New rules and amendments effective April 18, 2011

Who should read this notice
Finance directors, payroll professionals and human resources professionals

Situation overview
Following are summaries of the rule amendments recently approved by the OPERS Board of Trustees and the Ohio General Assembly. All amendments in this overview went into effect April 18, 2011.

Following are amendments to rules:

- **Application for a disability benefit** (Rule 145-2-21)
  The amendment in paragraph (B)(1) provides that the disabling conditions to be considered as part of the member’s application will include the member’s attending physician statement and requires that statement to be submitted on a form provided by the retirement system.

- **Disability appeals** (Rule 145-2-23)
  The amendment in paragraph (B)(3)(d) notifies the member that additional medical evidence supporting an appeal or denial of disability benefits shall be presented on a form provided by the retirement system.

- **Additional annuity accounts** (Rule 145-2-43)
  This rule was filed to correct a technical amendment in paragraph (D) that was omitted from the previous filing.

What employers need to do
OPERS is required to notify public employers of any amendment or change to the Ohio Administrative Code. Please review any letters forms or publications you produce or distribute and make the necessary changes to ensure accuracy with the new and amended rules.

Changes to the Employer Manual
No revisions to the Employer Manual have been made as a result of this Employer Notice.

Whom to contact for more information
After reviewing this Employer Notice, contact Employer Outreach with questions at 888-400-0965, or by e-mail at employeroutreach@opers.org.

For a current listing of OPERS Board members, please visit www.opers.org.

Note:
Employers who want to view the exact verbiage of the rules can find the information posted on the OPERS website at www.opers.org.