

October 9, 2003

Dear PERS Liaison Officer:

I am writing to advise you of a valuable change to our Survivor Benefits Program that occurred during the 2003 Legislative Session.

Effective January 1, 2004, a PERS' member may designate Additional Payees in addition to a Survivor Beneficiary to receive and split, by percentage, a benefit after the member's death, assuming death occurs before the member retires. The benefits are payable to the Additional Payees for the lifetime of the designated Survivor Beneficiary and cease upon the death of the Survivor Beneficiary. This designation must be made on a form approved by the PERS Executive Officer. An initial supply of our form, entitled Survivor Beneficiary Designation is enclosed for this purpose. The form is available on our web site at [www.nvpers.org](http://www.nvpers.org) should you require additional copies.

Please discard your supply of Member Demographics forms as they should no longer be used. When enrolling new members in the System, you will be required to complete only the Member Enrollment Form and the Survivor Beneficiary Designation Form. Any future beneficiary changes should be made on the new Survivor Beneficiary Designation form. Future name, address, or marital status changes should be made on our new Change of Personal Information form. These forms are available on our web site as well.

Although we are requesting that all members complete the enclosed Survivor Beneficiary Designation, the Additional Payee designates are applicable only if:

1. The member's death occurs on or after January 1, 2004;
2. The member has established eligibility for survivor benefits as of the date of his/her death;
3. The member is not married at the time of his/her death; and
4. The designation is on file in the PERS office or postmarked prior to his/her death.

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All four of the above requirements must be satisfied for benefits to be paid. We are encouraging all members to complete a Survivor Beneficiary Designation form to take advantage of these enhanced benefits and ensure proper payment. This designation may be changed at any time prior to the member's death or retirement.

Members may designate any one person (excluding the spouse) as the Survivor Beneficiary or Additional Payee. Trusts and charitable organizations cannot be designated. If the member designates a minor child as the Survivor Beneficiary or as an Additional Payee, the minor child would receive the Survivor Beneficiary or Additional Payee benefit in addition to the survivor benefit provided in NRS 286.673 for a surviving child.

Enclosed is a schedule of informational programs designed to explain our survivor benefits program and the enhancements. If you would like for us to provide you with a sample payroll stuffer or e-mail wording to facilitate communications, we would be happy to do so. Thank you for your continued support in assisting our members.

Cordially,

Holly Zimmerman, Director  
Member & Retiree Services

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