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SPECIAL health care INSERT ENCLOSED

In 2006, each issue of *Lifetime OPERtunities* will contain a special section devoted to Ohio PERS health care. Our goal is to help prepare retired members for changes to the plan that will take effect on Jan. 1, 2007.

for your BENEFIT

In addition to the special health care section, we have also added a column titled *For your benefit*. This new column will feature a variety of topics which could impact your pension after retirement. *For your benefit* will be used to pass on new or revised benefit information as well as offer in-depth explanation of issues that typically generate questions from our retired members. We also plan to discuss services and educational opportunities that are available to you while you are receiving a pension benefit from Ohio PERS.

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for your BENEFIT

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW about working after retirement

Since you are currently receiving an Ohio PERS benefit, there are some things you need to be aware of if you plan to become re-employed. Re-employment in a job that is covered by Ohio PERS or another Ohio retirement system, including service in an elected position, may affect continuing receipt of benefits.

If you are receiving an age and service retirement benefit and become re-employed in an Ohio PERS-covered position, you will be subject to the following requirements:

- You must notify your employer that you are receiving a retirement benefit from Ohio PERS. The employer is then required to notify Ohio PERS of the re-employment.
- If you have received your retirement allowance for less than two months when re-employment begins, you will be required to forfeit your retirement allowance for any month of re-employment during this period. This forfeiture applies even if you have waived your salary for the required two-month waiting period.
- Employee and employer contributions must begin from the first day of re-employment.
- You will continue to receive your retirement benefit and will be required to contribute toward a Money Purchase Plan account. However, contributions remitted during the first two months after retirement will not be included in the calculation of the money purchase benefit. See page 3 for

more details regarding the Money Purchase Plan.

- If you become re-employed in a law enforcement position and contribute toward a Money Purchase Plan account, you are only eligible to contribute at the regular employee rate, not the law enforcement rate.

Health care coverage following re-employment

Public employers must provide health care coverage for retired members who are re-employed in an Ohio PERS-covered position if the coverage is available to other employees in comparable positions. The employer's health care coverage is primary and, if you are participating in the Ohio PERS health care program, Ohio PERS coverage is secondary for the duration of re-employment. You may not waive the employer's health care coverage. Ohio PERS health care coverage is not available during any period of time that you are required to forfeit your retirement benefits.

Re-employment in the private-sector (a non Ohio PERS-covered position)

You may be employed in a position with a private employer and continue to receive your Ohio PERS pension benefits. Currently, we also provide primary health care coverage for those retired members re-employed in the private sector, but this could change under pending legislation (House Bill 272). House Bill 272 proposes to require all re-employed retirees and their spouses to utilize health care coverage offered by their individual employers as their primary coverage. Ohio PERS coverage would be secondary for the duration of any re-employment.

Special re-employment rules apply to elected officials and to those holding concurrent Ohio PERS-covered positions. For more information, please visit www.opers.org to view and print our *Returning to work after retirement* leaflet or contact us at 1-800-222-7377.



Re-employment requirements for those receiving a disability benefit from Ohio PERS

If you are receiving a disability benefit from Ohio PERS and become employed in an Ohio PERS-covered position, the public employer must notify Ohio PERS in writing. Your monthly disability benefit will be terminated and any overpayment of benefits due to a failure of notice is the liability of the public employer. Contributions must be remitted to Ohio PERS during the re-employment period.

Employment with a private employer or with an employer covered by State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) or School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS), or as an independent contractor may affect continued receipt of disability benefits. As a disability benefit recipient, you should always contact Ohio PERS before becoming re-employed.

Retired, re-employed members contribute to a Money Purchase Plan

If you are receiving a retirement benefit under any of the Ohio PERS retirement plans and become re-employed in an Ohio PERS-covered position, you will not contribute toward an Ohio PERS defined benefit or defined contribution retirement benefit. Instead, you will contribute toward a Money Purchase Plan account. Once you have terminated from your re-employed position, you will be eligible to receive your Money Purchase Plan contributions in one of two ways:

Prior to age 65: You can receive a lump sum refund based only on your employee contributions and allowable interest.

