



**OPERS**  
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# EMPLOYER NOTICE

## **OPERS to Offer Life Insurance to Members**

### **WHO SHOULD READ THIS NOTICE**

Human Resource professionals and any employer contact assisting employees with benefits.

### **SITUATION OVERVIEW**

OPERS will again be offering whole and term life insurance policies through Colonial Life. These policies will be available to active members, their spouses and children, as well as employer groups.

OPERS is making this coverage available to help members plan for their future and provide financial stability for their family when they pass away. Pension benefits differ from life insurance benefits. Members will be able to enroll in a term-life or whole-life individual policy. These policies are currently being offered with guaranteed issue up to certain limits. This means they won't have to answer personal medical questions and can still get life insurance coverage even if they're not in the best of health. Eligibility questions still apply.

This policy is not intended to replace any life insurance offered through this employer but is an optional offering available to the member at their expense. Another benefit of coverage through Colonial Life is that members will have the opportunity to continue with their policy even if they leave public employment.

The open enrollment period will be June 3, 2019 through Aug. 30, 2019. Members will be able to enroll in a policy by speaking with a local Colonial Life benefits counselor in-person or over the phone.

### **WHAT EMPLOYERS NEED TO DO**

Please make your employees aware of this offering. Colonial Life staff will work with you to help educate your employees about the differences in the life insurance policies.

### **WHOM TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

A Colonial Life representative will contact you in the coming weeks to discuss onsite education and enrollment. You may also contact Colonial Life directly if you are interested in having them onsite.

In the meantime, contact Bryce Allen with Colonial Life at [Bryce.Allen@ColonialLifeSales.com](mailto:Bryce.Allen@ColonialLifeSales.com) with any questions.

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