The Ohio General Assembly operates on a two-year cycle. The 127th General Assembly adjourned sine die [without a specific date for reassembly] in late December. All bills that were left pending are dead and must be reintroduced in the new General Assembly that convened in early January. As of this writing, no legislation that would affect the retirement system has been introduced. However, we do anticipate that at least two bills from last session will eventually be reintroduced. One proposal PERI will enthusiastically support, and the other we will strongly oppose.

The provision PERI will enthusiastically support deals with the purchase of service credit and would require members who elect to purchase, restore, or otherwise obtain service credit under a number of code provision including sections 145.28, 145.291, 145.292, 145.293, or 146.299 to 145.47 to pay an amount specified by the board that

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Here’s wishing all of our great PERI members a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

As always, we hope that in this new session of the Ohio General Assembly, our Legislators will not be tempted to introduce any new bills that would hinder the operations of OPERS and its ability to fully fund our retirement pensions and health care benefits.

During the last month of the last session, outgoing Representative, Larry Wolpert, introduced a mandatory defined contribution bill; therefore one can speculate that it is pretty certain a similar bill will be re-introduced during this new session.

It was just a few years ago that we fought off this same type of legislation, and it is important that the door to mandatory defined contribution be kept closed. Under a defined contribution system, employee and employer monthly contributions would not go to OPERS pension fund to be invested for the benefit of all. Instead, the money would go to investing companies to be invested in multiple member directed portfolios.

Currently, OPERS has a defined contribution program option that they direct, however the ultimate goal of defined contribution legislation, is to break the defined benefit pension systems into thousands of little accounts. The big problem with this program is that all workers lose out on the safety and investment cushion provided by a larger pool of money being invested by experts. Also, defined contribution programs end up with little or no health care after retirement, and you are not guaranteed a specific amount each month for retirement.

If this legislation is introduced, we plan on hitting the ground running to do our best to stop it. So chapters, be prepared to execute your legislative action plans when called upon. Those of you who have not received the new legislative action seminar, get with your District Representative to see when he or she will be in your county.

Continuing education, is just one of the activities in our Long Range Development Plan, and we are continually working on, enhancing and making changes to the plan as necessary. Remember, PERI was established to monitor and act on legislation that would affect our retirement system and benefit package. Everything we do is to enable us to be successful in our legislative endeavors. Chapter Officers: please remember to make the scheduling of your local legislators a top priority for your chapter meetings. Stay well and stay vigilant.

WANTED: REPRESENTATIVE IN DISTRICT 8

We are seeking candidates to fill the District 8 Representative position. District 8 consists of the following counties: Athens, Hocking, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, and Washington.

In order to be a District Representative, one needs to be willing to be involved and travel.

We ask our District Representatives to be a member of their local PERI Chapter, to maintain communication with the chapters in their districts, to help members develop new chapters, to represent the PERI members in their districts as a member of the state Board of Trustees, to attend monthly Board meetings in Columbus, and to schedule and conduct an annual district meeting. Even if you are a brand new member of PERI and would be interested in becoming more involved, please contact our Administrator, Bill Winegarner, at 1-800-247-7374. Bill will fill you in on all the details including per diem, mileage, and meal reimbursement when attending meetings.
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is equal to 100% of the additional liability resulting from the purchase, restoration, or obtainment of the credit.

Last September the Ohio Retirement Study Council issued a report with recommendations regarding the purchase of service credit. The report revealed that the retirement systems subsidized the purchase of credit in nearly every case. This creates an unfunded liability for the system. The actuarial cost of service credit is dependent upon the member’s final average salary, years of service, and age at retirement. None of these factors are known until a member retires. Thus, the true actuarial cost of purchasing service can be known only at retirement. Therefore, the proposal should contain a provision that would require the member to retire within 90 days of purchasing the credit. In addition, PERI believes that the purchased service credit should not be counted toward eligibility for health care coverage or consideration.

As for the provision that PERI would strongly oppose; it would require all newly hired members of the five state retirement systems to participate in a defined contribution plan and would further allow others to elect to participate in a defined contribution plan. Currently OPERS primarily provides a defined benefit plan. Under a defined benefit plan the retiree’s benefit is a fixed benefit based upon salary and length of service. A defined contribution plan pays benefits on what has actually been contributed to the participant’s account, plus earnings and appreciation.

