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Bulletin: 12-120

Date: April 4, 2012

To: District Fiscal Directors
District Payroll Managers

From: Cathy McKim

Re: Status of PERS Submissions for Fiscal Year 2011-12

The purpose of this e-mail is to communicate the ongoing delay in the submission of 2011-12 PERS data.

While my|CalPERS has been available to members since 2007, in 2011 they launched a new computer system that replaced 49 legacy systems with one web-based platform. As with all new software releases, there are new requirements, new edits and new file formats to be implemented. Compounding this challenge was the fact that PERS shut down the old system after June 30, 2011 and the new system was not made available until mid-September, 2011. Due to the lack of any system availability for three months, PERS file submissions got backed up.

Once we were able to utilize the new system and start uploading files, it became apparent that our documented file formats were generating multiple errors. An average monthly submission yields anywhere from 500 to 800 errors. Staff in District Business and Advisory Service (DBAS) has been working diligently to correct these errors. However, with that large a volume of errors, it is a slow and tedious process. We have enlisted help directly from CalPERS staff to resolve these problems. We want to assure you that there have been no penalties or interest accrued due to the delay in reporting.

As of April 4, 2011, we have successfully loaded the retirement data for July through October 2011 and barring any additional unforeseen problems, we expect to be current by the end of April 2012.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you or your employees.

Please share this information as deemed appropriate.