At age 65 or after: You can receive an additional monthly benefit or a lump sum refund based on your employee contributions, allowable interest, **and an additional matching amount.**

The Ohio PERS Board sets the interest rate and matching amount for the Money Purchase Plan.

Ohio PERS announces search for executive director

The Ohio PERS Retirement Board has recently announced that Laurie



Fiori Hacking, Ohio PERS executive director since 2000, has accepted a position with the Minnesota Teachers Retirement

Association and will leave Ohio PERS at the end of February. The Board will engage an executive recruitment firm to conduct a national search for a new executive director.

Ronald C. Alexander, Ohio PERS board chairman, said that Hacking's leadership played a major role in enhancing Ohio PERS' investment

program, resulting in it ranking in the top quartile among its peers for performance.

"Laurie brought a combination of effective executive leadership, a strong customer service focus and compassion to her role as executive director. We will miss her, but we understand her desire to return to Minnesota where she has a long history with the pension program there. Our board wishes Laurie tremendous success, and we appreciate the work she's done on behalf of Ohio's public employees," Alexander said.

Under Hacking's leadership, Ohio PERS has:

- Grown assets by 21 percent since 2000, including a combined 41 percent growth during 2003-2004.
- Returned system solvency to an almost 88 percent funded status.

- Established a strategic health care preservation initiative that included setting aside nearly \$12 billion to fund retiree health care, one of the best funded retiree health care programs in the nation.
- Implemented member-directed (defined contribution) and combined (hybrid defined contribution and defined benefit plan) retirement plans as alternatives to the traditional pension plan.
- Significantly broadened Ohio PERS' use of information technology including an online member benefits system for faster response to member inquiries.

In February, the Board will appoint Blake Sherry, chief operating officer, as interim director until a new executive director is announced.

Ohio PERS announces preliminary investment results for 2005

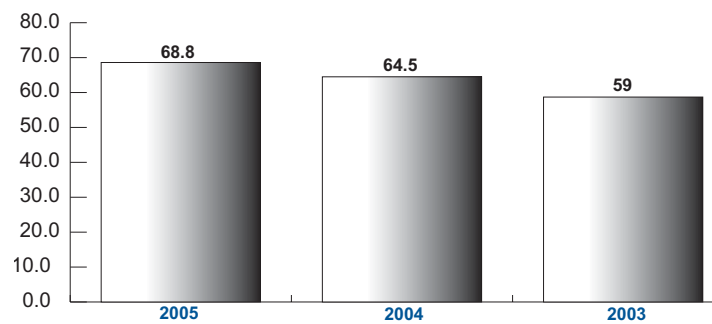
Ohio PERS is pleased to announce that we ended 2005 with total assets of approximately \$68.6 billion, an increase of approximately \$4.1 billion, or 6.3 percent, over 2004 results of \$64.5 billion. Overall, we achieved an 8.45 percent return on investments during 2005, beating our actuarial rate of 8 percent.

Jennifer C. Hom, director of investments, said that all asset classes beat their benchmarks, thereby improving the financial status of Ohio PERS' pension and health care programs. "Our disciplined, long-term investment orientation continues to work well for the Ohio PERS fund

and our members," Hom said. "Though the Dow finished relatively flat and other indexes showed modest improvement, we were able to produce a respectable return that beat benchmarks and contributed more than \$4 billion to the fund."

The Ohio PERS fund is divided into a pension fund (largely direct benefit) and a health care fund. The direct benefit fund totaled \$56.8 billion with an absolute return of 8.54 percent and an outperformance of 52 basis points. The health care fund totaled \$11.8 billion and experienced a return of 8 percent.