On a totally different note, Tom Sherman, who has handled government affairs for OPERS, has left OPERS to become the Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives. This is a very prestigious position and we are extremely happy for him.

For the past nine years we have worked closely with Tom on a number of legislative proposals. In addition, Tom has been a valuable legislative information contributor at PERI board and chapter meetings, as well as my co-presenter at our PERI Annual Meetings. We will miss him and we wish him well in his new position.

Therefore, in order to honestly evaluate the validity of investment team compensation, the question to be asked is: how much money did the retirement system save, or lose, by having in-house investment professionals?

Here is your answer. Even though it is too soon to have the final figures for 2008, there is no indication that it will be much different than the savings in 2007, when OPERS paid $1.2 million in investment team compensation and had a net savings of $30.3 million due to internal management.
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State Representative, Lynn Wachtman, spoke to his constituents at the PERI Chapter 10 Paulding County meeting last August. Representative Wachtman is a member of the Ohio Retirement Study Council. The Council makes retirement system legislative recommendations to the Ohio General Assembly.

Chapter 89 Cuyahoga County held their summer picnic, “SUMMER IN THE ISLANDS” on July 14th at the Cassidy Cultural Center in Parma Heights. Pictured on the left is President Tom Kinder, and on the right is Treasurer Marvelle Matkovich.

Pictured are the officers being sworn in for Chapter 60 Erie County (L to R): Shirley Thurber, District 10 Representative, installs Chapter Officers Ron Keller, Secretary; Eugene Fitzthum, Vice-President/Legislative Officer; Dana Graffice, Treasurer; and Diane Stahl, President.

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Ohio’s Newest PERI Chapter: Chapter 95 Cuyahoga County will be meeting at the Mayfield Library. Pictured (L to R) at the first installation meeting are Charlotte Silver, Secretary; Freddie Briskey, Vice President; Dennis Tellep, President; and Shirley Thurber, District 10 Representative. Not pictured is Eunice Brown, Chapter Treasurer.
Chapter 86 Geauga County hosted a District 11 Chapter President’s meeting, with 21 presidents, officers, and members in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss everyone’s part in putting on the District Annual Meeting in June, the call for District Representative candidates, the establishment of the District Nominating Committee, and the importance of following through on establishing each chapter’s legislative action network.

Stoessner; Secretary Judy Garvin, Treasurer Cheryl Ballard, members Ron Caldwell, & Mary Murphy; Chapter 28 Lake County member Joanne Lowe, Treasurer Anne Barringer, members Pauline Galyas & Joan Soukup. Pictured in bottom row (L to R): Chapter 86 Geauga County President Catherine Whitright, member Elbert Whitright, Vice President Cy Zion & Secretary Norma Piras; Chapter 18 Mahoning County member Patti Griffen & Legislative Officer Mike Griffen; Chapter 20 Stark County President Robert Davies; Chapter 28 Lake County members Art Lowe & Fritz Hemrich; Chapter 23 Lake County President Rose Wolf.

Chapter 14 Cuyahoga County held it’s first Christmas party at which President Joe Rapotec presented a certificate of appreciation to past President Frank James for his faithful service to Chapter 14 (pictured above on left). Pictured above at right are Chapter Officers (L to R): Secretary/Treasurer Joyce Iler, Vice President Marjorie Dowlen, President Joseph Rapotec and Legislative Officer Claire Lee.

Chapter 91 Cuyahoga County meeting. From left to right are Nancy Perrine, Thomas Steigerwalt, D.C., chiropractor and speaker for the meeting, Neal Perrine, and Catherine Ault. The person in the back row is Tom Jamison.

