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To all Supreme and District Court Judges:

Pursuant to HB 1173 which was passed during the last legislative session, NDPERS was given the authority to create a health care savings plan on behalf of all Supreme Court and district court judges. Preliminary work has been completed with a subcommittee at the Court and the plan was presented at the Judicial Conference held at the Ramkota Inn in June. In order to establish the proposed health care savings plan, participation by all eligible employees is mandatory and 75% of judges must concur that the plan be created. If implemented, the contribution rate proposed for this benefit is 1% of gross salary and would be effective with the July 1, 2011 payroll paid on August 1st. The 1% would likely be funded by reducing the general salary increase for judges by 1% and directing it to the health care savings plan. Therefore, for this program to become effective, it must not only receive the approval of 75% of the judges, but it will also be contingent upon receiving funding by the legislature and the legislation being signed by the Governor.

Enclosed for your information is a summary of the plan as proposed, as well as an addressed, postage paid ballot for you to vote on the proposed plan. The ballot must be postmarked by Monday, September 13th, 2010. All ballots received and postmarked by this date will be tabulated to determine if the required threshold has been met. Results of the balloting process will be mailed to your home address and posted on the NDPERS website. If you have questions, please contact any of the following NDPERS staff:

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Any questions received prior to the postmark deadline will be posted to the NDPERS website along with the response. You will be able to access this information by going to the NDPERS website at www.nd.gov/ndpers and clicking on the Judges Health Savings Plan icon. In addition to any questions received, the plan document and the trust agreement for the plan will also be posted for your access.