Total year end asset comparison for 2003 – 2005
(dollars in billions)



These results are preliminary and do not include year-end valuation adjustments for real estate. Official, audited results for 2005 are expected by March.

Approximately 61 percent of our investments are managed internally through a staff of 51 investment

professionals with the balance managed by external money managers in Ohio and throughout the world.

Industry reports list Ohio PERS as the largest state pension fund in Ohio and the 10th largest state pension system in the U.S.

Ohio PERS Retirement Board UPDATE

The following newly elected members were sworn in at the Board's January meeting. They will serve four-year terms beginning this year.

John W. Maurer was sworn in as a retired member representative to the Board. He previously served in an elected position on the Board from 1991 through 1994. Maurer is a retired administrative law judge. He is a certified employee benefit specialist and has extensive experience and advanced training in investing and health care planning for public pension systems.



Left to right: Sledz, Maurer, Youngblood

Helen Youngblood was sworn in as the county employee representative. Youngblood is a case manager for Mahoning County Department of Job

and Family Services and has been a member of Ohio PERS for 23 years. She has been the president of AFSCME Local 2001 since 1982. She is also a trustee of the AFSCME Ohio Council 8 Executive Board, with responsibility for audits and the 43,000-member union's financial accountability.

Cinthia Sledz, representative for miscellaneous employees since 2002, was sworn in to serve her second term. Sledz is employed as a librarian with the Cuyahoga County Public Library. She has been a member of Ohio PERS for approximately 17 years and is a member of SEIU District 1199.

The following are changes affecting the statutory and appointed members of the Board.

The director of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services is a statutory member of the Ohio PERS Retirement Board. Scott Johnson has recently retired from his position as Director. As a result, his successor, **Carol Nolan Drake**, has been named to the Ohio PERS Board.



Carol Nolan Drake

Zuheir Sofia, Board investment expert appointed by the General Assembly, resigned his position at the end of 2005. We will announce his replacement when we are advised of the General Assembly's choice.

HEALTH CARE PLAN CHANGES PREPARING FOR 2007

In 2006, each issue of *Lifetime OPERtunities* will include a separate section devoted to our health care plan. We will use this section to help prepare you for the implementation of the new Ohio PERS health care plan in 2007. This section will also include pertinent information on our current plan, articles addressing wellness issues, features describing how to maximize health care dollars, and information on our efforts toward shaping health care policy at the national level.

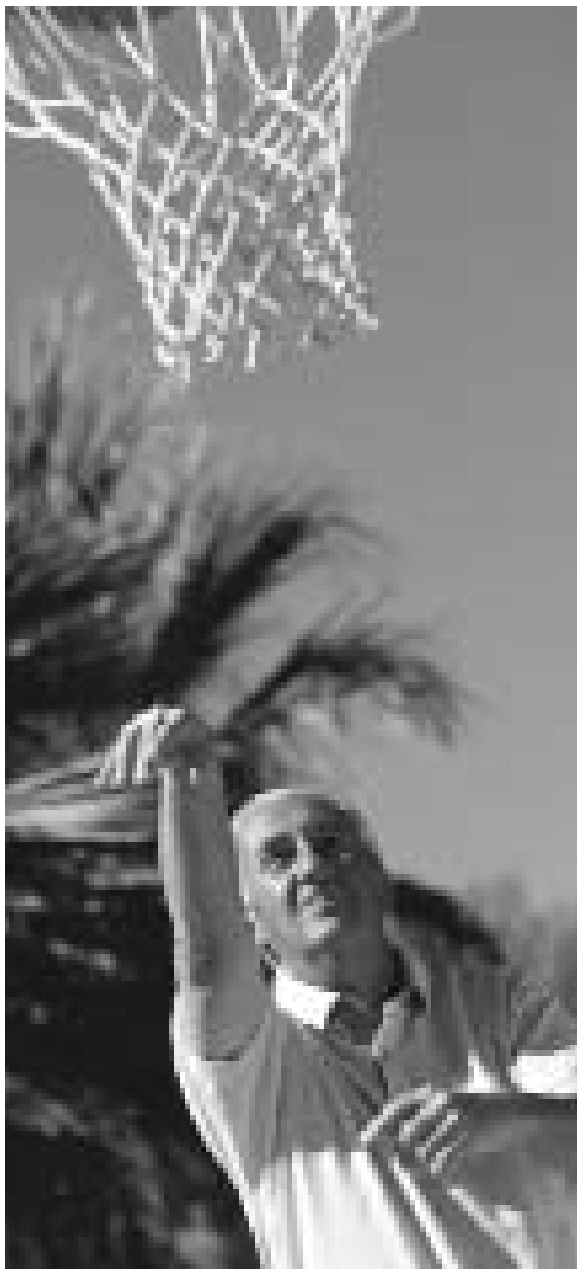
The decision to introduce a standing health care section was based partially on the results of a survey designed to evaluate our membership's awareness of the alterations to our health care plan that will become effective Jan. 1, 2007. The survey results indicate that 39 percent of respondents (both active and retired members) are aware of the upcoming changes. Even though the implementation of our new health care plan is a year away, we want to be sure that you are aware of the changes and prepared to make more decisions regarding your personal health care needs than ever before.