Trumbull County Chapter 56 held their annual Christmas party at Dilucia’s Banquet Room in Warren, Ohio. The members were entertained with jokes and slight of hand tricks by the

“Clowning Cuzin’s” Joyce Eckard, Past President and Dale Goist; who were respectively clowned as “Liberty” and “Noah.” The tables were decorated with the door prizes of candy canes and Poinsettias. Fun and good times were had by all.
Chapter 29 Lake County’s holiday luncheon featured a variety of entertainers that taught us how to laugh and sing. In January, 87 souls braved the eastern edge of Cleveland’s snow belt in Willoughby Ohio to hear Mike Mussell from OPERS and Ronald Tyson from Express Scripts. Both men spoke and received questions from the audience.

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The quartet, called the “Generics”, (L to R): John Strang - lead, Bob Thompson - baritone, Gene McLaughlin - bass, Ray Ice - tenor, and Fritz Hemrich - chapter member on the far right.

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**New PERI Lifetime Members in 2008**

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Aamot, Linda / Mansfield, OH
Abdalla, Genevieve / Sтратон, OH
Acetielli, Bette L / Green Valley, AZ
Ackerman, Kenneth E / Columbus, OH
Adcock, Ronald S / Thornville, OH
Adams, Helen F / Richmond Heights, OH
Adams, Robert L / Orient, OH
Addison, John Jeffrey / Dayton, OH
Ahmad, Zahir Nurul-Di / Cincinnati, OH
Alida, Zeraida H / Solon, OH
Alder, Rodney G / Tipp City, OH
Alexander, Janetta R / Spring Lake, MI
Allman, James D / Englewood, OH
Allen, Brent L / Fremont, OH
Allen, Barbara Anne / Cambridge, OH
Allen, Mary L / Mount Vernon, OH
Alpert, Robert J / Cincinnati, OH
Altier, Mark W / Troy, OH
Altomare, Marcy H / Columbus, OH
Amison, Georgia M / Columbus, OH
Amstutz, Naomi / Shelby, OH
Anderson, Matthew D / Alliance, OH
Anderson, Norma Coe / Canfield, OH
Andry, Julie Ann / Westerville, OH
Ang, A Lian / Parma Heights, OH
Appleman, James Craig / Machias, ME
Aquillo, Ann Louise / Columbus, OH
Armstrong, Angela R / Bethel, OH
Armstrong, John T / Toledo, OH
Armstrong, Austin, Teresa A / Peebles, OH
Art, Carol / Hicksville, OH
Ashburn, Burl / Dayton, OH
Ashcraft, Denise A / Cincinnati, OH
Asher, Melvin L / Sidney, OH
Assion, Mary Y / Youngstown, OH
Ast, Charlotte / Mentor, OH
Atkins, Harry / Knoxville, TN
Atkinson, Clancey R / Barnesville, OH
Augsburg, Dean Mark / Bluffton, OH
Aquino, Ida / Tallmadge, OH
Arvey, John H / Lake Milton, OH
Ayres, Linda L / Fort Myers, FL
Babcock, Richard A / Port Charlotte, FL
Bailey, Charles L / Toledo, OH
Bailey, Francis A / Beach City, OH
Bailey, Sandra K / Albany, OH
Baker, Ellen D / Plattsburgh, NY
Baker, Harold W / New Albany, OH
Baker Jr, Joseph Frank / Bowling Green, OH
Ball, Rita Dolores / Middleport, OH
Ballard Jr, Gerald L / Blanchester, OH
Barnard, Richard / Elyria, OH
Barnes, Connie M / Chillicothe, OH
Barnes, Norene M / Ravenna, OH
Barnes, Richard M / Ravenna, OH
Barrett, Jean A / Gahanna, OH
Barrett, Michael A / Newark, OH
Barrow, Rita C / Logan, OH
Barry, Pauly A / Mount Gilead, OH
Bartholow, Linda L / Temperance, MI
Barlett, Dean W / Ashland, OH
Bartolozzi, Linda S / Rocky River, OH
Basen, Alice A / Conneaut, OH
Basinger, Paul M / Elida, OH
Batt, Wanda / Napoleon, OH
