



DISABILITY RETIREMENT: PERAC'S COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE PROCESS

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

2009 UPDATE ADVISORY:

Opening Page

Deleted the name of Commissioner Donnelly and added the name of Commissioner McCarthy.

Page iii

Added "treating" to the title of the *Physician's Statement Pertaining to a Member's Application for Disability Retirement*.

Page 1

Please note that the date on the index tabbed Page 1 should be updated to April 2009. Due to cost containment issues we are not reissuing Page 1. Please make the update manually.

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Inserted sections on Presumptions and the Risk of Re-Injury between *When PERAC Remands the Disability Application to a Retirement Board* and *Involuntary Disability Retirement in the Accidental & Ordinary Disability Retirement Process*. This caused the text which follows these insertions to flow differently on pages 8, 9, and 10. Updated the table of contents to reflect these changes.

Page 37

Disability Application: Glossary of Terms: Added revision date of April 2009.

Page 41

Disability Application: Glossary of Terms. Cancer Presumption: Inserted "(or retiree)" in the second sentence. Inserted a new sentence before the closing sentence.

Page 57

Added "treating" to the title of the *Physician's Statement Pertaining to a Member's Application For Disability Retirement*.

Page 58-66

Inserted the new *Treating Physician's Statement Pertaining to a Member's Application For Disability Retirement*, updated March 2009.

Page 81

Regional Medical Panel Packet: Changed revision date to April 2009.

Page 82

Regional Medical Panel Packet: Changed wording in *Accidental Disability* section to reflect that the panel is responsible for answering Questions #1, #2, and #3.

Page 84

Regional Medical Panel Packet: Inserted a section on the Risk of Re-Injury after the *Conclusion*.

Page 143

Comprehensive Medical Evaluation: Physician's Packet: Changed revision date to April 2009.

Page 146

Comprehensive Medical Evaluation Physician's Packet: Inserted a section on the Risk of Re-Injury after the *Conclusion*.

Page 169

Restoration to Service Packet: Changed revision date to April 2009.

Page 171

Restoration to Service Packet: Inserted a section on the Risk of Re-Injury after the *Conclusion*.