The results of our new health care plan survey also indicate that newsletters are your preferred method of receiving Ohio PERS information. This knowledge helped us make the decision to continue utilizing the newsletters for that purpose and expand our coverage of health care topics this year.

Making changes to our current health care plan is vital. Our health care expenditures have risen from \$440 million in 1998 to more than \$1 billion in both 2004 and 2005.

As we've discussed over the past two years, because you are already retired, you will be impacted less by the health care plan changes as compared to members who will retire in the coming years. The most important changes affecting you are listed on the following page under the heading of **2007 What you need to know**. This list will appear repeatedly in 2006 as a reminder and we will be discussing each of the items in detail throughout the course of the year.

Another item that will always be included within this health care section is the column titled **Need more information?** This column lists a number of ways for you to find out even more about the upcoming changes to your health care plan. Please review this column in each issue. We will be adding information about new Web site tools, publications, and additional seminars as they become available.



YOU CAN DO IT! STOP SMOKING IN 2006 WITH THE OHIO TOBACCO QUIT LINE AND OHIO PERS

We would like to remind our retired members that Ohio PERS has partnered with the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation to promote the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line. This partnership is an effort to promote healthy behaviors that have a significant physical and financial benefit.

Retired Ohio PERS members and their covered dependents who are living in Ohio and participating in the Ohio PERS health care plan have access to a free and confidential tobacco cessation service through the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line. The service connects people who want to quit using tobacco with trained counselors who can guide and support them through the process. The program includes telephone counseling sessions for eight weeks and an eight-week supply of nicotine replacement patches.

Interested in quitting?

Simply call the quit line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) and identify yourself as an Ohio PERS retiree or dependent living in Ohio. Quit Line personnel will then contact us and arrange for the counseling sessions and nicotine replacement therapy.

EXPECT THE BEST

A positive attitude about aging can help you embrace health in the years to come. According to research, older people who expect their health to decline with age may be less likely to try to stay physically active. This lack of exercise may in turn set the stage for illness and decreased energy. Look forward to the years ahead and plan on being active, no matter what your age, to promote health and vitality.

Published Jan. 4, 2006 by RealAge.com

IMPORTANT REMINDER Medicare Part D

Medicare began administering a new prescription drug coverage program (Medicare D) this year. **Ohio PERS is asking our retirees not to sign up for Medicare Part D coverage.** Our current prescription plan is of greater benefit to you at this time.