Baur, Paul W / Cleveland, OH
Baum, Kathleen J / Garrettsville, OH
Baus, Lucille M / Wooster, OH
Baxter, Marian F / Carrollton, OH
Beamer, Evelyn / Englewood, OH
Beam, Linda D / Lorain, OH
Beam, Shirley M / Johnstown, OH
Beatty, Elaine C / Youngstown, OH
Bechtel, Richard A / Marion, OH
Beck, Lon A / Olmsted Falls, OH
Becker, Joseph H / Dayton, OH
Behm, Sandra Dee / Hilliard, OH
Beke, Helga / Wooster, OH
Bell, Jackie S / Ravenna, OH
Belli, Louis Scott / Cincinnati, OH
Bellinger, Clyde W / Coldwater, OH
Bencar, Ray S / Brookville, FL
Bender, Lowell E / Ashland, OH
Benedict, Edward F / North Olmsted, OH
Bennett, Robert Thomas / Cleveland, OH
Bennett, Victor E / Washington CH, OH
Bentz, John R / Hilliard, OH
Bernardi, Lewis A / Grove City, OH
Berquist, Erick N / Delaware, OH
Best, Dorothy L / Uhrichsville, OH
Betha, Deborah J / Lakewood, OH
Bets, Betty Jo / Snow Hill, NC
Bickett, R Wendell / Xenia, OH
Biermann, Norma H / West Chester, OH
Bigwood, Vera L / Amanda, OH
Billman, Thelma A / Mount Vernon, OH
Bingamon, Michael L / Hillsboro, OH
Bisel, Ralph W / Shilo, OH
Bishop, Betty J / Pomeroy, OH
Blackburn, Janice Marlene / Columbus, OH
Blessing, Ruth M / Wayneville, OH
Blevins, Ronald Lloyd/Franklin Furnace, OH
Bliss, Brian / Oberlin, OH
Blosser, Shirley Ann / Cumblerland, OH
Blount, David J / New Smyrna Beach, FL
Blumenschine, Susan E / Marysville, OH
Blust, Patricia A / Tiffin, OH
Bobbit, Bienne L / Cincinnati, OH
Bock, David A / Fairfield, OH
Bodeker, Joanna M / Seven Hills, OH
Boenhein, Barry Mark / Vermilion, OH
Bohman, Jo Ellen / Delaware, OH
Bolman, Robert C / West Unity, OH
Bollensbacher, Wauhuta R / Celina, OH
Boller, Beverly A / Saint Marys, OH
Bolton, Norma Jean / Trenton, OH
Bond, Deborah A / Canton, OH
Bond, James A / Akron, OH
Booth, Robert D / Madison, OH
Borton, Donald J / West Unity, OH
Bottger, Delilah Mary / Chesterland, OH
Boutic, Phyllis L / Milford Center, OH
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Bowers, Harley Michael / Columbus, OH
Bowers, Michael J / Lancaster, OH
Bowlin, Robert J / Hamilton, OH
Bowman, Cynthia V / Dayton, OH
Bowman, David W / Bellville, OH
Bowman, John N / Hamilton, OH
Boyd, Annie C / Cleveland, OH
Boyd, Nancy J / Ashland, OH
Boylan, Terry E / North Canton, OH
Braatz / Marylin B / Westerville, OH
Brabson, Danny J / Londonderry, OH
Brace, Jimmy S / Niles, OH
Brondes, Linda C / Findlay, OH
Briggs, Norma J / Toledo, OH
Brinkley, Wanda L / Youngstown, OH
Britten, Anthony T / Cincinnati, OH
Briya, Shirley C / Canfield, OH
Brodie, Lenore J / Niles, OH
Brooks, Keith / Parma Heights, OH
Brown, David L / Hamilton, OH
Brown, Dorothy L / Newark, OH
Brown, Elona S / Columbus, OH
Brown, Lynne Carol / London, OH
Brown, Merry E / Sandusky, OH
Brown, Nancy A / Monroeville, OH
Brown, Ruth A / Lima, OH
Brown, Sue / Columbus, OH
Burbick, Peggy / Lima, OH
Burdash, Joan Halcyon / Xenia, OH
Burr, Kenton S / Lewis, OH
Byrd, Deborah A / Olentangy, OH
Byers, Retha E / Kent, OH
Cabral, Karen A / Dayton, OH
Caldwell, Paul I / Columbus, OH
Callahan, Peter E / Columbus, OH
Calvert, Barbara Jo / Septemberfield Village, OH
Buda, Elaine M / Medina, OH
Buday, Faye L / Vienna, OH
Buckovich, Peter / Columbus, OH
Bunzl, Janis J / Niles, OH
Cannell-Dewel, Sandra / Cincinnati, OH
Cannon, Sarah L / Bell City, AL
