PRIVACY INFORMATION

Submission of the requested information is mandatory. The information requested is collected pursuant to the Government Code Sections (2000, et seq.) and will be used for administration of the Board's duties under the Retirement Law, the Social Security Act, and the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act, as the case may be. Portions of this information may be transferred to another governmental agency (such as your employer) but only in strict accordance with current statutes regarding confidentiality. Failure to supply the information may result in the System being unable to perform its functions regarding your status.

You have the right to review your membership files maintained by the System. For questions concerning your rights under the Information Practices Act of 1977, please contact the Information Practices Act Coordinator, PERS, P.O. Box 942702, Sacramento, CA 94229-2714.

Section 7(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) requires that any federal, state, or local governmental agency which requests an individual to disclose his social security account number shall inform that individual whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by which statutory or other authority such number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it.

The Office of Employer and Member Health Services of the California Public Employees' Retirement System requests each enrollee's Social Security account number on a voluntary basis. However, it should be noted that due to the use of Social Security account numbers by other agencies for identification purposes, the Office of Employer and Member Health Services may be unable to verify eligibility for benefits without the Social Security account number.

The Office of Employer and Member Health Services of the California Public Employees' Retirement System uses Social Security account numbers for the following purposes:

1. Enrollee identification for eligibility processing and eligibility verification.
2. Payroll deduction and state contribution for state employees.
3. Billing of contracting agencies for employee and employer contributions.
4. Reports to the Public Employees' Retirement System and other state agencies.
5. Coordination of benefits among carriers.

BINDING ARBITRATION

Enrollment in certain plans constitutes an agreement to have any issue of medical malpractice decided by neutral arbitration and waiver of any right to a jury or court trial. Refer to the HBD-DO-29 or HBD-DO-22 to determine if this provision is applicable to your plan.