There is one exception to our request that Ohio PERS retirees not sign up for Medicare Part D coverage. Persons whose income is low enough to allow them to be eligible for Medicare Part D coverage with a waived premium are encouraged to accept it in place of Ohio PERS prescription coverage. Medicare will contact you directly if you meet the eligibility requirements or feel free to contact them with questions.

Please retain your Medicare Part D Notice of Creditable Coverage letter for your records. If you ever discontinue your enrollment in the Ohio PERS health care plan and want to enroll in Medicare Part D, you will be asked to present this letter in order to avoid paying a penalty. This letter was in your 2006 open enrollment bulletin. You can also download and print a copy by visiting www.opers.org and clicking on 'Health Care' where it is listed under the heading of 'Retirees' on the home page.

If you have questions, please call us at 1-800-222-7377. Information can also be found at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE.

2007

what you need to know

MAXIMIZING HEALTH CARE DOLLARS



- 1** Beginning Jan. 1, 2007, Ohio PERS will implement some changes to the structure of our health care plan in order to improve the financial solvency of our health care fund in the face of constantly rising health care costs. These changes are necessary for us to continue providing health care coverage for retirees and their dependents.
- 2** Under the new plan, retirees eligible for health care will receive a monthly allowance towards the cost of health care coverage. Current retirees will receive an allowance equal to 100 percent of their health care premium in 2007. Qualifying dependents will receive between 75 and 90 percent of the retiree's allowance depending on the retiree's years of service at retirement. If you retired with fewer than 30 years of service credit, you will see an increase in your dependent premium amount. These increases will be phased in over a five year period.
- 3** Current retirees **could** be called upon to share in the cost of health care coverage if health care inflation exceeds wage inflation in any given year. This cost sharing provision will be evaluated annually and implemented at the discretion of the Ohio PERS Retirement Board. The Board can decide to implement this provision based on the financial position of the system.
- 4** Our new health care plan is cafeteria style. This means that retirees will use their monthly allowance to purchase health plan options consisting of medical/prescription drug, dental, vision and long-term care. Retirees can customize a health plan that suits their individual needs. They will have a choice of three different levels of coverage, some of which will result in a smaller premium. The opportunity to make changes to these coverage options will be presented during an open enrollment period every two years.

Prescription benefits to change for medications treating some digestive disorders

As of March 1, 2006, Ohio PERS will be changing the prescription drug benefit for certain medications used to treat digestive conditions. The following information could help those of you who use one of these drugs to get the most out of your Ohio PERS prescription drug plan as this change takes effect.

Several prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) medications are commonly used to treat conditions such as indigestion, acute and chronic acid reflux, and peptic ulcers. Among the medications usually prescribed to treat such disorders are proton pump inhibitors, or PPIs. Some individuals require the use of one of these medications on a long-term basis.

In 2003, Procter & Gamble introduced *Prilosec OTC™*. *Prilosec*, a PPI, was once a worldwide top-selling prescription brand. For patients with frequent heartburn and other conditions, the more affordable *Prilosec OTC™*, used under your doctor's supervision, may be a successful replacement for more costly prescription brands.

Due to the low cost of *Prilosec OTC™*, the Ohio PERS prescription drug benefit for medications in this class will change in 2006:

- Effective Jan. 1, 2006, Ohio PERS is pleased to cover *Prilosec OTC™* for a \$5 co-payment when dispensed at your local pharmacy and with a prescription from your doctor. (Without a prescription, you will be charged the full cost.) Your pharmacist may be able to assist you in obtaining a new prescription.
- We will no longer require prior authorization for any of the medications classified as PPIs. If you need these medications on a continual basis (defined as at least every 90 days), you will no longer be required to have your doctor provide additional information to Medco to authorize ongoing usage.
- Co-payments for the prescription medications in this class, both formulary and non-formulary, will increase March 1, 2006. Retired members who are currently taking a prescription PPI will soon receive a letter outlining the new co-payments.