Capelle, Janice E / Willard, OH
Caprino, Donald J / Marion, OH
Carder, Jerry J / Huntersville, NC
Carney, Judith Barbara / Tavares, FL
Carney, Edileane L / Mentor, OH
Carr, Nancy A / Reynoldsburg, OH
Carrig, John J / Dayton, OH
Carroll, James R / Hamilton, OH
Carroll, Janet L / Bellbrook, OH
Carten, Theodore L / Cleveland Heights, OH
Carter, Jean C / Columbus, OH
Carter, Michael S / Dayton, OH
Carter, Rebecca L / Atwater, OH
Castle, Rose E / Springfield, OH
Castor, Robert D / Mansfield, OH
Catlett, Gary L / Columbus, OH
Cetronio, Phyllis / Rootstown, OH
Chambers, Brenda Joyce B / Canton, OH
Chandler, Susan P / Mentor, OH
Chapman, Edith Kathryn / Berea, OH
Charles, Melanie J / Dayton, OH
Charvat, Deborah W / Westlake, OH
Charvat, Ronald H / Westlake, OH
Chesley-Lahn, Diane / Gahanna, OH
Chetister, Thomas W / Toleido, OH
Chik, Brandon V / Dayton, OH
Chiki, Mary Lee / Athens, OH
Chilote, Betty J / Lancaster, OH
Chin, John / Cincinnati, OH
Chizmar, Kathy Kay / Leesburg, FL
Ciciretto, Linda / Westerville, OH
Clark, Elizabeth / Westerville, OH
Clark, Jean C / Cincinnati, OH
Clark, Cary J / Strongsville, OH
Clark, Jay S / Gahanna, OH
Cline, William J / Conneaut, OH
Cleveland, Wendy H / Columbus, OH
Close, Patricia A / Canal Fulton, OH
Cloud, Berniece / Lexington, KY
Coburn, Brett M / Punta Gorda, FL
Cocco, Carol A / Amherst, OH
Coe, Juanita / Glastonbury, OH
Coffee, Larry P / Akron, OH
Cogan, Mary A / Wapakoneta, OH
Cogswell, John / Westerville, OH
Cole, Frances M / Hillsboro, OH
Cole, Mary Alice / Loveland, OH
Cole, Sharon J / Marengo, OH
Coleman, Donald / New Lewisburg, OH
Coleman, Laverna E / Brunswick, OH
Copp, Stephen D / Maumee, OH
Colvin, Ruth / Xenia, OH
Comodeca, Janet Marie / Parma, OH
Conley, Birchel P / Ada, OH
Conley, Donald E / Jeffersonville, OH
Conley, William E / Painesville, OH
Connaway, Patrick A / Fort Myers, FL
Cook, Inas / New Lebanon, OH
Cook, Mary Lou / Marion, OH
Coombs, Richard S / Hamilton, OH
Cooney, Donna E / Mason, OH
Cooper, Minnette J / Cincinnati, OH
Cooper, Sherry / Cincinnati, OH
Copeland, Margareta B / Bronx, NY
Coppler, Beverly A / Milton Center, OH
Corace, Carol Ann / Cincinnati, OH
Couto, Susan D / Canton, OH
Cox, Catherine J / Vermilion, OH
Cox, Earl G / Jackson, OH
Cramer, Edileane L / Septemberfield, OH
Cripple, Judith D / Marion, OH
Croy, Carol A / Northwood, OH
Cropenbaker, William V / Hamilton, OH
Crowler, Larry J / Severnville, TN
Crowe, Deborah A / Akron, OH
Crawford, Linda L / Dayton, OH
Cruise, Marjorie M / Sidney, OH
Cuhonnette, Catherine C / Columbus, OH
Culbreath, Joshua / Las Vegas, NV
Cunningham, Robert O / Venice, FL
Cunningham, Ronald G / Ellwood, IN
Curtis, Barbara L / Lorain, OH
Cybulski, Terese M / Geneva, OH
Dailey, Virginia A / Powell, OH
Daly, Jane L / Sarasota, FL
Dammann, Joseph W / Lyons, OH
Danschroder, Lulu J / Fremont, OH
Dansons, Joan S / Spencerville, OH
Darnell, Stephen Petko / Alliance, OH
Dasu, Judith / Athens, OH
Dauer, John A / Perrysburg, OH
Daughaity, Carl S / Lima, OH
Davidson, Emily / Pickerington, OH
Davidson, Janis A / Tipp City, OH
Davidson, Stephen / Hamilton, OH
Davis, Julia / Chicago, IL
Davis, Linda / Amelia, OH
Davis, Marilyn L / Peebles, OH
Davis, Nancy L / Galloipolis, OH
Davis, Shirley M / Marietta, OH
Davis, Tyran J / Cleveland, OH
