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Permanent Secretaries  
Heads of Departments & Agencies

**Re: Procedure for Enrolment of Contracted Retirees on the Government Employees' Administrative Services Only (GEASO) Health Scheme**

Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Departments and Agencies are hereby advised that effective **April 01, 2017**, persons under the age of sixty five (65) who retire from Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA) on the grounds of age/early retirement, are receiving a pension and are enrolled on the Government Pensioners Administrative Services Only (GPASO) Health Scheme, will now be eligible to be enrolled on the Government Employees Administrative Services Only (GEASO) Health Scheme during periods of re-employment of one (1) year and above.

**Pensioners who retire for reasons other than age**, and are receiving a government pension, may also be enrolled on the GEASO Health Scheme if re-employed in a MDA that subscribes to the GEASO Health Scheme. Therefore, if the person had been enrolled on the GPASO Health Scheme prior to their re-employment, this enrolment should cease, to facilitate enrolment to GEASO Scheme. In these instances approval for enrolment must be sought from the Ministry with responsibility for the Public Service and the Administrator, Sagikor Life Jamaica, should be contacted for verification before final approval. Please note that persons who retire on the grounds of ill health cannot be enrolled on the GEASO Health Scheme if re-employed.

Where the pensioner is already re-employed and currently enrolled on the GPASO Health Scheme, they may be immediately enrolled to GEASO Health Scheme from the effective date of their re-employment without having to serve the usual three (3) month waiting period, once the period of employment fits the criterion. However, for persons not currently enrolled on either health schemes, the usual three (3) months waiting period would be applicable. **It must be noted that in no circumstance should an officer be enrolled on the GEASO and GPASO schemes simultaneously.**

Kindly ensure that this circular is brought to the attention of all entities and relevant personnel under your purview.

In case of doubt or difficulty, please contact the Employee Benefits Unit of this Ministry before implementation.

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