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2006 HEALTH CARE SEMINAR SCHEDULE

CAMBRIDGE
July 11

CINCINNATI (East)
December 12

CINCINNATI (North)
March 7

COLUMBUS (Ohio PERS)
June 6
November 7

CUYAHOGA FALLS
October 16

DAYTON
August 7

INDEPENDENCE
April 11

STRONGSVILLE
September 19

YOUNGSTOWN
May 23

HOW TO REGISTER

Please call 1-800-222-7377 to make your reservation for one of the health care seminars listed above.

RETIREE SEMINAR

We also offer a retiree seminar addressing health care plan changes in addition to other topics of interest to our retired members. Please see page 7 for a schedule and registration instructions.

Need more information?

SEMINARS - Ohio PERS offers a seminar for active and retired Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan members that explains changes to the Ohio PERS health care plan set to begin in 2007. Each session starts at 10:00 a.m. and will last two hours. Space is limited. Please call 1-800-222-7377 to make your reservation for one of the seminars listed to the left.

WEB SITE - the Ohio PERS Web site, www.opers.org, contains a wealth of information regarding the new health care plan. Clicking on 'Health Care' under the heading of 'Retirees' on the home page will allow you to access a variety of presentations, documents, and frequently asked questions.

BY PHONE - An Ohio PERS member services representative can be reached by calling 1-800-222-7377. These individuals are not equipped to provide answers to questions regarding exact costs at this time, but they will be happy to help you understand features of the new plan structure.

A SPEAKER FOR YOUR GROUP - Ohio PERS employs a number of individuals who are available to speak to retiree groups regarding the upcoming health care plan changes. If you have a group of at least 50 people who are interested in hearing a health care plan presentation, please call 1-800-222-7377.

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We are not alone in making these changes. Other federal and state health plans are making similar revisions to their policies regarding these drugs and others. Also, many health plan sponsors are requiring *Prilosec OTC*[™] to be used first, before any other digestive disorder medications. We are not requiring this approach or other prior authorization steps.

Ohio PERS strives to provide our retirees with the medications they need while still securing our health care program for the future. Providing coverage for affordable and clinically equivalent medications in lieu of more costly options is a step toward achieving this goal. Your local pharmacist or your doctor can help you decide whether *Prilosec OTC*[™] is a suitable option. We suggest that you consider the savings advantage to both you and to Ohio PERS when making your decision. These changes apply to PPIs only. Other medications are not affected at this time.

Retired members enjoy easy, online account access through MBS

Ohio PERS retired members have secure, online access to their personal Ohio PERS account information using our Member Benefits System (MBS). Since we began offering online account access to our retired members in early 2005, many of you have registered and are enjoying the convenience of this valuable tool. If you have not yet signed up, do so today and begin accessing the following account information online:

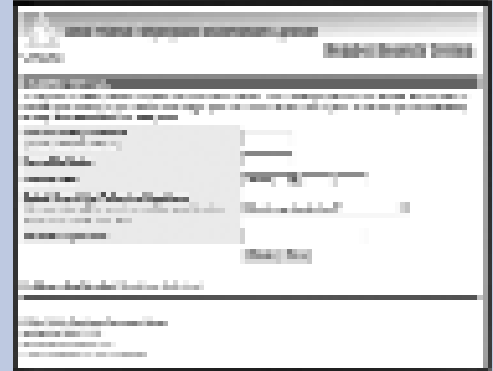
- Current address information
- Payment dates
- Current gross pension amount
- Deductions (federal, state, health care coverage, etc.)
- Date eligible for next COLA increase
- Federal withholding information
- Beneficiary information
- Effective date of retirement

You can also use MBS to print income verification letters or a history of your benefit payments. After Feb. 1, 2006, you will be able to request a copy of your 2005 Form 1099-R via MBS. Ohio PERS intends to add more features to MBS for retirees in the future such as online health care open enrollment.

Three easy steps to using MBS!