Dawes, John / Hamilton, OH
Dawson, Patty G / Columbus, OH
Day, Britton Townley / Canton, OH
Day, Donald E / Dublin, OH
Deel, Fred / New Lebanon, OH
Dee, Joe / Columbus, OH
Deiemo, Kathy / New Lebanon, OH
DeJong, John / Columbus, OH
Denzler, George / Columbus, OH
DePue, Jim / Cincinnati, OH
Devine, Kent / West Lafayette, OH
Dixon, Sandy Kay / Canton, OH
Eby, Grassie A / Rocky River, OH
Fabe, George / Cincinnati, OH
Fahnert, John / Sebring, OH
Fallholt, John E / New Lebanon, OH
Fallott, Patricia A / Louisville, OH
Farnsworth, John / Hilliard, OH
Faul, Karl / New Lebanon, OH
Feast, Mark W / Sandusky, OH
Feuchtwanger, Fred T / North Royalton, OH
Feiszli, Glenn E / Vermilion, OH
Fernis, Robert M / Columbus, OH
Ferret, Peter J / Hubbard, OH
Fessler, Ruth R / Carroll, OH
Flant, Linda Colleen / Caledonia, OH
Friedeck, Pamela / Madison, OH
Fields, Sarah J / Columbus, OH
Filipic, Matthew V / Dayton, OH
Fink, Mildred B / Findlay, OH
Fiorito, Ronald J / Wooster, OH
Fishbaugh, Harold D / Perryville, OH
Fisher, Thomas E / Willoughby, OH
Fisher Sr, Joseph F / Massillon, OH
Fisherback, Michael A / New Madison, OH
Fitch, Robert J / Columbus, OH
Fletcher, Michele S / Troy, OH
Fletcher, Norman / Suffok, VA
Flick, Elizabeth H / Columbus, OH
Flory, Helen E / Greer, OH
Flory, Lois J / Warren, OH
Ford, Jennifer D / Defiance, OH
Foley, Ned F / Madison, OH
Ford, Sharon M / Warren, OH
Forsch, Elaine Faye / Akron, OH
Fortune, Mary J / Cincinnati, OH
Fox, Dorothy G / Massillon, OH
Fox, Robert P / Caldwell, OH
Fraley, Tishay / Russellville, TN
Frances, Erma / Walbridge, OH
Francis, Lillian J / Pierpoint, OH
Franklin, William H / Toledo, OH
Franks, Charles A / Zanesville, OH
Franks, Edward L / Wooster, OH
Frasure Jr, Charles R / Logan, OH
Froese, Robert D / Dayton, OH
Frey, Clara S / Plain City, OH
Froman, Patricia S / Gahanna, OH
Fuchilla, Marguerite R / Warren, OH
 Fuller, Sandra L / North Bend, OH
Fuller, Brian / Westerville, OH
Furano, Louis J / Warren, OH
Fusco, Jeffery C / Akron, OH
Gabanyic, Louis / Lake Milton, OH
Gajetzky, Susan R / Hudson, OH
Gallegah, Ina Lenore / Utica, PA
Galagher, Patricia J / Youngstown, OH
Garn, Paul Eugene / Dalton, OH
Garrett, Winona I / Sebring, OH
Gasser, Jeannie V / Dover, OH
Gast, Charles Robert / Sandusky, OH
Gates, Brenda K / Oak Harbor, OH
Garber, Judy / Troy, OH
Gerber, June M / Massillon, OH
Gerhard, Judy K / Englewood, OH
Gervin, Elaine I / Bowling Green, OH
Gettemy, James W / New Tazewell, TN
Gianetti, Samuel F / Zanesville, OH
Gibbs, Norma M / Chillicothe, OH
Giel, Judi / Columbus, OH
Gill, Carolyn S / Shawnee, OH
Gilliam, Mark W / Bedford, OH
Gilliland, Robert F / Massillon, OH
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Hill, Talmage G / Dayton, OH
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Lindsey, Ralph / Hudson, OH
Link, Susan D / Saratoga, OH
Link, Christine Elizabeth / Gibsonburg, OH
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Logie, Susan R / Toledo, OH
Long, Donald Lester / Ashley, OH
Long, Gunhild N / Circleville, OH
Long, Shary K / Lebanon, OH
Loring, John / Westlake, OH
Lote, Norma / Chardon, OH
Lox, Paul E / Mount Vernon, OH
Love, Mary A / Sandusky, OH
Love, Richard M / Dayton, OH
Love, Robert C / Westlake, OH
Luedke, Diane / Toledo, OH
New PERI Lifetime Members in 2008

