

## EMPLOYER Notice

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**New ECS blocking edits have been implemented****Who should read this notice**

Payroll professionals, human resources professionals and anyone processing *Reports of Retirement Contributions* at ECS-reporting employer organizations

**Situation overview**

In late January, 2010, ECS was enhanced with new blocking edits. As a result, contribution reports will be blocked if any of the following scenarios occurs:

- **Contributions reported with an incorrect Social Security number (SSN)**  
After receiving confirmation of an accurate SSN from an employee or employer, OPERS will process a correction to move contributions to the corrected SSN. Once this correction has been made, all subsequent contributions must be reported using the correct SSN. If you try to submit contributions using an incorrect SSN, ECS will block the report.
- **Contributions reported with an incorrect employer code**  
Incorrect employer codes on contribution reports will be corrected once. After the correction, subsequent contribution reports must have the correct employer code. If contribution reports are submitted with an employer-code error, the report will be blocked.
- **Contributions reported for employees reaching the compensation limit**  
When employees have reached the compensation limit for a calendar year, all subsequent contributions on funds in excess of the limit will result in your report being blocked.

*How will you know?* You'll be informed two ways if your report has the above errors:

- You'll receive communication from OPERS detailing what correction we have made (SSN, employer code or compensation limit).
- ECS will display the following blocking error message if you attempt to submit a report after any of the above corrections have been made:

***No further contributions can be posted to the following SSNs.  
Please contact Employer Outreach for more information.***

Remember, once a correction for any of the above situations has been made here at OPERS, ECS will block subsequent contribution reports containing the same error. If you have specific questions, you're encouraged to contact Employer Outreach at 1-888-400-0965 for additional information.

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**Note:**

*If a correction is made for:*

- *Incorrect SSNs,*
- *Incorrect Employer codes, or*
- *Contributions reported after reaching the compensation limit, then...*

*...subsequent incorrect submissions will be blocked by ECS.*



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### **What you need to do**

If you receive correction communication for any of the above situations, please make the necessary adjustments on all subsequent reports and other personnel data to avoid having your contribution reports blocked.

### **Why this is important**

Accurate reporting is always important to ensure your employees—our future retirees have accurate accounts. For you as employers, eliminating unnecessary errors will enhance productivity and may eliminate the need to research and make more substantial corrections in the future.

### **Who to contact for more information**

After reviewing this *Employer Notice*, contact Employer Outreach with questions at 1-888-400-0965, or by email at [employeroutreach@opers.org](mailto:employeroutreach@opers.org).

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