Step 1 - Visit www.opers.org and click on the MBS "Log-in" button located along the right side of the home page. This will take you to the MBS log-in page.

Step 2 - Click on the "Register now" graphic located on the right side of the MBS log-in page.



Step 3 - Clicking "Register now" at the log in screen will take you to a screen where you will be asked to answer a short series of questions. Once completed, click the "Submit" button. Your registration will be processed and **you will receive your personal identification number (PIN) in the mail within a few days.**

Ohio PERS member service staff was busy in 2005

Ohio PERS recently compiled and announced our member services

statistics for 2005. The proof is in the numbers — once again we have

honored our commitment to providing high quality service.

2005 member services review

- Ohio PERS member services staff answered 480,579 phone calls.
- Twenty seconds was the average speed of answer for phone calls; this is much improved from 79 seconds in 2004.
- Only 1.28 percent of callers hung up before their call was answered, decreasing from 5.9 percent in 2004.
- The total number of active and retired members attending an educational seminar was 5,937.
- Member services staff conducted a total of 19,883 counseling sessions at our office in Columbus.
- 2,539 counseling sessions were conducted at remote or employer sites and 643 sessions were conducted over the phone.
- Our member services staff conducted 165 group presentations at employer sites and 7,356 members attended.

Benefit payment dates for 2006

Direct deposit funds will be available on the following days in 2006:

- February 1
- March 1
- March 31 (April)
- May 1
- June 1
- June 30 (July)
- August 1
- September 1
- September 29 (October)
- November 1
- December 1
- December 29 (Jan. 2007)

Quick reference TAX GUIDE

As a retired Ohio PERS member, the beneficiary of a deceased Ohio PERS retired member, or a member receiving a disability benefit, your retirement benefit must be reported on your federal income tax return. Ohio PERS is required by the Internal Revenue Service

(IRS) to calculate the taxable amount of your benefit. The taxable amount is then reported to the IRS and is used as the basis for withholding calculations.

Ohio PERS will supply you with the taxable amount of your benefit by sending you a Form 1099-R. We will

begin mailing 1099-R statements to our benefit recipients during the last week of January. With this statement you will receive a *Benefit Recipients' Income Tax Guide for the Tax Year 2005*. This guide will provide general assistance to you or your tax advisor in the preparation of your

federal and state income tax returns. For your convenience, we have included a few key points from the tax guide below, including the answers to a few frequently asked questions. If you have additional questions, please contact your tax advisor.

Place the reported pension earnings in Box 1 (Form 1099-R) on Line 16a (IRS Form 1040).

Place taxable amount in Box 2a (Form 1099-R) on Line 16b (IRS Form 1040).

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the amount in the Employee Contributions box (Box 5)?

This box represents the amount of your retirement allowance on which you have already paid taxes. It is the difference between Box 1 (Gross distribution) and Box 2a (Taxable amount).

I still have not received my Form 1099-R, what should I do?

Do not be concerned unless it is past February 6, 2006. If you have not received your 1099-R statement by then, please contact us.

I am a disability benefit recipient and the distribution code on my 1099-R (Box 7) is a 7. My tax advisor feels it should be a 3. Which one is correct?

A distribution code of 3 indicates a person who is permanently disabled. The IRS defines permanently disabled as being unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which:

- 1) has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of 12 months or more; or
- 2) can be expected to result in death.

Our disability benefit recipients are not considered permanently disabled, only disabled from their Ohio PERS-covered position. We indicate this by assigning a distribution code of either 2 or 7, depending on your age.

The Ohio Department of Taxation would like to remind you that in most cases, Ohio PERS benefit recipients can use one of the following paperless filing options:

I-file is a free service that allows you to file your Ohio income tax return using a personal computer. Visit www.tax.ohio.gov and follow the instructions.

e-file allows you to file your federal and state returns using a personal computer. Tax preparation software is required or you can use an authorized e-file provider (your tax preparer).