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Van Dyke, Theodore W / Concord, OH
Vanleer, Robert / Cleveland Heights, OH
Vani, Helen C / Ravenna, OH
Varner, Ronald / Toledo, OH
Varno, Dorothy M / Wooster, OH
Vassos, Michael A / Columbus, OH
Venable Jr, Andrew A / Staunton, VA
Verkamp, Joyce D / Cincinnati, OH
Vesco, Carl V / Columbus, OH
Vest, Ruth A / Oxford, OH
Vilics, John J / Chagrin Falls, OH
Vincent, Gilbert G / Reynoldsburg, OH
Voslyn, Rita A / Olmsted Falls, OH
Vore, Robert Winston / West Milton, OH
Vorhees, William J / Lima, OH
Wacker, Teresa / Minster, OH
Wadhwani, Vinita / Sacramento, CA
Wadhsworth, Roger A / Columbus, OH
Wagner, Linda / Chariton, IA
Wagner, Roger L / Ansonia, OH
Wainio, Donna J / Canfield, OH
Walchesky, Candice Lynn / Columbus, OH
Walcott, Cynthia Morgan / Cleveland, OH
Waldoch, Thomas / Bloomdale, OH
Walton, William F / Columbus, OH
Waltz, Andrew J / Marblehead, OH
Walsh, James E / Hamilton, OH
Walsh Jr, John E / Massillon, OH
Walter, Robert L / Columbus, OH
Walton, Terry A / Uniontown, OH
Warren, Charlotte A / Westerville, OH
Warren, Karen A / Kimbolton, OH
Warner, Lydia V / Cincinnati, OH
Warner, Sara E / Columbus, OH
Warnecke, Mary Jane / Holland, OH
Warner, Mary E / Toledo, OH
Warrock Jr, Robert E / Fairfield, OH
Washington, Wendell / Cincinnati, OH
Watres, Lois R / Eaton, OH
Watkins, Nancy / Columbus, OH
Watson, S Geneva / Toledo, OH
Waugaman, H Rey / Stow, OH
Way, Larry L / Pickerington, OH
Weyer, Fred A / Copley, OH
Wolfe, Margaret K / Sandusky, OH
Wolters, Wilfred / Coldwater, OH
Wood, Donald L / Parma Heights, OH
Wood, Ethel Louise / Washington, OH
Wood, Larry J / Hillsboro, KY
Wood, Martha A / Fairfield, OH
Wright, Linda / Columbus, OH
Wright, Phyllis Ruth / Baltimore, OH
Wyse, Leland C / Newcomerstown, OH
Yake, Marcella R / Marion, OH
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Yennick, Deborah M / Rossford, OH
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OPERS Health Care Plan Update

