

### HCSP History

NET ASSETS (IN MILLIONS)	
2002	\$ 2.7
2004	\$ 54.5
2006	\$ 125.2
2008	\$ 217.5
2010	\$ 317.2
2012	\$ 505.9
2014	\$ 680.6

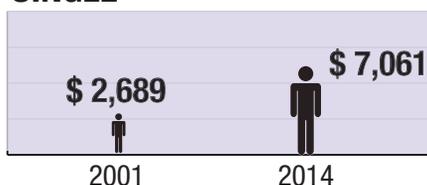


### Healthcare costs on the rise

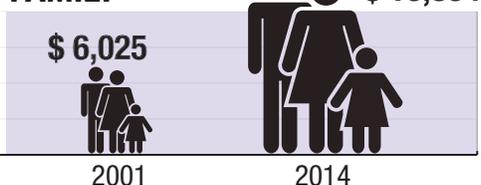
Just look at how quickly the cost of medical insurance has risen since the inception of the HCSP in 2001. Using tax-free dollars in your HCSP account

to reimburse these costs may help provide a significant savings for you and your family.

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### HCSP Interesting Facts

- Approximately 800 - 900 employees enroll in the Plan each month
- Over 500 Minnesota public employers offer the Plan to their employees
- During 2014, MSRS received an average of 2,500 reimbursements requests each month

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## MSRS to transition to new recordkeeper

Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) is pleased to announce that Empower Retirement™ (formerly called Great-West Financial) will become our recordkeeper in July 2015.

Empower™, a leader in the financial services industry, is a retirement plan provider to many state, municipal, and county governments. MSRS selected Empower™ as a result of a thorough vendor selection process.

MSRS will continue to be the administrator of the HCSP and other retirement plans. This means we will perform day-to-day customer service functions, such as answer participant calls, and process investment transactions and HCSP reimbursements.

The transition to the new recordkeeper will be relatively transparent to you; however, there will be a blackout period during which time MSRS will not be able to process your investment changes or reimbursement requests. Also, there will be changes to account online access.

Information and updates about the recordkeeper change will be available on our website, [www.msrs.state.mn.us](http://www.msrs.state.mn.us).



What is a recordkeeper?

A recordkeeper provides daily-fund accounting and pricing, compliance reviews, systems, and other functions needed to operate a retirement plan.

## 2015 MSRS seminar schedule announced

### Seminar provides information about retirement plans

MSRS offers a free, no obligation, half-day retirement planning seminar throughout Minnesota. The seminar is geared toward employees who plan to retire within the next five years. Attendees will learn about the benefits and features of the HCSP, the Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan (MNDCCP), the state employees' pension plans, and Social Security retirement benefits. For a schedule and locations, visit the *News* tab on our website, [www.msrs.state.mn.us](http://www.msrs.state.mn.us). To reserve a spot for you and a guest, RSVP online or call MSRS.