TeleFile - You may be able to file your Ohio return by phone. Visit www.tax.ohio.gov for details.

Owe tax? Find out how to pay your tax by credit card at www.tax.ohio.gov.

Calendar of Ohio PERS EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Visit www.opers.org or call 1-800-222-7377 to register for any seminar. All dates listed are for 2006.

RETIREE SEMINAR - This two to three-hour seminar, designed exclusively for Ohio PERS retirees, focuses on reviewing your Ohio PERS pension and health care coverage and preserving your wealth. Topics range from taxation of your pension benefits and re-employment to health care coverage, and financial/estate planning. A continental breakfast will be provided.

There is no cost to attend this seminar and you may bring a guest. Just be sure to register your guest's name when you enroll yourself. To register for any of the dates listed below, please visit www.opers.org or call us at 1-800-222-7377.

Athens
March 24

Dublin
July 7

Canton
August 18

Independence
March 17
September 15

Cincinnati (East)
April 28

Mansfield
June 23

Cincinnati (North)
May 12

Perrysburg
February 24
July 28

Columbus (East)
September 8

Strongsville
May 12

Columbus (Ohio PERS)
March 10
May 12
December 8

Toledo
April 28
September 29

Cuyahoga Falls
July 21

Wilmington
October 13

Dayton
July 14
August 4
November 3

Youngstown
August 25

REMOTE COUNSELING SESSIONS - Ohio PERS benefit counselors are available to you as a retired member. If you live outside the Columbus area and would like to talk with a counselor about re-employment, the Money Purchase Plan, or even changing your beneficiaries, you can schedule a remote counseling session. Please call 1-800-222-7377 to schedule an appointment based on the dates and cities listed below.

Counseling sessions are also available at the Ohio PERS office in Columbus and by phone. Call 1-800-222-7377 to schedule an appointment.

Chillicothe
December 4 - 8

Perrysburg
February 20 - 24
June 5 - 9

Cincinnati Eastgate
July 10 - 14

Oct. 30 - Nov. 3

Cuyahoga Falls
May 15 - 19
October 16 - 20

Sharonville
February 6 - 10
October 2 - 6

Dayton
November 13 - 17

Sidney
April 3 - 7

Dover/New Philadelphia
September 25 - 29

Strongsville
June 19 - 23
November 6 - 10

Elyria/Lorain
August 21 - 25

Wickliffe
August 7 - 11

Lima
March 6 - 10

Wooster
July 24 - 28

Marion
March 27 - 31

Youngstown
April 17 - 21
September 11 - 15

Miamisburg
April 24 - 28

OHIO PERS HEALTH CARE SEMINAR

The health care seminar schedule for 2006 is listed on the last page of the health care insert.



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or www.opers.org

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2006 Ohio PERS Retirement Board

The 11-member Ohio PERS Retirement Board is responsible for the administration and management of Ohio PERS. Seven of the 11 members are elected by the groups that they represent (i.e., college and university non-teaching employees, state, county, municipal, and miscellaneous employees, and retirees); the Director of the Department of Administrative Services for the state of Ohio is a statutory member, and three members are investment experts appointed by the Governor, the Treasurer of State, and jointly by the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and the President of the Ohio Senate.

Elected Board Members

Ronald C. Alexander
Chair
State Employees

Sharon M. Downs
Vice Chair
Retirees

John W. Maurer
Retirees

Cynthia Sledz
Miscellaneous Employees

Helen Youngblood
County Employees

Ken Thomas
Municipal Employees

Charlie Adkins
State College and
University Employees

Statutory Board Member

Carol Nolan Drake
Director, Department of
Administrative Services

Appointed Board Members

Robert C. Smith
Investment Expert
Governor Appointee

Warren W. Tyler
Investment Expert
Treasurer of State Appointee

vacant
Investment Expert
General Assembly Appointee

Laurie Fiori Hacking
Executive Director

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