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System is pleased to partner with PERI and provide news and updates concerning the OPERS health care plan within your PERI Newsletter. If you have questions or need further information, please contact OPERS at 1-800-222-7377.

Express Scripts formulary changes for 2009

Express Scripts, pharmacy benefit provider for the OPERS health care plan, has made some changes to their preferred prescription drug list (formulary) for 2009. Those retirees directly affected by the changes were notified via mail prior to the end of 2008.

As you know, a medication’s formulary status has a direct impact on the copayment you will be charged under the Express Scripts plan. It is important to know the formulary status of any medication your doctor prescribes so that alternatives can be discussed if necessary.

OPERS offers several ways for you to obtain information regarding the Express Scripts formulary. If you have questions or would like to review the list of preferred medications, a summary featuring the 250 most commonly prescribed drugs will be published in the Winter 2009 issue of Ohio PERS News. The formulary summary is also available on the OPERS web site, www.opers.org and on the Express Scripts web site, www.express-scripts.com. You can also contact Express Scripts and speak to a customer service representative 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-866-727-5873.

Express Scripts Step Therapy and Prior Authorization Programs

Express Scripts works with OPERS to ensure that your prescription coverage remains affordable. As part of this effort, Express Scripts categorizes some medications based on effectiveness and cost (Step Therapy) and will only cover certain uses and quantities of some medications (Prior Authorization). These categories of medications are noted on the formulary list by either [ST] for Step Therapy or [PA] for Prior Authorization. Below is an explanation of these two programs and how they are administered by Express Scripts.

Step Therapy (ST)

The Express Scripts Step Therapy program is all about value - about getting the most for your money. For people who have certain medication needs - arthritis, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol, for example - Step Therapy means getting a tried-and-true medication that is proven safe and effective for your condition, and getting it at the lowest possible cost.

Step 1
Front-Line Medications: These are medications recommended for you to take first and they are usually generic. Step 1 medications are proven effective and often have a longer safety record than newer medications. You will pay the lowest copay for these medications.

Step 2
Back-up Medications: These are brand-name medications, like the ones advertised on TV. Step 2 medications are recommended only if a Step 1 medication does not work for you. You will almost always pay more for these medications.

How Step Therapy Works
The next time your doctor writes you a prescription:
- Ask your doctor if a generic medication, listed by our plan as a Step 1 (generic) medication, is right for you.
- If you have already tried a Step 1 (generic) medication, or your doctor decides one of these medications is not appropriate for you, then your doctor can prescribe a Step 2 (brand) medication. Ask your doctor if one of the lower cost, brand name medications listed by our plan is appropriate for you.
- You can always get a higher cost brand name medication at a higher copay if the Step 1 or Step 2 medications are not right for you.
- If your doctor prescribes a Step 2 medication, he/she must call Express Scripts to get approval before the medication will be covered by the plan.

Prior Authorization (PA)

The Express Scripts Prior Authorization program checks prescription medications and their costs so you can get the right medication at the best price. Like health care plans that approve certain medical procedures before they are done, some medications also need “prior authorization”. It ensures you get a medication that works for you and has been determined to be safe and effective.

How Prior Authorization Works
When your pharmacist tells you that your prescription needs Prior Authorization, it means more information is needed before the prescription is filled. Your doctor will need to contact Express Scripts and will be asked questions about your specific condition. If the information provided meets the plan’s requirements, you pay the appropriate copay.

If you are told your home delivery medication needs a Prior Authorization:
- The Express Scripts Home Delivery Pharmacy will try to contact your doctor. (You may call your doctor to inform them of this call.)
- If your doctor says you need this medication, he/she must talk with the Home Delivery Pharmacy representative about approving it before the medication will be considered for coverage under our plan.

If you are told at a retail pharmacy that your medication needs a Prior Authorization:
- Ask your doctor to contact Express Scripts at 1-866-727-5873.
- Contact your doctor’s office immediately or ask your pharmacist to contact your doctor.
- If your doctor says you need this medication, he/she must talk with an Express Scripts representative about approving it before the medication will be considered for coverage under our plan.
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