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1) Reporting employer-paid domestic partner medical premiums.

All steps in the multi-part review of reporting employer-paid domestic partner medical premiums have now been completed.

The first step in the process culminated with the revision and December 2011 posting of the Payment Categories chart available through the PERS employer website. The revised chart states the subject and non-subject status of these payments for Tier One/Tier Two and OPSRP members and how the payments should be entered on DTL2 records. Employers should consult the Payment Categories chart for the correct subject/non-subject reporting status of these payments and may begin reporting these payments for all pay periods after January 1, 2011.

The second step involved determination of PERS' participation in covering costs for retroactive reporting of employer-paid domestic partner medical premiums made between January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2010. The PERS Board has agreed to cover earnings on the 6 percent member account contributions on domestic partner medical premiums reported as subject salary for this time period, but employers will be responsible for the provision of the contributions.

The third and final step was to define the process to be used by employers for retroactive reporting of employer-paid domestic partner medical premiums for January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2010. That process has been completed and will be outlined in an upcoming employer announcement to be posted on the employer website during the first part of May 2011.

Please contact your ESC account representative with any questions on this subject.

2) MACR 'tip' for May.

The ESC team would invite all employers to review their contact information (names, phone numbers, email addresses) in EDX to assure that information is both up-to-date and complete. Questions on this subject should be directed to the employer's ESC account representative. You can find your ESC account representative by clicking the "Find Your ESC Account Representative" link on the PERS employer webpage, www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml .

Best regards,

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